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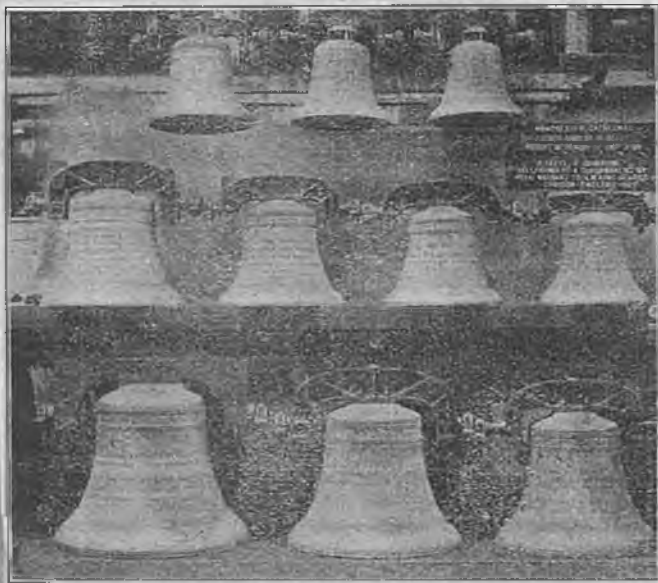
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### A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Our first words to-day must be of greeting to all our friends. To ringers everywhere we extend the most cordial good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. It is a common course at this period to take stock of the past and contemplate the future. So far as ringing is concerned we feel it can be said that the year which closed yesterday has seen a steady maintenance of the standard of the art, and, without being markedly noteworthy, has nevertheless continued the progress made since the war. At the same time it must be admitted that more might have been accomplished, and it is in considering this aspect that the question of the future is pressed upon us.

We can only profit from the past to the extent that we learn the lessons which it offers us, and one of these lessons is that, among ringers, there is a spirit of self-complacency which is far too prevalent, a lack of ambition and enterprise which leaves a large part of the Exercise in a semi-dormant condition. There are conspicuous exceptions, but what do we find among individuals, among bands and among associations? Everywhere there are those content to do nothing better than they have been doing for years past—the man who is content to ring tenor or treble, and not bother his head to further probe the mysteries and the interests of the science; the band which is satisfied to ring Grandsire Doubles and never aspire to Stedman; the band which will ring Treble Bob and never dream of going on to the Surprise methods; the association which offers to its members no attraction better than, perhaps, an allowance towards an occasional tea, which shows no initiative and neglects its opportunities.

Is it too much to suggest that at the opening of the new year, individually and collectively, ringers should make more serious efforts to overcome that apathy which seems so ingrained in the Exercise, and which comparatively few members seem to throw off. What we want is a spirit of greater enthusiasm, which will give a man a fresh and wider interest in what is, after all, one of the most fascinating pursuits that any person can follow; a new energy and enterprise in companies that will increase their numbers, drag them out of the rut and lead to a more general advance in the art; and among the associations a keener desire to educate and encourage their members and stiffen their interest in all affairs relating to ringing, whether it concerns merely their own belfry or those wider subjects which affect the whole Exercise. There is scope for all in such an effort, but it is to the young men that we must look for the 'drive' which must be put into it. The men of the older genera-

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tion have done their part in raising the standard of ringing and the status of the ringer; it is for the youth of the Exercise not only to carry on the work which has been begun, but to expand and accelerate it, and it offers great opportunities for those who desire to see the development of the art. This is a thought which we offer to every ringer, with our greetings, at the opening of the New Year.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble	* EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... .. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 2	* CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 10
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5	C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... .. 11
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on the bells. \* First peal of Maximus. W. H. Fussell's 600th peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

* JOHN WATKINS ... .. Treble	† LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	‡ JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 8
† GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 4	‡ EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 9
† MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 5	§ ARTHUR H. KEIGHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal in the method. § First peal on ten.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 2	HENRY J. WAY ... .. 7
HENRY PRING ... .. 3	WILLIAM STOWELL ... .. 8
ALBERT STOWELL ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5	E. GEORGE TREW ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

A commemoration peal, rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. Porch, for many years conductor of the St. James' Society.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

HARRY TYSOE ... .. Treble	EDWARD J. HOBBS ... .. 6
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 2	* HERBERT J. HARLOW ... .. 7
EDGAR H. TINGEY ... .. 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 8
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 9
JOSEPH CURCHUR ... .. 5	† WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal 'inside' on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SIDNEY DAWE ... .. Treble	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 6
GEORGE LARGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 7
FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. 3	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 8
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 9
WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Isaac Fricker, who has just passed away. He was 83 years of age, and had been connected with the above church the whole of his life, and was for a number of years sidesman. \* 250th peal.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 6
JESSE GILLET ... .. 2	JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 7
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 3	ERNEST DAVIES ... .. 8
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4	HARRY BARRETT ... .. 9
CHARLES GARDINER ... .. 5	LESLIE BARRY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT THOMPSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 7
JOHN J. PRATT ... .. 3	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 8
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... .. 4	HENRY A. FOLKARD ... .. 9
A. MARK STACY ... .. 5	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW

C.C.C. No. 9. \* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal as conductor on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells. Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Grace Baker, one of the local ringers, to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FRED HINDLE ... .. Treble	JOHN WATSON ... .. 5
LAURENCE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
JAMES H. BANKS ... .. 4	ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung in honour of the 60th birthday of Mr. John Watson, the esteemed secretary of the Blackburn branch, who afterwards entertained the ringers to tea. \* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble	JOHN SMITH ... .. 5
JOSEPH FIGOTT ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This was the quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

MIDDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

FRANK BERRY ... .. Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 2	JAMES H. BASTOW ... .. 6
THOS. K. DRIVER ... .. 3	FRED HODGSON ... .. 7
JOHN SMITH ... .. 4	GEORGE HILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HILL. Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

This peal was arranged for the 7th and tenor ringers, who hail from Liversedge and Penistone respectively; the rest belong to the local company.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK LAMBETH ... .. 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 7
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4	CECIL RADDON ... .. Tenor

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

First attempt for Surprise. Rung as a thanksgiving for the Vicar's recovery from a long and serious illness, and as a 21st birthday compliment to his son.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S. Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

FRED ABBOTT ... .. Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 5
EDWARD WEBSTER ... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
GEORGE PINCOFF ... .. 4	THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Rung on the 48th anniversary of the first peal by the Association, which was rung at the above church, where the chief ringer, Mr. H. W. Jackson, is the sole survivor. It was also a birthday compliment to the wife of the 7th ringer. E. Cutsforth has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR PART. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble	CYRIL PEASE ... .. 5
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 2	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* 50th peal. First peal on these bells for twenty years. It is also just 100 years since the church and bells were dedicated.

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## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 24, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5
HENRY PRING ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 4	E. GEORGE TREW... .. Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. A. BURFORD  
J. T. Dyke's 250th peal.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 5
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 2	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4	JOHN EXCELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

## SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1925, in Two Hours &amp; Fifty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	THOMAS JULL ... .. 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
LEONARD MANNERING... .. 4	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... Tenor

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

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN S. MORTON... .. 5
*LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE CULLUM ... .. 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	EDWARD J. LLOTT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN.

\* First peal with a bob bell. Peal No. 18, C.C. Collection.

## PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

SAM GREENHALGH ... .. Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
JOSEPH LOWE ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor

Composed by W. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND  
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S TRANSPPOSITION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS BUTLER ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 2	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	WALTER THOMAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

## WEST MALLING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. LEONARD... .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. Robert H. Noakes, of Barming, a life member of the association. The conductor has now rung a peal on every bell in this tower.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 5
*ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 2	†THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER... .. 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells since the recasting of the 5th, and the renewal of all the stays and sliders. \* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal of Double Norwich. 50th peal as conductor.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. WHITTLE'S VARIATION OF J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

C. HARRY WEBB ... .. Treble	FRED COITON ... .. 5
THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDBAM ... 6
CHARLES R. BELTON ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	*LEONARD BONSIK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. BELTON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Also his first peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor. Also on the second anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. Cattell, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

## GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND NORTH WALES  
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS... .. Treble	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

The band wish to thank Mr. G. Williams for his kind hospitality.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	JOHN J. CREASEY... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LAST... .. 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

The ringer of the 6th was proposed a member of the Guild prior to starting for the peal, and the thanks of the band are due to him for filling a gap at the last moment.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6
GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. 3	WILLIAM KERBLE ... .. 7
JAMES FLETTY ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*MISS NORA GRASSBY ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. BIRD ... .. 5
WALTER AYRE ... .. 2	*GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. 3	†JACK BRAY ... .. 7
HAROLD EASTOE ... .. 4	ERNEST HOODLESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

FRED BOWDEN ... .. Treble	JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 5
RICHARD HAYES ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 3	*FRED M. WHITE ... .. 7
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. J. BARTLETT.

\* First peal. Major Hesse has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 5
LOUIS ATTWATER ... .. 2	HERBERT LINDON ... .. 6
JOHN W. GOLDING ... .. 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 7
HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the parents of the brothers Pasmore, who were married at this church on Christmas Day, 1875. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Golding.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TYDFIL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. HALLETT ... .. Treble	J. T. DARCH ... .. 5
W. FISHER ... .. 2	S. RIDGEWAY ... .. 6
*F. W. SHARPE ... .. 3	†J. E. COLES ... .. 7
A. E. GRAY ... .. 4	*F. STIRK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HALLETT.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss E. Thomas and Mr. Ivor Jones at the Parish Church. \* First peal of Triples. † First peal on an inside bell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Dec. 17th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 50 mins., at the Parish Church: S. Wood 1, \*J. Carter 2, Miss Cissie Thorp 3, G. Gorrings 4, \*S. Marshall 5, \*F. Althrop 6, J. Mellor 7, B. Thorp (composer and conductor) 8. \* First quarter-peal. † Longest length on an inside bell.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, December 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently.

ALFRED EDWIN ELLIS ... .. Treble	THOMAS LEACH ... .. 4
PHILIP J. POCKETT ... .. 2	THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 5
HAROLD LYES ... .. 3	CECIL R. HEWER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kingston, London Scholars', College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 23 cwt.

HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Treble	HARRY GAYTON ... .. 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 2	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 5
WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

CHELMARSH, SHROPSHIRE

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

*HENRY O. BAKER ... .. Treble	GEORGE OLIVER ... .. 4
†JAMES HOUSEMAN ... .. 2	WALTER HAYWARD ... .. 5
GEORGE E. JONES ... .. 3	GEORGE CASE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CASE.

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

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*RAYMOND BALL ... .. Treble	CHARLES KILICK ... .. 4
*H. BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2	HERBERT WOOD ... .. 5
*JAMES BATTERS ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

All are Sunday Service ringers at the above church, except the conductor. \* First peal of Minor. Quickest peal of Minor on the bells.

SKIRBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK DEWEY ... .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 4
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 2	GEORGE COLEMAN ... .. 5
JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS W. NASH ... .. Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. NASH ... .. 5
JAMES P. HYATT ... .. 3	ARTHUR C. NASON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYATT.

The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for granting the use of the bells.

WOODSTON, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob Doubles.

ERIC K. HOARE ... .. Treble	F. ROWLINSON ... .. 4
S. H. HOARE ... .. 2	H. HOARE, JUN. ... .. 5
W. WALDRON ... .. 3	P. BANYARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. HOARE.

First peal of Doubles rung on these bells, which were put in by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1914, and rung at first attempt. Also first peal of Doubles by all the band. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Banyard, and rung on the 20th anniversary of Mr. W. Waldron's wedding day. The Rector congratulated the band at the conclusion of the peal on the good striking, also E. K. Hoare on ringing his first peal before he was 15 years old. E. K. Hoare was proposed a member of the Guild before starting for the peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 8040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 7 lb.

† HORACE J. SMITH ... .. Treble	† WALTER LONGMAN ... .. 4
GEORGE N. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	† GEORGE BIDDULPE ... .. 5
* FREDERICK N. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal inside in three methods. † First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

Umpire: H. C. SPOONER.

A birthday compliment to G. F. SWANN.

THE INSTRUCTION OF RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Bibby, it will be necessary to illustrate my view by first of all dealing with an outside subject, viz., instrumental music. What is the embryo musician's first act? No matter the instrument, he places himself in the hands of a capable tutor, and obtains an instruction book. He has then to master the rudiments of music, and to practise scales and exercises, simple at first, gradually becoming more difficult, until in time he is able to execute difficult passages with ease. Even when he can play the works of the masters, he does not fail to continue the practise of scales. He has a big advantage over ringers, I admit, being in no way dependent upon others before he can practise, and, moreover, is able to practise passages which call for expert fingering without having to run through the piece, whereas we are dependent upon others for practice, and if a method does contain tricky places, a full course has to be rung to enable each ringer to go through them.

Some will say it can be studied at home. I agree, but home study will not give rope sight, which I consider is the equivalent of fingering on an instrument.

I am not an old hand at ringing, but a feature which has struck me very forcibly is the haphazard manner in which students in campanology are trained. Systematic instruction being the exception rather than the rule in this matter, our craft, like 'The Handbell Expert,' is old fashioned.

Appearing on the same page as Mr. Bibby's letter is an article on 'The Literature of Ringing,' by Mr. J. A. Trollope, in which he states: '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 would assist ringers from changes on three bells up to London Surprise, or whatever was the most difficult method at the time.' and '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.' If this is so, then it is time the Central Council got to work and arranged a suitable syllabus of training. This would cut out that groping in the dark which entails at many towers where systematic instruction is not the order, and I firmly believe it is the absence of a proper system of learning which accounts for many bands being backward. They are so from circumstances and not from choice. Therefore, I contend that to a competent Kent Treble Bob Major band, desiring to make progress, Minor is the best stepping-stone, because many Kent ringers rely on coursing. If their course bell goes wrong, so do they, nine times out of ten; the order of passing treble is not thought of. How many Kent ringers can carry on with tenors parted? Not many, I think. I have seen many stumble in Oxford for this reason. Often with mixed bands at meetings, part the tenors and the ringing gets broken up. Why? There is too much reliance on the coursing system, and it is this which prevents many from mastering difficult methods. They cannot course the bell they turned from behind straight down to lead, and we are all at sea. To permit of tricky work being accomplished, good rope sight is essential; it is only acquired by constant practice and by easy stages; the easy stages being found in Minor. All Major methods have certain characteristics, which will be found in Minor, and not always in a method bearing the same name. On six bells there are not so many ropes to watch, a circumstance which enables the student to acquire the necessary rope sight to permit of tricky dodging or place making to be successfully accomplished. The work upon which special stress would be laid will, perhaps, appear in a different place in the extensions to the higher numbers, but, nevertheless, it is there.

Anyone who has gone carefully through the series dealt with by me will see that from a simple beginning I have gone by easy stages to more difficult methods, and, amongst them, Major method ringers will recognise work which is found in eight-bell methods. Does it not then stand to reason, once a certain piece of work has been mastered on six, no matter where it appears on eight, there is a much better chance of its successful accomplishment in a shorter time than would otherwise have been the case?

How often does a plain course break down, just because one man cannot do a certain piece of work, and frequently many attempts have to be made before a touch can be brought round. Attendant with this is the loss of valuable time and often temper, which timely advice would have saved. Again, an eight-bell band meets one short; rather than ring six the practice is declared off, whereas, if they attempted something out of the ordinary on six, some benefit would be derived. Somehow or other the mere mention of Minor to some ringers on the higher numbers is like showing a red rag to a bull. In fairness, I ask them to give a little thought to the question, study the methods, and look upon the Minor variations as the musician looks upon scales and exercises; the result, I feel sure, will be beneficial.

Space will not allow me showing the similarity between a number of methods; but, in conclusion, I should like to ask Mr. Bibby a question.

Of two Kent Treble Bob Minor ringers, one has rung nothing more difficult, the other is conversant with Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Which of the two would be the quicker to ring the Major extensions of these methods, and why? Yours, JOHN P. FIDLER.

PRESTBURY'S OLDEST RINGER.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. THOMAS COMPTON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Compton, of Prestbury, Glos., who passed away suddenly on Monday, Dec. 21st. Deceased left home at 7.30 a.m., apparently in his usual health, to go to his work at the Cheltenham Cemetery, where he was employed as a gardener. At 8.45 a.m., while sitting in the messroom, he suddenly fell forward, and expired immediately. He was picked up by a fellow ringer (Mr. J. Harrison), who was in the room at the time.

Deceased was 73 years of age, but carried his years well. He was a member of the Parochial Church Council, and a sidesman at the parish church. He had been a ringer for about 50 years, and was rarely absent from chiming or ringing. On the evening before his death he rang the treble through 840 Grandsire Triples for evensong.

The funeral took place at Prestbury Church on Christmas Eve, and the number of people present and many floral tributes testified to the respect and esteem in which deceased was held.

After the funeral, a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled: T. Pendry 1, W. Rose 2, H. Newman 3, G. Walters 4, R. Court 5, W. Dyer 6, J. Causon (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8. Afterwards, the whole pull and stand was rung 73 times, W. Hale replacing W. Dyer.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Stokesay, Shropshire, on December 26th, at St. John's Church, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hour 25 mins. by T. W. Nash 1, J. G. Nash 2, W. R. Nash 3, W. Wainwright 4, J. P. Hyett (conductor) 5, A. C. Nason 6.

**'NOISY BELLS AND FAST RINGING.'***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Bibby's query, I would like to explain that my remarks on the subject of 'fast ringing and noisy bells' were made for the purpose of creating a discussion at our local branch meeting on this subject, which I think is one that ought to obtain more consideration from ringers than it generally does.

I stated that, along with 'good striking,' these were the things that concerned the outside public, and that we ringers ought to give them our earnest consideration if we wish to reduce complaints to a minimum.

I believe that the public as a whole greatly appreciate the ringing of church bells when they are rung well, and that the majority of complaints are made either when the bells are noisy or when strict attention is not being paid to the striking. I think one of the greatest causes of bad striking is by ringing too fast, especially on bells which are tuned and hung on modern principles. The tones of modern bells require a longer period in which to get away than do the bells which are tuned on the old system, and I find that they are much more pleasant to the ear if they are given plenty of time.

It is impossible to give a stated time in which to ring a peal, as requested by Mr. Bibby. There is a 'right speed' for every ring of bells, and most ringers of experience can soon tell, when they are ringing together, if they have found it or not.

One ring of bells may take ten to fifteen minutes longer to ring a peal at the 'right speed' than another ring of the same weight, though they may both be running well. To give an example of what I mean: We, at Hyde, have a modern peal of eight by Taylor (1920), with a tenor just over 18 cwt. To ring a peal of Major at what I consider the right speed—that is, when the striking is at its best, and we can strike them—on these bells, requires three hours and twelve to fourteen minutes. Our old bells had a tenor of 15½ cwt., and we used to ring our best Major peals in 2 hrs. 58 mins. to 3 hrs. Now the additional 2½-cwt. in the tenor has not made all that difference.

The bell founders have realised that these modern tuned bells require to be rung slower than the old ones, and they have helped the ringers by putting larger wheels on them. I do not say that this is the only reason for fitting larger wheels, but it compels the ringers to take more time if they wish to ring them to the best advantage. Now all ringers do not seem to have realised this, and still think they ought to be able to push them along at the speed of the old ones.

To me there is no special credit in ringing the 'quickest' peal on

the bells. What we ought to strive for is to ring the 'best' peal on the bells.

My experience has been that the quickest peals in which I have rung have certainly not been the best. Nor is this the case with peal ringing only, but it applies equally to service ringing, or any other ringing for that matter.

The question of 'noisy bells' is one that has been discussed many times before, and we ringers ought to do our best to get church authorities to tackle the problem where it is necessary. It is not a big or costly job to brick or board up the louvres, and the cost is not to be compared with the improvement achieved.

I advise ringers to discuss these matters at their meetings, as it is really surprising the amount of interest that is shown when once the subject is opened.

Perhaps others will express their views through 'The Ringing World' for the benefit of us all.—Yours faithfully,

T. WILDE.

**STONY STRATFORD RINGER'S DEATH.**

The Christmas Eve ringing at St. Giles', Stony Stratford, has been touched with sadness by the unexpected death of Mr. Alfred Clarke, one of the oldest ringers, who died on the 21st, after a few days' illness. At the funeral, on Saturday last, four of the ringers acted as bearers, and afterwards muffled touches were rung on the bells. Deceased had been a member of the North Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild since it started.

**A DATE TOUCH.**

At Ellesmere, Shropshire, on Monday evening, December 14th, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1,925 changes), composed by Louis Head, in 1 hour and 17 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, sen., 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, W. Higginson, sen., 8. The above band rang a date touch on March 24th last, which was afterwards found to be false.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, H. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, R. Hasted, jun. (Havant), 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted, sen. (conductor), 7, A. E. King 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Two popular association secretaries, each of whom has done remarkable work in the encouragement of change ringing, last week reached a memorable milestone in their peal records: Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, at Bristol; and Mr. John W. Jones, at Cardiff, each rang their 250th peal.

The long peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow was rung on Saturday, December 19th, and not on December 12th, as published in record of the performance in our last issue.

At Kington Magna Church, on Christmas Day, a handbell part was introduced in the musical accompaniment of the Magnificat, and later in the service three carols were played on handbells by a group of boys at the chancel steps.

The following extract from Pepys' diary, describing a visit to Philip Norton, may be of interest to members of the Bath and Wells Association: 'Here is a very fine ring of six bells, and they mightly tuneable.'

We should be glad to receive from ringers who rang 40 peals and upwards during 1925, the number of peals both rung and conducted in the year, and the number of towers in which the peals were rung.

Exactly a hundred and fifty years ago to-day William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham lawyer, and one of the greatest ringers of his day, conducted a peal of 8,046 Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham, the peal occupying 5 hours 48 minutes.

James Barham, that famous old ringer, of Leeds Kent, rang his one hundredth peal on New Year's Day, 1793. At that time a hundred peals was a remarkable record, and Barham takes an honoured place among the ringers of the past. It was noteworthy that the total ages of the band who took part in Barham's 'century' peal was 582.

A board in the belfry of St. George's Church, Gravesend, records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on January 1st, 1786—140 years ago—by members of the Society of Union Youths of Gravesend. St. George's had been burnt down in 1727, and was rebuilt and eight bells installed in the tower in 1738. The bells were by 'Pheips and Applebee,' of the Whitechapel Foundry, but Applebee was probably only the bell hanger.

The first peal of Halifax Treble Bob was rung on January 1st, 1666, at Huddersfield, Sottanstill being the composer.

A peal of 5,200 changes of Treble Bob Royal, 'being the full extent of nine courses and the first peal in that method rung by ten men only,' was accomplished in 4 hours 7 mins. at St. Mary-le-Bow Church by the Cumberland Youths on January 3rd, 1803. James Matton was the name of the tenor ringer.

On January 4th, 1784, a peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung in 8 hours 24 mins. at St. Paul's, Oldham. As far as we are aware there have only been three longer lengths rung in this method, viz., 15,120 at West Ham in 1737, and at Oldham in 1807, and 15,369 at Aston in 1793.

Gloucester was the second church in England to have a peal of twelve bells, and the first peal on them was rung by the College Youths on January 7th, 1767. This was a peal of Grandsire Cinques.

## DEATH OF MR. GEORGE BOLLAND.

At the moment of going to press, we learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. George B. Bolland, the veteran Yorkshire ringer, of Tong. The interment will take place on Friday at Tong Church, at 2.30 p.m.

## BRIGHTENING UP THE RINGERS.

A LANCASHIRE LAD'S SUGGESTIONS FOR GAYER APPAREL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Ah were greatly interested in that leading article o' thine yester week about brighter ringing. Now ah thinks ma'sel tha knows that it's ringers that ought to be breetened oop a bit. Ah reckon that they ought to wear livelier costumes when on a ringing 'do.' Now there's Henry the Eighth; ah think he should wear a frog shooting suit, well forard in front and back beheend in the Tit-tum position, permanent turnups. And then there's the Knight, he should ride a charger with the famous gingham beheend on a trailer. 'O' lor, wave the flag,' our old friend, the Duke of Grinarch, would look o'reet in a kilt, and the Squire of De Bent could do a gallop in Oxford bags. And now us cooms to professor. Tha knows Professor, doesn't tha? Imagine him out Box wearing a Shepherd's smock and spurs. 'What's the dia?' Ye goode docter would parade in gown and mortar board with leggings, he 'Is a membah.' Think on Bill a short skirt! Ah were nearly forgetting Samel, he looks after a swan thou knows. Ah thinks that tha could fill a jazz bathing costume o'reet with collar and t'e to match. Eh, lad, tha would push 9th along then, wouldn't thou? And now us cooms to Uncle Tom, of Seat-de-Monkston. Ah thinks tha'd shape o'reet in a crinoline skirt with a high-heeled radiator. Ah quite think ah shall get a lot of glory! For these suggestions anyway ah shanna exologieze for 'em.—Thine much,

THE SIXTH BEHIND THE NINTH.



## ORIGINS OF CHANGE RINGING.

## OUR FUTURE HISTORIAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our future historian, who has been the subject of some speculation with us of late, will scan your recent columns with much interest. The Exercise is indeed much indebted to Mr. Trollope, and now to the Rev. H. Drake for again directing our attention to this fascinating but neglected side of our art. It is all to the good for us to know that our obscure but early days go back into mediæval times. These have been called the 'Dark Ages,' partly because so little was known of them. They have left us, however, a legacy from the active religious life of times which were remarkable for the Crusades, architecture and religious literature. Had this latter been devoted to the great facts of everyday life, how much happier the lot of our historians.

The written word, whether full or scanty, has, however, three useful handmaidens, viz.: Tradition, legend and shards. Research has, during the past 50 years, proved them to be remarkably true, and their equivalents may help us in the present case also. Our historian, therefore, must have a wide angle of view, a nice and careful sense of selection, and a spirit of detachment. These attributes will depend upon his imagination, training and temperament. Thus, no two historians are quite the same, and a work by Mr. Trollope would differ greatly from one by the Rev. H. Drake, though both were of equal value. Some of us would be drawn to the one, some the other. We have others from whom such a work might worthily come, as, for instance, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. There is, however, much to be done in sectional parts, which are of the greatest value, ere the Master comes to weld all into one comprehensive work. It may be a secret, but a Midland ringer informs me that he is already engaged upon this very history. I observe that he has a flowing pen, but whether he has the leisure, material and funds, I know not.

I take up my pen, away on holiday and far from my books, to ask our future historian, whoever he may be, to lend a kindly ear to the possibility of a remoter antiquity for our art, Stedman (with all his glamour) to the contrary notwithstanding. I would suggest firstly (and with due humility) that it is difficult to accept Stedman as being the first to devote himself to our literature. He may have thrown aside his forerunners, even as he himself was so soon after pushed aside. Also he springs like Minerva, full, finished and complete, as Mr. Trollope justly remarks. He succeeded that brilliant, self-confident Elizabethan period; a new age, and one replete with writings upon all subjects of interest, and why not ringing? Probably two-thirds of their books and nearly the whole of their MSS. have disappeared since Stedman's period, though he, especially as a printer, knew of many such works. Whatever facilities he may have on the one side enjoyed, he was handicapped by the fact that news travelled very slowly, and each part of the country was isolated; thus, whilst say East Anglia had developed change ringing, Wessex might be placidly pursuing the old way.

Secondly, wherever located, our early change ringers were probably so enthusiastic that, having climbed the Achievement, they promptly kicked away the ladder by which it was reached. The lower rungs were 'call changes,' but the upper were a mixed period or transition, which would have produced such hybrids as 'Christmas, '25,' etc. These, of course, would be duly held in scorn, and we can hear the men of Cromwell's time saying, 'We belong to the Modern, yea! the Scientific School, Away with the "Stoney," Give us To-day, and "the 50 or 60 years last past," and the rest may go hang.' After all, to them the earlier Tudor times were misty, remote and irreligious. They were indeed sadly separated from the time of Morris dances and Maypoles, and from that 'Merrie England,' which in Stedman's time had come through a Scottish wedding, followed by rebellion, puritanism, two plagues, and other ills, its very capital only escaping Van Tromp's guns, to be itself laid in ashes in the Great Fire a year or two later. Small wonder if they forgot!

Thirdly (and more tangibly) our historian will find that 'Funeral Peals' were rung in early Tudor times (vide Ellacombe). Unfortunately we do not know what they meant by 'peal,' there being no Dr. Johnson then to define it for us. But I observe that in the 18th century the word was used for a '720,' and these 'peals' may quite well have been a fixed number of incipient changes, commencing and returning to 'rounds,' especially if we remember that 'call changes' or certainly ringing had then been in existence for some two hundred years (for so our old oak heavily braced and framed cages tell us). More definite, of course, is the reference to Gooch, which the Rev. Drake published on his descriptive cards, and produced to the Central Council at the last London meeting. It is not stated whether the figures are in 'black-letter,' but simple changes in these characters are to be found elsewhere in old towers and belfries, as at Moulton, and go back into the 16th century.

Returning to the 'handmaidens,' our historian will puzzle over our tradition that in 1603 the 'Scholars were founded to practice and promote, not to invent, change ringing,' the Exercise being then itself so

far advanced. The word 'Exercise' itself, like 'bob' and 'dodge,' may have come down from Maypole and Morris dances, but further back and more particularly puzzling are such words as 'Doubles, Triples, Caters, Cinques,' and their pronunciation, too, will give him cause for thought. It would almost appear that in Norman French times, and by those old semi-clerical Guilds, something was done to make 'call changes' more scientific and orderly. Did they also invent a something which they named after a noble patron 'Grande-Sieur'? Is our art older, very much older than we think?

I have asked the above questions, but it is unfortunately impossible to answer them, and they remain quaint and arresting. It is a big jump, however, back to Stedman's time, and much must have happened, and his '50 or 60 years last past' sounds a trifle vague when we use it again.

But returning to Tudor times, we may yet have the luck to dig up some MSS. in a gentleman's park, or find them folded away in an old library, which when examined would throw a light on this very subject. The period is not so remote that we must abandon hope. I have often felt that in London at the end of the 15th century, say, in the time of the famous Whittington, a time of keen citizenship, a settling into peace after a war, an awakening of the English School of Music, a dying but brilliant native art just being confronted with the Renaissance—that at such a time might we find the foundations of 'change ringing,' I mean apart from 'call changes'; and that thus laid they slowly permeated the rest of England.

I will conclude with the testimony of two visitors to London, probably about the time of Henry VIII., viz., the Scottish poet Dunbar and a German traveller. The former sings of the 'sweete belles of London,' and the latter tells something about our foregoers' habit of shutting themselves up in a tower and ringing great bells 'for hours together.' I note that we their descendants still shut ourselves up in a tower for hours at a time to ring something very interesting. What was it which they found so very interesting? Was it 'Pre-Stedman-Major' or 'Proto-Grandseur-Bobbe'?—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

## 'METHOD SPLICING.'

Published to-day, the new book on 'Method Splicing' will be a valuable addition to every ringer's library, for it deals in the fullest manner with the newest phase of the ringers' art. It is not confined in its treatment to the difficult Treble Bob methods, but those who can ring only plain methods will find that they will be able, after a study of the pages of 'Method Splicing,' to join up a variety of methods into true 720's. But to the man with the ability to ring Treble Bob, an entirely new field is opened up, and he will find fully explained the means by which he can include anything from two to ten methods in a single 720, and he will have before him the figures which will enable him to go into the tower and put it into practice. The 48 pages which the book contains are packed with instructive matter and useful compositions by Mr. Joseph Parker, Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. H. W. Wilde.

The price is only 1s. 3d., post free, and orders, with remittance, should be sent to 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH AT ALSAGER.

INTEREST OF MR. ERNEST CRAIG, M.P.

The Crewe and District Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held a most enjoyable meeting at Alsager on Saturday, when towers represented were Crewe, Nantwich, Lawton, Barthomley, Ightfield, Norton-in-Hales, Sandbach, Davenham, and the local tower. During the day the company rang touches of Plain Bob, Stedman Triples, Grand-sire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. An interested visitor was Mr. Ernest Craig, the popular Member of Parliament for the Crewe Division.

Tea was kindly provided by the church authorities, and the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Moir) extended a hearty welcome to the ringers, and invited them to service.

Mr. R. D. Langford, branch secretary, referred to the excellent attendance, over 40 members being present, and said it was always a pleasure for them to visit Alsager.

Mr. Ernest Craig, M.P., who had a hearty reception, expressed his pleasure at the invitation extended to him to attend, and said he hoped to come to many more meetings. He invited the members to visit Alsager in the summer time, so that he would have the opportunity of entertaining them at Milton House. With regard to bell ringing, Mr. Craig said he had never pulled a rope in England in his life. The only bell he had pulled was one in Mexico, which was brought across the plains and deserts by mules and donkeys from Spain.

Mr. Craig was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Guild.

Votes of thanks were accorded the church authorities for providing tea, to the ladies for their services, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

## THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

### GREETINGS AND GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

The first of January, Anno Domini, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six. My salutations to the members of the Exercise! Health and good fortune attend you, merry gentlemen—and ladies! May your shadows never grow less, and your pockets never emptier—in my case it would be impossible, for I am already worn to a 'rasher' in the endless endeavour to 'save my bacon.' What with the Christmas bills and all those other little reminders of the presence of quarter day, which just now take the edge off the romance of Yuletide, I can see a more than usually busy time ahead in dodging the local tradesmen, and eluding the broker's man. But away with dull care—this is not the occasion or the place (as politicians and leader writers are wont to say when faced with a poser which they are not able to answer) to discuss my empty pockets with my readers: As a matter of fact, it was only a passing thought, which would persist in intruding itself, when I settled down to pen these lines of greeting. What I really intended to add was: More power to your elbows, and more peals in your books. I may as well pass on to you the greeting which I received from a humorous (?) friend—humorous because he knows I am a teetotaler, or, well, nearly so:

Beer by the bushel; peals by the peck;  
May you be in 'em, up to the neck.

Now, I do know some people who would have no greater desire than this, even if they only went in head first, but I am a moderate man, and a little at a time is enough for me. However, I appreciate the spirit.

No doubt, like me, you will all have made a host of good resolutions for the new year. For instance, you will never, never again (for have you not resolved it?) be late for ringing—service, practice or peals; you will never be the 'one short,' so that the other seven, or however many it may be, will have to waste their time, or start for something less than was intended. What a sermon one could preach on this subject alone! But the worst of it is, habitual offenders do not seem to think any the worse of themselves for such delinquencies, and, therefore, a sermon would leave them unmoved, so the 'appropriate address' is 'off,' as far as I am concerned. But we all know of regular late-comers, who delay the start for five or ten minutes, or a quarter of an hour, and the pity is they cannot sometimes be paid out in their own coin. Then again, it being January 1st, we will all determine to pay our association subscriptions promptly, and so save our secretaries lots of trouble and our associations the prospect of a deficit in the next balance sheet. What a lot of ringers put off paying these subs. to the last minute—or altogether! It ought to be just as easy to pay in January as in the following December, and doubtless the good resolutions of to-day will include the determination to reform among all the conscience-smitten. The only thing I would advise is that those who are inclined to indulge in deferred payments should strike while the iron's hot, and pop round to the post office to-day, get a postal order, and send it along to their secretary.

And while there, why not send the one and threepence that will ensure a copy of this new book on 'Method Splicing?' It is not often a new book makes its appearance in the ringing Exercise, but in this new publication we are promised something which has never been dealt with in print before. When Jasper Snowden published his 'Rope Sight'—the best book a beginner in ringing ever had—he dealt with something which other writers had for a couple of centuries, more or less, included in their works, although he dealt with it in a better manner. But my fingers are itching to get at the pages of 'Method Splicing,' because here is a subject whose ramifications have never before been gathered up into a volume. Everybody who read that part of the work which Mr. Fidler wrote in 'The Ringing World' must have had his mind illumined by the lucid explanations of how these involved extents of Minor can be rung—not by supermen, but by common or garden ringers like you and me. Now we are to have in addition something further to elucidate the subject from the Wizard of the North. The mere fact that Mr. Joseph Parker is explaining the theory of splicing will make the book at once a work of authority and value. But there is another reason why I shall appreciate having all this information in the form of a book. In our domestic establishment is a lady with a mania for 'clearing up,' and, when my back is turned, she usually clears up so thoroughly that I can never find anything afterwards. And that is what happens to my copies of 'The Ringing World.' I have no doubt, too, that it happens in many another household, and the result is that when one wants to find anything in particular, 'The Ringing World' has disappeared. Now those articles by Mr. Fidler, spread over several weeks, were beginning to worry me. I had kept them for future reference, but I never knew the moment they might disappear, never to return. Therefore, I welcomed the announcement that they were to be reprinted, for I am privileged to enjoy the use of one shelf in my own bookcase for ringing 'books'—loose papers dare not make their appearance there. Now, I'll warrant there are many other ringers in like case—I don't mean that they are in a bookcase—

and they will be glad to see those 'Hints' tucked away in a handy little volume where they know they will be safe for all time—or until the next move, or fire. Yes, it was a good idea to reprint those 'Hints,' and I should imagine ringers will be falling over themselves to get a copy—with an instructive explanation thrown in on the theory side of the subject by Mr. Parker.

Is it a fact that the old-fashioned practice of parties of handbell ringers going out to play at the 'big houses' at Christmas is dying out in our villages? There was a time when, almost everywhere, the handbell ringers were as much a feature of Christmas as the carol singers, but of late years they seem almost to have disappeared—and the waits seem to be following them. I am glad to say, however, that old customs die hard down our way, and some of the 'old 'uns' from our tower still pay a round of Christmas visits with the handbells—and they seem to be welcome wherever they go. I couldn't join them this year, being unable to get my boots on for chilblains—my wife calls it gout—but old Charlie took my place—with the collecting book. They started out on Christmas Eve, when it was real old-fashioned Christmassy weather, with snow, and mince-pies, and mulled ale, and such like. But old Charlie isn't the man he was. Whether it was the snow, or the mince-pies, or the mulled ale, or all of them combined, I don't know, but late in the evening, when making their way from one house to another, his mates missed him. They went back over their tracks and searched, and found Charlie nice and comfy in a snow drift. They might not have troubled so much if Charlie had not been the cashier.

There seems to have been a capital race going on to see who could ring most peals in 1925, and it will be interesting to know who finished first. I like to see the old 'uns setting the pace for the youngsters, even if they are out-stayed in the end. It looks as if there were a good many in the running for honours, and by honours I mean those who can average one a week for the year. James, of England, ought to be well to the fore, and the evergreen Isaac G. is another of the youngsters who keep up the pace. There are some men of Kent, and others in the Midlands and North, who have made some very good going, but if you want really to go in for ringing, take my tip and join the Marines. Judging by the Sergeant-Major's record this year, ringing must form one of the methods of training in that branch of the services. There used to be a slogan, 'Join the Flying Corps and see the world.' It might, perhaps, be adapted for the R.M.'s, and read as follows: 'Join the Royal Marines and see the ringing world.'

CRITICUS.

## LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at the Pro-Cathedral, Newport, on Saturday, and was very well attended. The bells of both churches, St. Woolos' and All Saints', were kept busy during the day. At 4 o'clock a shortened form of service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Woolos' (the Ven. Archdeacon D. H. Griffiths), who, some thirty years ago, was the hon. secretary of the association. An excellent address was given. Following the service, tea was partaken of in the Waters Lane Mission Room. It had been very generously provided by the Archdeacon, who presided, and also took the chair at the subsequent business meeting.

Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Aberavon, was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, and the hon. secretary and both the auditors were re-elected.

Restorations and augmentations done during the year were reported on by the hon. secretary, the two most notable being at Abergavenny, where the old bells have been rehung with new fittings, etc., and at Usk, where the old six have been broken up and replaced with a new ring of eight, which at the moment are awaiting dedication. Progress was reported in regard to change ringing at Newton, Chepstow and Penmark. The year proved a good one, both in the number of peals and the variety of methods rung. The places for the next meetings were selected as follows: The annual to be held at Llandaff, the next quarterly at Merthyr and Blaenavon respectively.

Many new members were elected, including the whole band at Newton Nottage, where good progress is reported, thanks to Mr. A. J. Talbot, who is now living there.

The new Master, Mr. A. J. Pitman, was congratulated on his successful efforts in composition and conducting during the year, including his peals of spliced methods.

The question of a new certificate was discussed, and a committee formed to arrange designs and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Dawe read a statement in regard to the collection made in aid of the widow of the late Mr. W. Biss, which resulted in a sum of twenty pounds being handed over to her.

The meeting proved a most pleasant one, and can truly be described as a huge success. The Archdeacon was in his best form, causing much hilarity with his humorous remarks, and all went home with the recollection of a happy afternoon and evening.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.****RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION SCHEME COMPLETED.**

All who know Coalbrookdale and its bells will be very interested to learn that the old eight have now been completely restored and augmented to ten, and are now erected in the tower. The work has been carried out by the founders of the old eight, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. No effort has been spared on their part to make everything in connection with the scheme of the very best. A new floor has been fixed about a foot below the very massive platform of steel girders, 16 x 6 and 10 x 6. The floor has a special hatchway leading from the clock room direct into the pit of the eighth bell, there being ample room allowed to get about underneath the bells when down. There is also a very accessible way from the tower steps. The steel girders are firmly grouted into the four walls in twelve places, being cross tied and interlaced in every possible place, to make the whole of the foundation work quite rigid. The new cast-iron frame is, to all who have seen it erected in London and in the tower, an engineering feat, being a picture of neatness and strength. The bells, except the fourth, are arranged round the four sides of the tower, the fourth being cleverly housed between the tenor and fifth. The tenor has been specially placed on the north-east side of the tower. All the bells are beautiful in tone, and in harmony with each other. The improved effect of the hum tones, after the bells have struck, is most pronounced.

Locally, everybody has been interested in the scheme, and most anxious to know if the tone of the bells would be less mellow with the steel girders, cast-iron frame and headstocks, than with the old wood frame, etc. Several people living near the church, including two who are ill, have answered this most important question by saying what a delightful improvement there is, with none of the old harsh noise they had got so very tired of, especially when peals were being rung. Thick glass 3ft. high, the top of which is above the tenor, when raised, has been placed in all the windows. This also has made a great improvement in the sound in the immediate vicinity of the church, while it will also safeguard the bells from storms, and yet allow plenty of room for the sound to escape. The 'go' and evenness of clapping is perfect. The tenor was always very troublesome to raise the right way. She is now quite as easy as the treble. The gudgeons and double pulleys have all got ball bearings, and, together with the clapper spindles, are fitted with patent grease cups. The bells have been tuned on the firm's three-toned principle. This is quite distinct and accurate in each bell.

Of the ten bells, four are new. The two new trebles have been added as a memorial to Lieut. Maurice A. A. Darley. The third bell of the old eight was not correct in the hum tone, and the founders very generously recast this bell at their own expense. The former fifth was found to have an old crack in the crown, and this bell Messrs. Mears and Stainbank very kindly offered to recast at half-price rather than return a faulty bell.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, London, 1925. These two treble bells were erected here by public subscription, in grateful remembrance of Lieut. Maurice A. A. Darley, Grenadier Guards, who gave his life for King and Country in the Great War, 1914—1918.

2.—Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, London, 1925.

Who stands if freedom fall?  
Who dies if England live?

5.—C. and G. Mears, bell founders, London, 1852. Recast Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, London, 1925.

7.—C. and G. Mears, bell founders, London, 1852. Recast Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, London, 1925. Alfred E. W. Darley, J.P., D.L., Patron, Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe, M.A., R.D., Vicar. Herbert Hughes, Frederick Johnson, Churchwardens.

3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and tenor.—C. and G. Mears, bell founders, London, 1852.

The four new bells each have cast on them the firm's foundry mark of three small bells, which has descended through the generations from the days of Robert Mot, and which now bears the initials A. A. H. and R. A. H.

From the double rope pulleys down through the clock room the ropes are guided in specially constructed troughs, one side of those fitted to the heavy bells being left open to allow the sound to escape into the clock room. This is most effective in the ringing chamber, in which the ropes are a very nice circle. The clock room floor, which also forms the ceiling of the ringing chamber, has a 10-inch double floor which is tightly packed with sawdust.

Mr. William A. Radclyffe, the firm's bell hanger, very successfully completed his work on Friday evening, December 18th. The Vicar invited him to attend two Parochial Council meetings. At one of these Mr. Radclyffe explained that his firm had given him orders to have the whole of the bells rung and tested by the Coalbrookdale ringers; also to invite members of the various committees and the local engineers and fitters to inspect the work. It should be mentioned here that locally the work has been watched most carefully,

and engineering experts have regularly visited the tower, and all agree that it is an exhibition job.

The trial of the bells took place on Friday evening, December 18th. The Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe, Vicar, visited the ringing chamber at 7 p.m., and opened the ceremony with the usual Guild prayers, and said how very pleased he was to see all his local ringers back, after nearly a year's vacation with no bells. The back four bells were then raised singly, and the front six next raised in peal. These form a very fine light six, most necessary and handy for teaching, and desirable for six-bell ringers attending meetings. Next some very good rounds were rung on the ten. After settling down to new ropes, etc., they soon began to roll off in very regular 20's, with very distinct handstroke leads. Queen's, Whitlington and Tittums were next tapped off, and these at once proved the grandeur of a correctly tuned peal of ten. Following this, two courses of Grandire Caters ran nicely into rounds; then Stedman and Grandire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major on the back eight were rung, and afterwards the front six and back six were separately brought into action. A pretty run down of the ten brought to a close a happy gathering.

Before leaving, the Vicar thanked Mr. Radclyffe for the thoroughness with which he had carried out the whole of his work, and said he intended to write to the firm expressing his committee's thanks and gratitude for the wonderful way he had completed everything, even to the smallest detail. Pointing to the ringing chamber ceiling, he remarked he could not even see where the old rope hoics used to be.

Mr. Radclyffe thanked him for his very kind remarks, also for the hearty welcome given to him by all he had met during his stay in Coalbrookdale. He said he would always look back with pleasure to the restoration and augmentation of Coalbrookdale bells.

A complete chiming apparatus for ten bells of the firm's own special design has been installed. The clock is a very good one, having been made by Messrs. Joyce, Whitechurch, Shropshire, 1852. The whole of the work to this, which includes the fixing of the correct Westminster quarters on the bells, 1, 2, 3, 6, with the hour striking on the tenor, has been placed in the hands of the makers of the clock by the bell founders.

A further £100 is required so that the Bishop of Hereford can be invited to come and dedicate the new Darley memorial bells. To allow the whole scheme to be opened free of debt, two persons have each offered to loan £100 free of interest, so that the bells may be opened at the earliest possible date. The committee are very grateful for these most generous offers, but feel there are many who have happy memories of Coalbrookdale who would much like to contribute to the fund. The back eight were rung on Christmas morning, but they will not be rung again until they can be paid for. One bell will be rung for services, etc. Will readers who have any shilling stamp collecting books, with any 'Odd Bobs' collected on same, kindly send them, with remittance, at once to Mr. William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire.

**SAFETY FIRST.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On New Year's Eve probably scores of ringers risked their lives by taking the muffles off a few minutes before midnight. They have done it before and can do it again, if they don't stop. Whose turn will it be next to be caught in these death-traps?

Mr. W. T. Beeson's idea looks all right on paper, but I am afraid there is as much risk in lashing the wheel to the frame as doing anything else when the bells are up at 'set'; besides it would be quicker and much safer to 'fall' the bells.

Some twenty years or so ago a ringer at Stoke-on-Trent was killed while working among the bells. I then had a brain wave, and invented a device for securing the bells when up at 'set' by simply pulling down a wire in the ringing chamber and locking it with a padlock, but there was no call for it. Recently Mr. Fullwood, of Sedgely, Wolverhampton, took out a patent for a simpler device, which I believe was advertised in your paper.

It would be interesting to know if these cases are ever brought before the notice of the Board of Trade.—Yours, etc.,

JAS. E. GROVES.

**PRESENTATION AT DARTFORD.**

An interesting ceremony took place in the Holy Trinity tower, Dartford, on Sunday morning, December 13th, when, after ringing a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. J. H. Cheesman, Mr. J. Whendon, late secretary of and a ringer in the local band for twenty years, who has now left the district, was presented with a silver-mounted walking stick. The quarter-peal was rung in 41 mins.: T. Groombridge, junr., 1. E. Bates 2. J. H. Cheesman 3. E. Brown 4. J. Whendon 5. H. Simmons 6. A. Audsley 7. R. Jenkins (now secretary of the band) 8.

### LITTLE BADDOW BELLS DEDICATED. BISHOP OF COLCHESTER'S INTEREST IN RINGING.

The restored bells at Little Baddow Parish Church, Essex, were dedicated on December 19th, and were heard again after a silence of many years. The original peal of four bells were cast at different times, and are inscribed as follows: Treble, 'Miles Graye made Me, 1636'; second, 'Sancta Toma Ora Pro Nobis' (about 1450); third, 'John Dier Made Me' (about 1600); tenor, 'Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis' (about the end of the 14th century, and one of the oldest bells in the county). Of these, the tenor bell was found to be the only sound one. The two smallest bells were both cracked, and the clapper of the third came out with its cast-in crown staple. In addition, the mediæval timber frame was long ago found to be so worn and decayed in places as to be unfit to carry the strain of the ringing of the bells when in full swing. The Parochial Church Council decided to make a resolute effort to effect restoration and repair. Mr. Wykeham Chancellor, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., was consulted, and, among other things, he recommended the repairing of the oak frame, recasting the Miles Graye bell, supplying a new bell in the place of the second (the original bell to be taken down and preserved on the ground floor of the tower), repairing the clapper of the third bell, and providing new bearings, wheel fittings, sliders, and ropes. The Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Board for Church Treasures supported the scheme, which cost about £300, and a special appeal by the Church Council met with an encouraging response. Of the two new bells, one is the gift of his wife, 'in memory of Philip Boldero, who died Sept. 25th, 1919. R.I.P.', while the other is inscribed: 'Et ego Dominum laudabo' (I also will praise the Lord). The work of restoring the bell frame, of recasting the treble bell, and of making the two new bells, was carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

There was a crowded congregation at the dedication service, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Colchester. The surpliced clergy, in addition to the Bishop, were the Rev. Jesse Berridge, Rector of Little Baddow; Canon F. S. Paynter, R.D., Rector of Springfield; the Rev. A. E. Hall, of Boreham; and the Rev. H. M. Laug, of Woodham Walter. The processional hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' was followed by prayers by the Rector. Psalm 47, 'O clap your hands,' was chanted, and the special lesson (Numbers x. 1-11) was read by Mr. A. L. Woodhouse, J.P., one of the wardens. Then followed the hymn, 'Praise, my soul,' and Psalm 150, 'O Praise God.' During the chanting of the Psalm, the clergy and churchwardens (Messrs. A. L. Woodhouse and J. J. Speakman) proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop, taking the bell ropes in his hand, said: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we do solemnly set apart and separate these bells from all profane and unhallowed uses, and do now dedicate them to the glory of God, and for the benefit of His Holy Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.' Then the Bishop offered petitions for those for whom the bells shall ring. A short peal was rung on the bells, during which the clergy proceeded to the chancel. The hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest,' was sung.

In the course of an address, based on the text, 'Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord,' the Bishop of Colchester said he was glad to be able to take part in that interesting and moving occasion, and in that service, which had such a great deal to say about praise and thanksgiving. They had a real cause for thanksgiving, as they met together in that glorious and ancient church. As the bells were rung, let Jesus Christ be praised, and let them be glad, as the Lord would have them be. Everyone who heard the church bells ringing would think of those who had lived and worked in that parish in the past, who had given one thing and another to beautify the House of God, and consecrated that place in every succeeding age by their prayers. They praised God's Holy Name for those who had been benefactors of that church. First of all, the church bells were meant to call people to the House of God, to remind them that the time had come when they were to assemble together for worship, to remind them of the promise that 'where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst.' As little children, pious parents brought them to be dedicated to Him at the earliest moment, then when the holy bond of matrimony was sealed they came to that beautiful and sacred service, and the bells rang with joy. Then some day, when they were laid to rest yonder in God's Acre, near God's House, the bells tolled for their passing. The Bishop added that one of the things he regretted most was that as a young man he did not study campanology. But he had taken the greatest possible interest in ringing and the message the bells had, and he was glad that his son became a ringer. Among that congregation he saw one, if not more, of the best ringers in the East of England. Of all the Church work in which they could be engaged, there could be nothing more beautiful than that of ringing in the House of God, calling men and women to worship.

After the Te Deum, the Bishop pronounced the Blessing, and as a recessional the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' was sung. Miss Paterson was at the organ. A collection was taken for the church bell fund.

During and after the service, the bells were rung, those taking part including Messrs. George Green, of Great Baddow (District Master), R. Thrift, of Boreham; H. Edwards, of Boreham; W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley; and E. Runter, of Springfield. Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, of Great Baddow, also joined the ringers during the evening.

### 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.**—On Sunday, Dec. 27th, at the Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, for evensong, 1,230 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Lee 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, J. W. Chapman 4, C. F. Winney 5, W. S. Smith 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, H. Langdon 8.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—At SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, Dec. 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (A. J. Perkins' twin-bob): A. James 1, T. Groombridge, sen., 2, G. F. James 3, G. Durling 4, G. Huxley 5, T. Groombridge, jun., 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, E. Moulder 8.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, for 11 a.m. service, on Dec. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, E. Coombes 3, W. Richards 4, S. Dawe 5, E. Stitch (first quarter as conductor) 6, F. Chamberlain 7, S. R. Barker 8.

**WEST HAM.**—For evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: W. Theobald 1, A. Prior (conductor) 2, T. Sparrow (Stowmarket, first quarter), 3, J. Scholes 4, G. Hayden 5, A. Baynes 6, E. D. Smith 7, R. Moulton 8.

**BOLTON, LANCS.**—On Sunday, Dec. 20th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Hulme 1, R. Holden 2, J. Guest 3, J. Omerod 4, W. Pennington 5, A. Heywood (conductor) 6, J. E. Markland 7, J. Kay 8.

**BRIGG, Lincs.**—On Sunday, Dec. 20th, for evening service, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, a quarter-peal of 1,296 changes, in two methods, in 41 mins., being 576 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob, with 15 bobs: P. Shipworth 1, T. Bell 2, C. Anson 3, G. T. Saxby 4, G. Webb 5, F. W. Atkinson, junr. (conductor), 6. First quarter-peal in two methods by all the band except the conductor, and also first quarter-peal in two methods on the bells by a local company.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, Dec. 20th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: F. V. H. Sinkins 1, W. E. Garrard 2, P. L. Miles 3, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 4, W. E. Judd 5, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 6, H. G. Miles 7, A. V. Selby 8, A. F. Harris 9, G. W. Frayne 10.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At 'All Hallows', on Sunday, Dec. 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: S. W. Crabb 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, G. Thurgood 4, H. Ellis 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. Button 7, W. Patmore 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, Dec. 20th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Eagles 1, R. H. Stevens 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. Turner 4, H. Whitehead 5, C. R. Walker 6, C. R. Millway (conductor) 7, L. Sibley 8.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAM.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Dec. 20th, for evening service, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Jones 1, L. Stirk 2, W. Fisher 3, F. Sharp 4, E. Thomas 5, P. C. J. Coles 6, H. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, L. Stirk 8. The above are the regular Sunday Service band.

**TWICKENHAM.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, Dec. 20th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: W. H. Wood 1, J. A. Trollope 2, C. H. Dobbie 3, W. Shepherd 4, J. R. Mackman 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. Challen (first attempt to ring a quarter-peal) 8. The bells were re-opened on the 19th, after re-hanging and tuning.

### NOTICE.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester Branch.—The Annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Margaret's, Leicester (12 bells) on Friday evening, Jan. 15th. Ringing 7.30—8.30. Will all members endeavour to be present? Election of officers, etc.—Harold J. Poole, Local Hon. Sec., 51, New Park Street, Leicester.

**NOTICES.**

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**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.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Jan. 5th, St. Magnus' on the 7th and 21st, St. Mary-le-Bow on the 12th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th (8 o'clock), St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m.; also at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th, for service at 6 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Church House. Those intending to be present at tea must notify me not later than Jan. 3rd. Ringing before service and after meeting at both the churches of All Saints (8) and St. Paul (8).—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

**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.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough (8) on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 5th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at Wrington. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. If members know of any errata in the current report, I should be glad to hear of them, that they may be corrected in the report for 1925.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton, near Preston, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those who intend to be present please notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, near Preston, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 6th?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at Eckington (8 bells). Tea provided for those who notify Mr. Ditcher, 15, Station Road, Eckington, by Jan. 7th.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro. tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at Hanley. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m., service 5 p.m., tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Notices of attendance to be sent to Mr. F. E. Eardley, 8, Harley Street, Hanley, not later than Jan. 5th.—A. Vaughan, 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, 5.30, at the Working Men's Club. Business meeting after tea. Please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 5th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dilwyn on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, free to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 5th. Business meeting after.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, at 7.45 p.m. Bells of St. Martin's available 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesday on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. H. W. Jones), at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, the 12th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**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.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. F. A. Standfast). Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by the 12th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—The general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea let me know before the 13th? Everyone heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—West Tyne District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Newburn on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—C. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield-on-Tyne.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street. Ringing 3.45 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to make this meeting a success.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 5.30 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. A large attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports are now ready.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells will be available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock. It is important that all those intending to be present should notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 12th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2 p.m., service 4.15, tea (in Parish Room) 5, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—A. D. Stone, Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**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.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL.

The last meeting of the year of the Manchester Branch was held at Manchester Town Hall, when a large number of ringers, including visitors from outside branches, were present. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, and continued in various methods till 7.30 p.m., when the business meeting was held. Mr. W. Wolstencroft was voted to the chair, and said Lancashire looked upon it as a great privilege to be allowed to come and ring on the city bells.

Two new members were elected to the association, and Manchester Cathedral was selected for the annual meeting, as in former years, to be held on Saturday, January 16th, 1926.

Mr. H. Chapman gave an interesting report on his visit to Oxford, when the new bells, to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, were dedicated, saying how pleased he was with them, and that great credit was due to all who helped to bring the work to a successful issue.—The Chairman made reference to the memory of Mr. Washbrook, remarking that it was two years ago that day that Mr. J. W. Washbrook took the chair at their meeting, full of life and energy, and giving his advice to all present, and then on the following Christmas Day came the great shock of his tragic death.

Votes of condolence and sympathy were passed to the relatives of the late Mr. S. Booth, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Mr. W. E. Ryder, of Birch-in-Rusholme, two old and esteemed members of the association, who have lately passed away, the members standing in silence for a few moments.

Votes of thanks to the officials of the Town Hall and the local ringers were passed unanimously, and replied to by the leader, Mr. F. Page, who said he would convey the association's thanks to the proper quarter.

During the evening an interesting piece of regalia was on view, consisting of a massive chain and medallion in the shape of a bell of pure 'Sheffield gold,' presented by 'Ireneus' to Mr. H. Chapman to wear when presiding at any meetings. No doubt the donor of it was thinking of the size of the man when he ordered it, but the writer would need some help if he had to wear it.

After the meeting the handbells were brought into use, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Boh Royal were rung.

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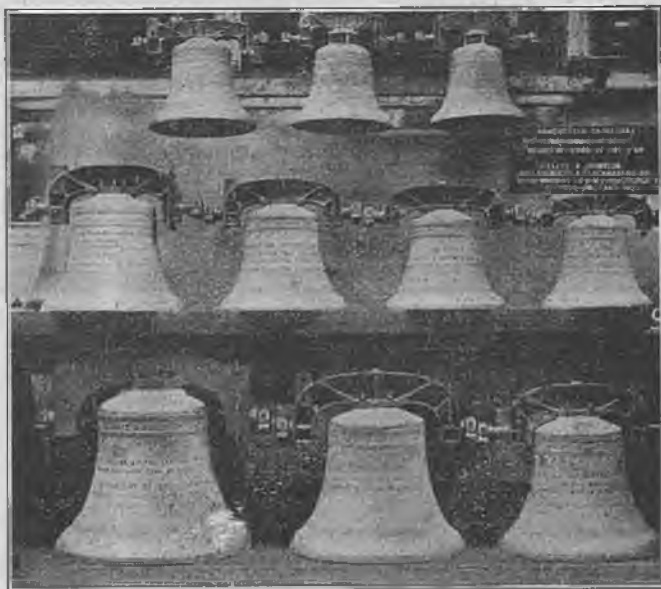
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### THE HAND OF DEATH.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will have observed that the hand of Death has been busy recently among members of the Exercise, and not a few men with long associations with ringing have been taken from us. Within the last two months a dozen ringers, who in their day have done yeoman service in the art they loved so well, have been called to their rest; some, like Edwin Horrex, William Ryder, George Davis and John Buffery in the fulness of years; others like Samuel Booth and Robert Hudson, cut off almost in the prime of life. This week we chronicle the death of three men whose names are known to a wide circle of ringers, William T. Robson, George B. Bolland, and last, but not least, Herbert Baker.

Until a few years ago Mr. Robson was one of the band at Bishopwearmouth, where Major Hudson met his tragic death, and in the two northern counties of Durham and Northumberland he made a name not only as a sound method ringer and conductor, but as a perfect striker—which is equally, if not more, important, in that it is the foundation of all good ringing. Unfortunately, it is not always the first care of ringers in these days, but men like William Robson are an example to the careless, and their quiet, unostentatious work has its effect in the long run on all but the most indifferent.

George Bolland was almost, if not quite, the 'father' of Yorkshire ringers. He must have been the oldest, in length of service, of any of the officers of the Yorkshire Association, for he had been a vice-president for more than forty years. Six-bell ringing owes a great deal to his efforts and his advocacy, and he showed in a practical form in his young days that peals of Minor could be peals of merit. His wide experience and extensive knowledge were always at the service of anyone who sought his assistance, and his work contributed in no small manner to the successful building up of the great society whose destinies he so long helped to direct. In speech and manner George Bolland, born and reared a son of the soil, was a typical Yorkshireman—genial, large-hearted, and ever seeking, in any sphere open to him, the well-being of those around him.

Colonel Herbert Baker, of Hertford, was not so well known to the present generation as he was to the ringers of the older school, but the fact that he had rung over two hundred peals, including four of over twelve thousand changes—each a record at the time—and was one of the representative band chosen to open the bells of the Imperial Institute, is sufficient to show that in his day he played an important part in the Exercise. He was a man of

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great energy and devotion to any cause to which he put his hand, and he served his town and country in many capacities, among them as councillor, alderman and Mayor of Hertford; and as a member of the Volunteers, and afterwards the Territorial Force, in which he rose from the rank of private to the command of a battalion, going overseas in the Great War at the age of 51 years. His death is a great loss to the civic life in which he figured so prominently, and to the nation which he served so gallantly; while the Ringing Exercise has lost an enthusiastic and valued supporter. The passing of these men make gaps which it is difficult to fill, but their achievements and example should be an inspiration to all to give their best in the service which they render.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Four Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNBILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 7
ERNEST G. FENN... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 8
THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT... .. 9
HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 10
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. 11
EDWARD WALLAGE ... .. 6	WALTER PRIME ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Edwin Horrex, who was steeplekeeper at the above church for 30 years. This was the first opportunity, since the death of Mr. Horrex on November 7th, 1925, of paying the usual last mark of respect and esteem at the church to which he was so much attached.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5148 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt. (approx.).

G. OAKES ... .. Treble	C. E. KETTELL ... .. 6
J. W. J. COITAM ... .. 2	C. R. WRIGHT ... .. 7
*C. PODLIENEY ... .. 3	S. BRIGGS ... .. 8
†A. FIRTH ... .. 4	‡L. LITTLEWOOD... .. 9
‡J. H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5	C. RYDER ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by S. BRIGGS.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung. All the ringers are regular Sunday Service ringers. \* First peal. † First in the method by ringer of the fourth. ‡ First in the method away from tenor. First peal as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM 6
WILLIAM TILLET ... .. 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 8
†ALBERT FLEMING ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 5	*ERNEST W. FITCH ... Tenor

Composed by E. T. ELSON.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

† First peal of Stedman Caters. \* First peal. Rung for the watch-night service.

GLUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Tuesday, Nov. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: J. Brimble (first attempt) 1, C. Cook 2, J. Owen (conductor) 3, R. Brimble (first quarter-peal inside) 4, H. Blacker 5, H. Parsons 6.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 21 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

PERCY HARRISON ... .. Treble	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 6
* WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... .. 2	† WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... .. 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 3	* THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 8
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 9
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 5	FREDK. H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by W. WILLSON, SEN.

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

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

ERNEST G. TRIMMER ... .. Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	* HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. 3	FRED C. MAYNARD ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 9
HENRY RUMENS ... .. 5	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal of Royal, and first in the method. The conductor's 500th peal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

* THOMAS SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 2	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 8
WILLIAM GOODMAN ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... .. 5	GILBERT GUEST ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

\* First peal. This peal was rung for the 72nd birthday of Mr. J. Goodman, sen., the 'father' of the Dudley band.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
MRS. F. HAIRS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 9
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven 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 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.	
ERNEST C. PERKINS ... .. Treble	JOHN KENDALL ... .. 5
HENRY HOLDEN ... .. 2	JAMES WHATMORE ... .. 6
JOHN LLOYD ... .. 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 7
* JAMES MARSHALL ... .. 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

\* First peal inside. Rung as a compliment to W. Masters, a local ringer, who was married on the previous Sunday at Brockmoor. All the above are members of the local band.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

CYRIL J. JENNINGS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM POYSER ... .. 5
ALFRED MOULD ... .. 2	JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 6
* CYRIL PORTER ... .. 3	HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 7
JACK BAILEY ... .. 4	JOSEPH LORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. ANNABLE. Conducted by J. W. GLEW.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

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

Tenor 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

HENRY CHANCE ... .. Treble	DAVID HORNE ... .. 5
ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
* CHRIS. BOWERS ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

\* First peal on eight bells.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 5
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... .. 2	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	C.O.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	JOHN AVIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble	HARRY RAYNER ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HENRY SIMMONS ... .. 6
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 7
EDWARD BROWN ... .. 4	RICHARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, LUTON.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

ALFRED KING ... .. Treble	THOMAS KENDALL ... .. 5
FREDERICK HUNT ... .. 2	HARRY WOOD ... .. 6
THOMAS BLACKBOURN ... .. 3	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. SMITH ... .. 4	ARTHUR ROCKWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

Rung for the watch-night service.

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(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen 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.	
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Treble	HARRY HARRIS ... .. 5	HARRY BURDOCK ... .. 6	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 7
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 2			
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3			
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor		

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watch-night service.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 17½ cwt.	
*HENRY E. NICHOLAS... Treble	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 5	C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... 6	FREDERICK A. COLBY ... .. 7
FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN... 2			FREDERICK JOHNSON ... Tenor
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3			
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4			

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. A. V. Ledbury, curate at the above church. C.S.M. J. Bennett's 80th peal out of 111 attempts during 1925.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Treble	HARRY FRANCE ... .. 7	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 6	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2			EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor
*ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 3			
FRED RIGBY ... .. 4			

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal in method 'inside.'

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, January 1, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.			
LESTER L. GRAY... Treble	EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... .. 5	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 6	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 7
JOHN LEE ... .. 2			ERNEST BRETT ... .. Tenor
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 3			
RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 4			

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST BRETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joe Rayner, who attained his 90th year on that day. He has been a ringer at this church since 1875, and steeplekeeper since 1896.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.			
*WILLIAM J. BEER ... Treble	JOHN BURLES ... .. 5	EDWARD J. BEER... .. 6	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... 2			GEORGE MORRAD ... .. Tenor
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3			
HARRY ARGENT ... .. 4			

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL.

\* First peal of Major, and first attempt. This was arranged as a local peal, but owing to illness, one of the band was unable to stand in, and Mr. Haigh, of Rochester Cathedral, kindly filled the vacancy. Mr. F. M. Mitchell has now rung eight peals on these bells, each time on a different bell.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 5	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
*RICHARD C. INGRAM... .. 2			HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 3			
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 4			

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

\* First peal in the method.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.			
ERNEST J. RONTNER ... Treble	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 5	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6	JOHN WOOD ... .. 7
*THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 2			ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM... 3			
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4			

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 175). Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

\* 100th peal.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.			
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	JAMRS HEMMING ... .. 5	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 6	*JOFFERY J. HEMMING ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 2			CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor
†JOHN HALL... .. 3			
*FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4			

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob on tower bells. † First peal in the Kent Variation on tower bells.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 17 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.			
*JOHN BOOTH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5	†FRED RIGBY ... .. 6	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 7
*JAMES GROUNDS... .. 2			WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. Tenor
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3			
*JOHN T. BIMSON ... .. 4			

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.			
*HORACE J. SMITH ... Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 5	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 6	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
*HARRY PARKER ... .. 2			JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. Tenor
*GEORGE BIDDULPH ... .. 3			
*THOMAS HORD ... .. 4			

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Triples. Mr. T. Hurl was elected a member before starting.

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NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. SIMPSON... ..Treble	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 5
THOMAS SENIOR... .. 2	EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 6
FRED HODGSON ... .. 3	JOE GREENWOOD ... .. 7
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

Rung to the memory of Mr. G. B. Bolland, the honoured and esteemed vice-president of the above association. \* 50th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED G. CRANE ... ..Treble	HERBERT J. ELDED... .. 5
ALFRED GLASSCOCK ... .. 2	HARRY MILLER ... .. 6
WILLIAM TARLING ... .. 3	*GEORGE HERBERT ... .. 7
ROBERT ROFFEY ... .. 4	NORMAN TOMLINSON ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, Conducted by N. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to A. G. Crane.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R. E. Treble	*FRANCIS R. WHITE ... .. 5
LT. WILLIAM A. COOKE, R. N. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 3	†CHARLES BELSEY ... .. 7
C. S. M. J. BENNETT R. M. ... 4	LACRENCE HALES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R. E.

\* First peal for 35 years. † First peal of Grandsire away from the tenor, and rung in honour of his 60th birthday.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... ..Treble	ALFRED SMITH ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER... .. 3	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 7
*JAMES ELDRIDGE ... .. 4	CHARLES ROOPE ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5950 CHANGES:

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT ROBBINS ... ..Treble	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 5
GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 2	CHARLES MASON ... .. 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 3	BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 7
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BOCKING.—On St. Stephen's Day, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, L. E. Wifen 3, B. Redgwell 4, H. Redgwell 5, J. Redgwell 6, F. Ely 7, L. W. Wifen 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BLETSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

P. WYATT ... ..Treble	S. LITCHFIELD ... .. 4
T. ASQUE ... .. 2	E. ASQUE ... .. 5
W. DARLOW ... .. 3	C. CRANE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by E. ASQUE.

STOW BARDOLPH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob, Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER N. CURSTON ...Treble	JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 4
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 2	WALTER N. ASHBY ... .. 5
TOM GREENACRE ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

\* First peal of Minor. The band wish to tender with this peal 66 very hearty good wishes to Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven extents of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JAMES H. RAPER... ..Treble	*WILLIAM J. ROSE ... .. 4
ERNEST A. BULLOCK ... .. 2	*FREDERICK ROSE ... .. 5
WALTER N. ASHBY ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR CARTER ... ..Treble	FRANCIS MILES ... .. 4
†EDWARD COLE ... .. 2	JAMES ATTWOOD ... .. 5
*WILLIAM F. RIMELL... .. 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD... ..Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

SKIRBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES E. WILLERTON ...Treble	FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... .. 4
HAROLD PALMER ... .. 2	HARRY PALMER ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. PALMER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

The band wish to thank Mr. Harold Palmer, who was on a visit from Fleetwood, for standing in the peal at the last minute.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ROLL OF NON-RESIDENT LIFE MEMBERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a brief space in which to ask all non-resident members of the above to drop me a postcard giving their present addresses, and, if possible, number of peals rung for this association, to enable me to get a correct roll, and oblige?—Yours, etc.,

ERNEST MORRIS,

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

General Hon. Sec.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK ... .. 4
FREDERICK PECK ... .. 2	JAMES HOWARD ... .. 5
WALTER KERRISON ... .. 3	JOHN PUNCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Kemp, wife of the parish clerk and sexton, and a member of the local band. The company were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Kemp at their residence, on the conclusion of the peal. The tenor ringer is 77 years of age, and rang well throughout the peal.

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

On Monday, December 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WALTER AYRE ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. BIRD ... .. 4
*MISS NORA GRASSBY ... .. 2	*GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 5
*JACK BRAY ... .. 3	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in three methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, Woodbine, New London, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*LESLIE AINGER ... .. Treble	ERNEST CLARKE ... .. 4
*WILLIAM F. BRADLEY ... .. 2	HERBERT DEVENISH ... .. 5
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 3	HARRY BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. BRADLEY.

\* First peal. All are local men except E. P. Buckingham, who hails from Springfield.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. BIRD ... .. 4
*ARTHUR THORNTON ... .. 2	†GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 5
JAMES C. COLES ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. HOBBS.

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

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. GEORGE'S, WILTON, GUILD.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine 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.

*DUDLEY F. SHELDON ... Treble	†WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 4
†SIDNEY A. WYATT ... .. 2	ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... .. 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	S. GEORGE COLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HAYWARD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Surprise on a bob bell. First peal as conductor. First peal of Surprise in the county, and for the association by a band of regular Sunday Service ringers.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's, on Christmas morning, for the 6 a.m. service, 720 Double Court, in 30 mins.: L. Moon 1, R. Heath 2, L. Warner 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forward (first 720 as conductor) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6.

**THE DEATH OF MR. GEORGE B. BOLLAND.**

CLOSE OF A LONG AND ACTIVE LIFE.

Our readers will have learned with deep regret from the brief announcement made in our last issue, of the death of Mr. George Bean Bolland, of Tong, a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association. Some two years or more ago Mr. Bolland had a severe illness, from which he made a very slow recovery, but he was able to be present last September at the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association, when he received a specially warm welcome from the members. It was obvious, however, that he had by no means recovered the full vigour of health, and that was the last time he participated in a ringers' gathering.

Born on February 2nd, 1852, and being thus in his 74th year, Mr. Bolland came of sturdy yeoman stock, and was a typical Yorkshireman. A bluff exterior covered an exceedingly warm heart and genial nature, and throughout his long and active life he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. His association with ringing began when he was sixteen years old, when he entered the band at Tong Church to take the place of one of the company who had removed from the village. He remained an active member of the band until illness prevented him from taking his place at the rope end, and his keen interest in the art remained until the end of his life. Mr. Bolland early showed a great aptitude for method ringing, and was a leading advocate among those who championed the cause of the six-bell ringers. In his early days there were many who put 5,040's of Minor into a different category to peals on higher numbers of bells. The tendency was to look upon them merely as 'performances,' but thanks to the persistent efforts of Mr. Bolland, and others, the Exercise came eventually to treat peals of Minor with a great deal more respect, until to-day many contributions to ringing made by the six-bell men are acknowledged to be, in merit, the equal of anything done on seven bells and upwards. Throughout his ringing career Mr. Bolland was ever ready with advice and assistance to those who needed help, and he did his share of spade-work. An illustration of this is to be found in the fact that at one time he undertook the tuition of two companies, who met four times each week, and for more than six months he joined them regularly at practice, which entailed a walk of over four miles each time.

Mr. Bolland rang in all, considerably over a hundred peals, the bulk of them being peals of Minor and Kent Treble Bob Major, his peals in other methods including Grandfire Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. In Minor ringing and conducting, Mr. Bolland was one of the most expert in the country. He conducted on one occasion a peal of 6,000 in twenty-five Minor methods, which was the record number of methods rung in a peal until the 'splicing' system was developed at Norbury. Another notable performance, which he also conducted, was a 10,440 in fifteen Minor methods, rung in 1896. In addition, he took part, in 1888, in a silent peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Dewsbury. Mr. Bolland joined the Yorkshire Association in 1877, and took an active part in furthering the county organisation. On the death of Mr. James Crabtree, in 1883, he was unanimously elected to the position of vice-president, which office he held up to the time of his death, and no member of the committee enjoyed greater respect than he did. For a great many years Mr. Bolland was a representative of the association on the Central Council, at whose meetings he was a familiar figure, and a sturdy advocate of the claims of six-bell ringers.

Mr. Bolland occupied for many years the farm on which he was born, and despite the claims which his profession made upon him, he made time to take his share in local affairs in many directions. In addition to his devotion to ringing, he had filled the offices of parish councillor and overseer of Tong, treasurer of Tong Farmers' Association, and of the Village Reading Room. In his younger days he was no mean cricketer, and frequently appeared at the top of the halting averages of Tong Manor Cricket Club. As in the ringing Exercise, so in his citizenship, Mr. Bolland has always been respected and esteemed for his energetic and faithful endeavours to promote the welfare of those around him. The church had in him a loyal son, and he passes from our midst full of years and honour.

The funeral took place on Friday, and was attended by a large gathering of ringers and friends, who preceded the coffin in its progress to the church. Muffled bells proclaimed a solemn tribute at the church, where a crowded congregation were assembled. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Tong, assisted by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association). The interment took place in a perfect deluge of rain, and a plain course of Grandfire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. C. Pratt, J. Thackray, P. J. Johnson and J. Broadley. Among those present were Messrs. T. Maude (Pudsey), R. Maude, J. Austin (Gloucester), J. Cotterell (treasurer of Yorks Association), P. J. Johnson (secretary), J. Broadley (Ringing Master), W. Pearson, G. Naylor, P. Salmon, W. Idle, and some fifty other ringers.

**MR. C. T. COLES' 500 PEALS.**

Tower Bells. Conducted. Handbells.

Grandsire Doubles .....	1	1	
Grandsire Triples .....	6		
Grandsire Caters .....	2		
Stedman Triples .....	75	28	2
Stedman Caters .....	60	20 a	5
Stedman Cinques .....	51	13	
Erin Caters .....	1	1	
Bob Major .....	3	1	
Bob Royal .....	1		
St. Clement's Bob Major .....	1		
Edmonton Bob Major .....	1		
Little Bob Major .....	1		
Marlborough Bob Major .....	1		
Winchester Bob Major .....	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	6	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal .....	6	5	
Kent Treble Bob Royal (Granta Variation) .....	1	1	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus .....	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Major .....	2	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal .....	1	1	
Little Albion Treble Bob Major .....	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major .....	13		
Double Oxford Bob Major .....	1		
Superlative Surprise Major .....	62	10	
Cambridge Surprise Minor .....	1	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major .....	25	4	
Cambridge Surprise Royal .....	37 b	1	
Cambridge Surprise Maximus .....	24 c		
Norfolk Surprise Major .....	2		
London Surprise Major .....	31		
Bristol Surprise Major .....	71	1	
Middlesex Surprise Royal .....	4		
	495	91	7

(a) Includes 7,011 conducted; (b) includes 10,440 record; (c) includes 7,392 record.

Rung in 160 towers in 18 counties.

**DEATH OF A HORBURY RINGER.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Smith, of Horbury, Yorks, which sad event took place on December 24th, in his 55th year. Mr. Smith was for many years the hon. secretary of the Horbury branch of the Yorkshire Association, for which association he had half a dozen peals to his credit.

The interment took place on Saturday, Dec. 26th, and was attended by Horbury and Ossett ringers, his workmates from Messrs. Charles Roberts and Co., Ltd., Railway Waggon Works (where deceased was employed as a blacksmith), the churchwardens, sidesmen, and members of the congregation of SS. Peter and Leonard's Church. The Vicar of Horbury (the Rev. Canon Hill, B.A.) officiated, and muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung prior to the service. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the grave-side by E. Thickett 1-2, G. W. Pickles 3-4, H. Rowley 5-6, G. Hunt 7-8.

On Tuesday, December 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung as a last token of respect and esteem; W. H. Mitchell 1, F. Bennett (Ossett) 2, G. F. Pickles 3, H. Rowley (conductor) 4, G. Hunt 5, G. W. Pickles 6, R. Thickett 7, G. Bennett (Ossett) 8.

**FOUR 720's FOR SUNDAY SERVICES.**

Four 720's were rung for the Sunday Services at Springfield, Essex, on November 22nd. For morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Myhill 1, E. P. Buckingham 2, E. Runter 3, A. E. Davis 4, W. E. Prail 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6. Also 720 New London, with I. J. Poulton taking part. Conductor, E. Runter. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Myhill 1, E. P. Buckingham 2, E. Kemp 3, A. E. Davis 4, W. E. Prail 5, I. J. Poulton (conductor) 6. Also 720 Bob Minor by the same band, and conducted by E. P. Buckingham.

The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy for the late Queen Alexandra, and for the officers and men who perished in the Submarine M.1.

This is the first time that four 720's have been rung for Sunday Services at this church, and with four different conductors. This band has now been ringing regularly for morning and evening services for the past five years, and during this period only on two occasions have they missed, through indisposition. This is indeed a matter for congratulation.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The total number of complete 720's rung at Little Munden, Herts, during 1925 was 82, in 15 methods. At Rock Ferry, in the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, exactly a hundred complete 720's were rung.

The first known performance of the London Scholars was a peal of 5,940 Grandsire Caters rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, on January 11th, either in the year 1716 or 1717. It was also the first known peal on ten bells ever rung, and it is much to be regretted that the board recording it was taken down and destroyed when the church was repaired in 1796.

The 102nd anniversary of the Ancient Ringing Society at Redenhall was celebrated on January 17th, 1838, with a peal of 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by Samuel Thurston, who died 85 years ago to-morrow.

At Twickenham, where the bells have just been restored, a peal of 6,160 Bob Major was rung on January 8th, 1769.

One hundred and sixty years ago next Monday, Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples (probably the ten-part) was rung at Epsom being 'the first in the steeple.'

On January 10th, 1837, the first peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark was rung by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths, composed and conducted by John Cox.

James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, died, at the age of 93, on Jan. 14th, 1818.

The bells of St. Philip's, Birmingham, will be broadcast by members of St. Martin's Guild on Sunday evening from 7.45 to 8 o'clock.

## DEATH OF MR. W. T. ROBSON.

The death occurred, on December 28th, at Liverpool, of Mr. William T. Robson, who was well known to members of the Exercise in the North of England. He resided for some years at Sunderland, being then a member of the Bishopwearmouth band. A first-class method ringer, a perfect striker, and an almost infallible bob caller, he was welcomed in any company, and he rang many peals with the Newcastle Cathedral band.

He joined the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1890, and most of his peal ringing was done with them. He rang altogether some 75 peals, and among the compositions which he conducted were Holt's Original and Carter's odd-bob one-part peal of Stedman.

On going to Liverpool about ten years ago he kept up his service ringing and practices till the death of his wife two years since. This was such a severe blow to him that he was ill for some time, and seemed to lose his enthusiasm for ringing.

On Saturday last a half-muffled peal was rung to his memory at St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland.

## TWICKENHAM BELLS RESTORED.

On Saturday, December 26th, by invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens, a few members of the Middlesex Association were asked to try the bells at Twickenham, which have been retuned and hung with new fittings and new ropes. Those present were the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Holloway), the secretary (Mr. Hollier), Messrs. A. A. Hughes, A. R. Macdonald (representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), Mackman, Mackman, jun., J. A. Trollope, T. Beadle, Bird, Folkard, and others. After a few touches in the Standard methods, the company was piloted across the road for tea, provided by the Vicar and churchwardens. The Vicar gave the visitors a most hearty welcome, and said how delighted he was to know that at last the bells would be heard again after many years, and that such a good job had been made of them by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. Mackman paid a compliment to the bell foundry for the most excellent result of their contract, the bells going so well. — Mr. Hughes replied that he was pleased that all were satisfied.

The Ringing Master (Mr. Holloway) thanked the Vicar (the Rev. Cole Sheene) and churchwardens for their hospitality, and mentioned what a great pleasure it was to pay a visit to Twickenham, as the Vicar was always keenly interested in the work of the association.

The churchwarden said how pleased he was to meet the ringers, and to know the bells were now all right.

Mr. Mackman has promised to train a band of ringers, and the practice night will be on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. Help will be most welcomed.

On Sunday, December 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was brought round for evensong.



**COVENTRY BELLS LOST.****CONSISTORY COURT INQUIRY.****FAMOUS PEAL TO BE MELTED DOWN.**

The Worshipful E. W. Hansell, Chancellor of the Diocese, Coventry, held a Consistory Court at Coventry on Monday to hear the petition of certain of the Cathedral Church authorities to obtain a faculty to melt down the ten bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, and erect in their place a carillon of fourteen bells. The Court sat in the Old Palace, Bailey Lane, and the hearing lasted some four hours. A caveat entered by Mr. R. Caldicott was strongly supported by the Ringing Exercise, as represented by the Central Council, for whom appeared Ald. J. S. Pritchett, the petitioners being represented by Sir H. Maddox.

Sir Henry, in opening his case, stated that it would be shown that the bells were all out of tune, and he called Dr. W. H. Brazil, B.Sc., who demonstrated on a piano a 'Simpson' chord, and also an 'Old Method' chord, the latter sounding most distasteful and discordant.

Professor Stanmer, who followed, said that he agreed that the bells were out of tune, and supported the petition.

Mr. R. Houseman, secretary to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, said that he had examined the bells, and, though he was not an expert, he was of opinion that recasting would improve the bells.

Ald. Pritchett then outlined his case in opposition, pointing out that Coventry was singularly poor in rings of bells, both these famous ones and those of Holy Trinity being out of action. The fame of the former still endured, though they had not been rung for 40 years. He called Mr. R. Caldicott, who said that he took action because he felt that the case had not been properly considered.

He was followed by Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who said that, from a careful test of the bells, he was of opinion that they were practically in tune, and he disagreed with the previous evidence. He admitted some slight defects, but these could be easily set right in the tuning machine if necessary. The bells ought not to be recast.

In reply to the Chancellor, he said that he had cast a large number of bells in recent years, and had tuned in both styles — the 'Simpson' and the 'Old Style.' It was purely a matter of taste.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, hon. sec. of the Central Council, stated that the Council, as representing the Exercise of some 10,000 ringers, supported the caveat. He deprecated strongly the proposed recasting, and explained to the Court why he thought that the 'Simpson' principle was all wrong, and why it was futile to attempt to demonstrate bell tones on a piano.

The President of the Council, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, who followed, said that he was sure the general body of the Council would object to the proposal in toto. There were 46,500 ringers in England, and the best of them were represented by the Council. He was against the recasting, but admitted, in cross-examination, that he did not possess a musical ear.

**RINGERS' EVIDENCE.**

Three ringers who had rung upon the bells upwards of 40 years ago were then called. Mr. F. E. Dawe said that though he had rung in over 900 towers, including 22 cathedrals, he was confident that the Coventry bells were the finest of all. He objected to the statement that ringers had not a good ear for tone or music.

Mr. T. Miller, of Birmingham, said that he always considered that 'ring' a remarkably good one. He, as a bell-tuner, considered the 'Simpson' principle as faulty, the tones were not solid but 'shivery.' If the bells of Coventry were all out of tune, as alleged, by a quarter tone, except two, the latter should be adjusted to suit the others.

Mr. James George, from personal recollection, supported the statement, and Mr. J. E. Groves stated that, though he had not rung upon the bells, he had often listened to their chiming, and was convinced of their fine tones.

The case was closed with the evidence of the Rev. H. Drake, who said that whilst not objecting to 'Simpson' tuning, he felt it wrong to destroy an undoubtedly fine specimen of the founder's art of that particular time, which, if lost, could not be replaced.

Ald. Pritchett then addressed the Court, chiefly urging that if a carillon must be put in the tower, the present fine 'ring' of ten should be retained, and the four proposed new bells tuned to match them. He pointed out that, mathematically, there was much to justify the contention that the 'old style' tuning was probably quite scientific for bells rung in 'changes,' as the 'flat seventh' would tend to restrain the wave lengths of the many harmonics from getting undue control of the primary tones.

Sir H. Maddox, having reviewed the case and stated that the witnesses practically cancelled each other out, the Chancellor gave his decision at considerable length. He said that the ringers' evidence had been helpful, and that they were quite justified from their point of view in endeavouring to save the bells. He had to consider, how-

ever, that Coventry itself had taken no action, and was indeed very anxious to close with this very generous offer of a carillon, costing some £2,500 in which the old metal would be re-used and the old inscriptions reproduced.—He accordingly granted the petition.

**DEATH OF LIEUT.-COL. HERBERT BAKER.****A NOTABLE HERTFORD RINGER.**

The death took place at his home at North Crescent, Hertford, on December 23rd, of Lieut.-Col. Herbert Baker, an enthusiastic ringer and Master of the Hertford Society of College Youths. Col. Baker had been in failing health for some time, but up to the time when his illness confined him to his bed in November, he remained regular in his attendance at service ringing. Sixty-two years of age, Col. Baker was the fourth son of the late Mr. William Baker, brewer, of Hertford, who was three times Mayor of the town, and, like his father, Herbert Baker served the public in many capacities. He took a very active part in municipal affairs, and was first councillor and then an alderman of the borough, serving also, in 1907-8, in the office of Mayor. Recently he was elected a member of Hertfordshire County Council.

**THE LATE COLONEL HERBERT BAKER.**

Educated at Hertford Grammar School, he early developed an interest in all kinds of sports, and became an expert swimmer, a keen cyclist, and a 'crack' shot, and many are the trophies which his prowess brought him. In 1880 he joined the Hertfordshire Regiment (then a volunteer battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment) as a private, and served for over forty years, rising eventually to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. He went as second in command of his regiment to France in November, 1914, although he was then 51 years of age. Although invalided home soon afterwards he was placed in command of the Reserve Battalion of the Herts Regiment, and was responsible for the training of the men who went out to fill the gaps caused by casualties. For his war services he received the Mons Star, the general service medal and the Allied Armies medal, and he had previously been awarded the Volunteer Decoration for long service, and King George's Coronation medal. His devotion to the Volunteer and Territorial movement may be gained from the fact that for 34 years up to 1914 he never missed the annual camp, while for many years without break he took part in the National Rifle Association's meetings at Wimbledon and Bisley, and in his young days was a member of the famous 'A' company which won an international reputation in marksmanship.

Colonel Baker's ringing career began in 1880, and in those days he acquired much knowledge and experience by frequently journeying to Bennington, where Squire Leonard Proctor had round him one of the most expert companies in the country. His first peal was at All Saints', Hertford, and he rapidly came into prominence in the Exercise, and in 1883 was a member of the band that put up three records at Appleton under the Oxford Diocesan Guild, 12,041 Stedman Caters in 7 hrs. 26 mins.; 13,247 Grand sire Caters in 8 hrs. 5 mins., and 15,041 Stedman Caters in 9 hrs. 16 mins. In 1892 he also took part in the record of 12,036 Double Norwich Major in 7 hrs. 7 mins., at Boyne Hill, which was also credited to the Oxford Guild. Although all

these peals have since been exceeded in length, they still stand as noteworthy achievements. Col. Baker was one of the representative band that opened the bells of the Imperial Institute, and during his Mayoralty took part in a peal at All Saints', Hertford, being the first Mayor to ring a peal. His last peal was Stedman Triples, conducted by his old friend, Challis Winney, at St. Andrew's, Hertford, in 1922. But as late as last Christmas Day he was talking of his next peal, which he hoped he was going to call shortly. The societies of which Col. Baker was a member were the Ancient Society of College Youths, the London County Association, the Herts County, Kent, Essex, Middlesex, Sussex, and Midland Counties Associations, the Oxford and Truro Diocesan Guilds, and the Devon, Warwickshire and Norfolk Guilds. Altogether Col. Baker had rung 214 peals as follows:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples .....	37	15
Grandsire Major .....	1	
Grandsire Caters .....	6	
Stedman Triples .....	53	8
Stedman Caters .....	19	
Stedman Cinques .....	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	10	3
Kent Treble Bob Royal .....	3	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus .....	1	
Bob Triples... ..	1	
Bob Major .....	9	6
Duffield Major .....	1	
Duffield Royal .....	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major .....	22	1
New Cumberland Surprise .....	1	
Superlative Surprise .....	32	1
Cambridge Surprise .....	4	
New Cambridge Surprise .....	2	
London Surprise .....	4	
On six bells .....	6	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>37</b>

Colonel Baker leaves a widow, a son and two daughters to mourn their loss. His other son, Mr. H. N. Baker, died on active service with the 2nd Nigerian Regiment in East Africa in 1917.

The funeral, with full military honours, took place on the last day of the year. Hertford was a town in mourning, and, despite the heavy downpour of rain, the streets were thronged with a reverent crowd of spectators, and a great concourse of people witnessed the final rites. The cortege was followed by representatives of every phase of life in the town, and immediately behind the coffin the deceased officer's decorations were carried. The firing party, guard of honour and band, were supplied by the Herts Regiment, and the service was conducted by the Rev. W. d'A. Crofton, Vicar of Codicote, for many years chaplain to the Herts Regiment, assisted by the Rector of St. Andrew's (the Rev. A. T. Gardner). Two hymns were sung in church, 'Peace, perfect peace,' and 'Now the labourer's task is o'er.' After the committal prayers, three volleys were fired over the grave, and the trumpeters sounded 'The Last Post.' The ringers were represented at the service by Messrs. C. Gray, E. Tyler, G. H. Baker and J. Pomfret, and muffled ringing afterwards took place at the three Hertford churches.

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**ORIGINS OF CHANGE RINGING.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—To supplement Mr. Young's statement about the Scottish poet Dunbar, it will interest your readers to learn that three different biographies give the following several dates for the death of that poet, i.e. 1513, 1520, 1530.

Provided that the latest date 1530 is correct, this would have been 101 years before Stedman was born; therefore, if Dunbar had been listening to change ringing when he wrote of the 'sweete belles of London,' we have a perfect right to assume that Stedman may have had the accumulated knowledge of, perhaps, two hundred years to work upon, and as a consequence, one can understand what a simple matter it was for Stedman (being a printer) to publish his 'Tinninnallogia' in 1668.

One can but wonder at times, when reading matter in your columns, whether any progress has been made, in the science, since Stedman's time.

In all humility may I ask the following questions:—

(1) Do we know anything more of the science than did Stedman, or later writers?

(2) Is it mere presumption for any of us to think that we do?

Perhaps some of your occasional contributors will favour the Exercise with their views on these two questions.—Yours faithfully,

OWEN KAY.

**VARIETY IN SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.**

A NEW ERA IN SIX-BELL PRACTICE.

'Method Splicing,' the new book on ringing, which 'The Ringing World' has just published, will open up a new era in six-bell practice. Already the publishers are receiving congratulatory messages from subscribers on the value of the book, and there is no question that it takes Minor ringers as important a step forward as did the publication of the Central Council's 'Collection of Methods' some years ago.

Although the ultimate end of the book is to enable the aspirant to ring peals, if he chooses, in more than 40 methods, the primary object is to explain to the average ringer exactly how splicing is effected, and what its possibilities are. Illustrations are provided to enable ringers to practise the simple process of joining two plain methods in one extent, or to elaborate their ringing until they can put ten Treble Bob methods into one 720. Mr. Joseph Parker explains the basis of splicing, and shows how 'extents' may be obtained with the use of a number of methods without repetition of changes, while Mr. J. P. Fidler describes the manner in which any ringer of ordinary ability can commit the numerous methods to memory with the least mental effort, and apply them when they have been learned. The book will enable variety to be introduced into service ringing, as well as into peal ringing, and will prove as interesting to the non-peal ringer as to the man of greater ambitions.

**PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

By GEORGE E. SYMONDS, ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

	5,280 Changes.
	23456 M W H
	64352 — —
	53246 — —
	23645 —

Twice repeated, adding W H, W H after the last M in the first part only. The above peal may be commenced at any course, adding W H, W H in the first part after the odd M.

TWO-PART PEALS.					
5,280		5,280		5,280	
23456	M W H	23456	M W H	23456	M W H
52436	—	45236	— —	52436	—
42635	—	32654	— —	42635	—
56234	—	65324	— —	53624	—
25634	—	36524	—	26435	—
32654	—	53624	—	32465	—

Repeated. Repeated. Repeated.  
The above peals have only the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place. If the first is commenced at the second course it would be very symmetrical, as follows, and produced with only 12 calls:—

23456	M W H
32654	2 2
25634	2
	Repeated.

**A 'GROSS' OF 720's.**

One hundred and forty-four 720's were rung during the year 1925 in ten different towers by Mr. F. Warrington, the methods being Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, London, Cambridge, York, Netherseale and Primrose Surprise. The last of the 'gross' was brought round on December 28th, at Willingham, Cambs, (this being 720 Bob Minor by H. Frohock 1, C. Frohock (first 720 'inside') 2, C. W. Cook 3, B. Huckle 4, F. G. Gleaves (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6.

**BIRTHDAYS REMEMBERED—CHRISTMAS FORGOTTEN.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Your issue of January 1st contains reports of 18 peals rung on December 26th. Of these peals nearly one-half are stated to have been rung in honour of weddings, ringers' birthdays, or other domestic events. Not a single peal is regarded as rung in honour of the Christmas Festival.

Is it not time that ringers were again reminded of the proper use of bells?—Yours faithfully,

DISGUSTED.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—On December 21st, 720 Minor: H. Robinson 1, W. Ginn 2, W. J. Ginn 3, C. Robinson 4, F. C. Gleaves (first 720 as conductor, and first attempt) 5, F. Warrington 6.—For 7 a.m. Holy Communion, on Christmas Day, 720 Minor, same band except A. J. Ginn taking 5th and conducting.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

HUBBARD'S BOOK.—MIDDLETON'S PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Hubbard's 'Elements of Campanologia' first appeared in 1845, a modest little volume of rather more than one hundred pages. It was needed at the time. The 'Clavis' was out of print, and largely out of date. Shipway's book was not out of date, but I do not think there were any copies to be found in Norwich; and it was for Norwich and the surrounding district that the book was primarily written. Like nearly all the early books on ringing it was published by subscription, and the list of subscribers makes very interesting reading. The most outstanding name away from Norfolk was that of Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, then thirty-six years old, and already well known as a distinguished ringer and composer. Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough, subscribes for twelve copies, an instance of the great interest that family has always taken in the welfare of the Exercise; for I do not think that the firm had any trade interests at that time in East Anglia. The great majority of the names belong to Norwich and district. They include most of the men who rang in the peals which put the Norwich Scholars at the very top of the Exercise. Charles Middleton is there, and Truman and Joshua Hurry; but not his brother Tom. One wonders why. Is there here evidence of some jealousy that followed Thurston's death and the vacant leadership? Did Tom Hurry want to be Master himself, and, not being quite strong enough to have his way, was yet strong enough to keep out Hubbard and so let in James Truman? The other names are nearly all from the small towns and villages of Norfolk, not only where they were eight-bell towers, but chiefly from five to six-bell towers.

I suppose there was no part of England where the tradition of ringing was so strong as in Norfolk. Norwich took the lead, but they were only the first band out of many. At Aylsham and at Lynn some of the earliest recorded peals were rung. Exceptionally good bands existed at the little villages of Marsham and North Elmham, and at most of the village towers there was change ringing. Call changes were practically unknown, and in my early days in Norfolk it was either change ringing or nothing at all. It was some years after I became a ringer, and outside the county that I first heard 'Stoney.'

The list of subscribers contains one vivid contrast. There is the name of John Trowse, who rang in the first peal on Mancroft twelve a hundred and fifty years ago; and hard by the name of Benjamin Smith, who umpired the first peal of Triples (on handbells) that I myself called. Trowse, in his time, was a noted heavy bell ringer. With the help of his brother James (also a subscriber to Hubbard's book) he rang St. Peter's tenor to 6,240 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus in 1778. In 1771 he rang the tenor at Coslany to the first peal (6,720) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major ever rung, and in 1817 the eighth at Mancroft to the first peal of Double Norwich Maximus. His ambition was to ring Mancroft tenor to a peal single-handed. He tried once or twice to ring her to Bob Major, but always found the job too much for him.

Benjamin Smith was no relation of the Norwich Smiths. He belonged to Alburgh, the village where Hubbard rang his first peal. He was afterwards conductor to the Redenhall band that included Capt. Moore, and, for a time, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. His best performance was to call the first peal rung by the Norwich Diocesan Association, 5,152 Superlative Surprise on Nov. 6th, 1877, at Redenhall.

Four other editions of Hubbard's book were issued. The first of these in 1854 was much enlarged, containing nearly 200 pages. The next was a reprint issued by the printer without consulting the author, and differing from the 1845 edition only by leaving out some matter. The next in 1868 was practically the same thing. The final edition was in 1876, and in this Hubbard had some assistance (though probably not much) from Jasper Snowdon.

The difference between the first and last edition is so great that they are practically distinct works. In some respects the earlier is the more interesting. It contains references to the ringing of peals and methods which are omitted in the last.

The general plan of the books is the same. First a lead of a number of the methods the author considered the best is given, with a short description of the rules to ring it, and in the second part of the book a selection of touches and peals.

In the 1876 edition the rules for ringing are cut down to a minimum, probably to make more room for other matter. They are so short as to be of little or no use, and Hubbard himself probably recognised this, for he says of some of the methods: 'The experienced practitioner will by an examination of the given leads be enabled to form more definite ideas of the rules to be adopted in ringing them than any written statement could possibly convey, as it would of necessity be long and complicated, besides occupying more space than could consistently be devoted to this part of the subject, without furnishing any adequate degree of utility.'

And, indeed, Hubbard is very weak in the purely literary and the descriptive part of his work. Even if he had given sufficient space I doubt if he would have been able to put down any really useful ringing rules. Stedman could do that, and do it admirably, as his description of how to ring the sixes, which I recently printed, sufficiently shows. Jasper Snowdon could do it, as everyone knows. But none of the men who wrote between these two had this gift of exposition. Stedman, too, could explain the theory of ringing, he could give 'a full discovery of the mystery and grounds of each peal.' In modern times Sir Arthur Heywood's 'Duffield' is an excellent example of how the theoretic side of ringing can be explained. But Hubbard could do none of this. The following is his explanation of the 'In and Out of Course' of the changes. 'It is requisite that the student should be apprised that upon any number of bells there are half the changes which are termed in course and half out of course; the former division are of the same nature as the round, and the latter diametrically opposite to it, i.e., such as will come only within two bells of rounds, or can be brought to that state by transposing by fours, which have the effect of retaining them in the same course, they were in the preceding change.' I am pretty sure that nobody who does not already understand the nature of the rows will understand what the author means, and even those who do will have some trouble in sorting out the meaning.

This and the other passage I have just quoted will give some idea of Hubbard's literary style. It is far inferior to Stedman's, and far inferior to that of 'The Clavis.' The value of his book lies entirely in the figures he gives, and it would have been equally useful if he had omitted the letterpress and given figures only as in the Central Council Collection.

There is an interesting note in his preface which is an echo from his days with the Norwich Scholars, when good striking was almost the most important thing in ringing. 'It is almost incredible what extremely small portions of time are forced upon the observation in change ringing. Assuming a quarter of a second to elapse between the striking of any two bells (which supposition is very near the truth) it will appear that an error of a quarter of that space too quick or too slow would be distinctly felt and heard by an experienced ringer, and hence the sixteenth part of a second becomes an appreciable quantity.'

That was written by a man who knew what good striking is. Many ringers are quite satisfied if their rope falls down somewhere, after the bell they are following, or if two bells do not actually clash together. That is not good enough for Hubbard. He says with great truth that a good striker can 'feel' as well as hear when he is a shade too close or too wide.

It was in Hubbard's first edition that Charles Middleton's peal of Cambridge was first printed. It is given twice, once as Cambridge, and again as London. Hubbard remarks that, in keeping the tenors, together these are great improvements on previous peals in the same methods. When the Norwich Scholars rang their peal of London in 1835, Thurston called Shipway's 5,280 in five parts.

If Middleton's peal had been available it is almost certain that he would have called it. And so this narrows the date of the composition to somewhere between 1835 and 1845, and probably nearer the latter date than the former. Middleton did not die till 1886, but he never again produced a composition of any merit. It has been said (by Jasper Snowdon, and others) that Henry Johnson composed the peal independently. I do not know that Johnson ever made any such claim. He certainly was the first to discover the reduction to 5,056, which, according to old standards, might give him some sort of claim to that variation, as John Reeves' name is always associated with the well-known variation of Holt's Ten-part. But Johnson was a subscriber to Hubbard's book, and so must have known the peal when it first appeared; nor does Hubbard say anything in any of his other editions to show that Johnson had written to him claiming the authorship of the peal.

If Thurston had lived, probably the Norwich Scholars would have added Cambridge to their peals of Superlative and London. They did try, but they did not succeed. It was not till 1873 that Middleton's peal was first rung. This was at Bennington, by Squire Proctor's band. The composition was then given as by J. Miller.

5280	
2345678	
8642735	2
6235874	5
5748236	4
3624857	5
7823564	2
6452378	3
5642378	7
4562378	7
	repeated.

LADIES' QUARTER-PEAL OF CATERS.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Sunday, Dec. 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 52 mins.: Miss C. E. Chapman 1, Miss P. E. Shorter 2, Miss P. Upsher 3, Miss F. E. Orr 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, Miss E. E. Harcastle 6, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 7, Mrs. R. Deal 8, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 9, Miss R. Hawks-worth 10.

## STEDMAN AND THE 'TINTINNALOGIA.'

DOUBTS AS TO AUTHORSHIP.

BY THE REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

## I.

How much of the 'Tintinnalogia' did Stedman write? Most ringers believe that he wrote it all; as a matter of fact, there is not a scrap of evidence, or even of tradition, that he wrote a word of it. On the contrary, all the evidence is the other way.

To begin with, the book is, on the face of it, a compilation, and not very well arranged at that. There is nothing in it that makes you feel that it is the work of a single mind, as there is, for instance, in 'Troyle,' or even 'Shipway.' Two sections at least are misplaced. That on pp. 83 and 84, should be before p. 41; while the section from pp. 84 to 90 should follow p. 50, or thereabouts.

So far from it being entitled as 'by F. Stedman,' it is said to be 'By a Lover of that Art.' Stedman's name appears, it is true, but as publisher. If his name was to appear at all on the title page, why should he, if he were author, be there also under a pseudonym? The title page is followed by a dedication to 'the Noble Society of College Youths,' by one who signs himself 'Campanista,' and who apparently was not a skilled ringer, only a 'Well-wisher to your Recreation,' and who did not know Latin, for he says he has 'seen' (not 'read') a Treatise on Carillons by a 'Dutchman' (? German) in Latin. Now Stedman was a skilled ringer, and could hardly describe himself as 'Campanista' does, and apparently knew a little Latin, but not much.

Next we have two pages of elegant poetry on the ingenious Art of Ringing, which speaks of an Eighteen Score, Grandsire (i.e., Grandsire Doubles), Tendring's Peal, a Plain Six-score, and Rounds.

There follows some lines well written, but more after the manner of doggerel, or satire, entitled 'Upon the presentation of Grandsire Bob' (i.e., Plain Bob Minor) 'to the College Youths, by the author of that peal,' and signed R.R.

## II.

The Treatise itself then begins with a page of exordium, a large part of which has been quoted by Mr. Trollope, with his wonderful facility of seeing what is not there, and of not seeing what is. Now, the first thing that appears from this page, is that it is a panegyric, such as was usual for an exordium of books in those days, and ending with some sort of a deprecatory expression to show that the wording was not to be taken too literally.

Now, a panegyric is intended to praise something. That which is here praised is the speed with which change ringing has developed. But Mr. Trollope says, 'It was not until a good many years after the birth of ringing that Plain Changes reached this stage.' I am inclined to agree with him, and to say that this is one of the strokes of genius which Mr. Trollope shows when he is writing about what he understands. But he must not say he learnt it from 'Tintinnalogia,' for that book says the exact opposite. Apparently the writer of the exordium imagined that Plain Changes and Cross Peals were worked out very shortly after changes were begun. He says that, to begin with, were invented the Sixes, being the very ground of a Six-score. By this he means that the six changes on three bells can be developed, either in the direction of Plain Changes, or of Cross Peals. Then he mentions 'the Twenty,' i.e., Plain Changes; then 'Twenty-four, i.e., Cross Peals,' with several other Changes.

This was the end of the first period of change ringing, and was brought to an end at the beginning of the seventeenth century by the invention of Cambridge Forty-Eight. This was neither Plain Changes, nor a Cross Peal, but a method which was developed into what we now know as Stedman, more than ten years before this book was published. This appears to make the second period of the history of our art, and the writer before us says that it lasted 'for many years.' But now, he says, we have advanced another long step, so that we can look forward to working out changes to infinity. Had this been written by R.R., or whoever wrote the later parts of this work, he would here have said something about Grandsire. As he does not, we may conclude that Grandsire was not then 'invented.' What he was referring to was 'Plain Bob Doubles,' here called 'Old Doubles,' and a number of methods similar to that but worse. The very fact that this method is called 'Old,' shows that it must have been rung for some years when this book was compiled.

The exordium goes on to make a few jokes on the word infinity, which Mr. Trollope characteristically takes quite seriously. Now the man who could thus jest delicately, and introduce his delicious Latin tag, could not—no, he could not—have been guilty of such an atrocious hybrid as the word 'Tintinnalogia,' or even 'Campanalogia'; and, whatever Fabian Stedman did, he at any rate was responsible for unloading these two names on the public. Therefore, we say he sure that Stedman, at any rate, did not write this. Nor did the writer of the rest of the book. For the latter's idea of 'infinity' does not extend much beyond 720. It is true that he speaks of 1,680 as being

the greatest peal that was ever rung on eight bells, but he does not seem to know how it was done. The longest touch for which he gives direction is what he says the College Youths have lately practised, viz., Grandsire Bob (Bob Minor), with 4.8 behind, 'Half-pulls.' If this latter word means that the two bells behind dodged one way for one 720, and the other way for the next, it would only make 1,440 changes in all; indeed, the writer recommends that eight bells are best rung in six-scores, with three bells behind, those behind being altered in between the six-scores by Plain Changes, from which it appears that Plain Changes were still rung occasionally.

## III.

Now let us try to visualise the circumstances of the publication of this book. A year before, all, or most, of the records and books, whether written or printed, which were in London, were destroyed in the Great Fire, and this also destroyed most of the bells, St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, being one tower which escaped. Londoners would be too busy with more important matters to be able to spend much time in replacing the lost books; thus, in their difficulty, they turned to the other centre of ringing of those days. In 1657, the College Youths had visited Cambridge, and rung Stedman's Principle, for the first time, on the five bells at St. Benet's Church (by the way, early in 1892, Dr. Nickson, the present Bishop of Bristol, was appointed Vicar of St. Benet's, and on the advice of Mr. Bankes James, I at once approached him, and, by his permission, those bells were once more rung in changes, by the Cambridge University Guild, after centuries of neglect).

The Cambridge men were able to get together sufficient material to enable the book to pass the censor in a little more than a year after the fire. But this business of licensing so unusual a work would not be easy in those suspicious times, when excess and repression went hand in hand. So they turned to Fabian Stedman, as a Government official, and he made himself responsible, as the nominal publisher.

Whether Stedman actually did any of the compiling of the work, we shall probably never know. All we can say is that there is no evidence that he had any hand in it; and as it does not contain his own Principle, it is most likely that he merely lent his name, in order to get the book licensed. At any rate, his book 'Campanalogia' was published only a year later, and that does contain his Principle.

(To be continued.)

## 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.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, December 27th, for evening service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: S. Stagg 1, F. J. Cullum, sen., 2, G. Cullum 3, L. J. Cullum 4, E. J. Holt 5, R. A. Cullum, 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor), 7, O. Robinson 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Dec. 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 1,296 Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: J. D. Harris 1, T. R. Taylor 2, C. Groves 3, J. Topp 4, R. J. Stone 5, G. Williams 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, M. Marshall 8. Arranged for ringers of 6 and 8, who hail from Swanage and Havant respectively.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, on Sunday, December 27th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: F. Webb 1, L. E. Wiffen 2, G. Wiffen 3, C. H. Howard 4, G. Lindridge 5, F. Ely 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

GREAT BADDOW.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Dec. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Rice 1, A. Richell 2, H. Dawson 3, R. Thrift 4, H. Allen 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips (first quarter with an 'inside' bell) 6, George Green (conductor) 7, N. Boughtwood 8.

## NOTICE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross.

**NOTICES.**

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**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—Fifth Annual Dinner to-morrow. Tickets 5/6. Meeting at Bristol University (top of Park Street) at 2.20 p.m. From Temple Meads Station take No. 8 or 9 car and change at Tramway Centre to No. 2 car. Peals at St. Stephen (and St. James if necessary) commence at 2.20 p.m. Bells available 4 p.m., St. James' (10), St. Nicholas' (10), St. John's (6). Dinner at Grand Hotel, Broad Street, commences at 6 p.m. sharp. Social programme. Please note that only ticket holders can be permitted to visit the University to see Great George. Telegraph for tickets, if necessary, to Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., University, Bristol.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Jan. 21st, St. Mary-le-Bow on the 13th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th (8 o'clock), St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m.; also at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th, for service at 6 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Church House. Ringing before service and after meeting at both the churches of All Saints (8) and St. Paul (8).—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

**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.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at Wrington. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. If members know of any errata in the current report, I should be glad to hear of them, that they may be corrected in the report for 1925.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton, near Preston, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at Eckington (8 bells).—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, 5.30, at the Working Men's Club. Business meeting after tea.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dilwyn on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, at 7.45 p.m. Bells of St. Martin's available 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester Branch.—The Annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Margaret's, Leicester (12 bells) on Friday evening, Jan. 15th. Ringing 7.30—8.30. Will all members endeavour to be present? Election of officers, etc.—Harold J. Poole, Local Hon. Sec., 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. H. W. Jones), at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, the 12th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**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.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—The general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea let me know before the 13th? Everyone heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—West Tyne District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Newburn on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—C. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield-on-Tyne.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. F. A. Standfast). Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by the 12th inst.? — Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Northern District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street. Ringing 3.45 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to make this meeting a success.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 5.30 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. A large attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports are now ready.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells will be available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock. It is important that all those intending to be present should notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 12th. — A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open 3. Service 4.15. Will those who require tea (1s.) please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 12th?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretaries.—J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish; W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The meeting fixed for Jan. 16th at Seale has been unavoidably postponed. Date will be announced later.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at the Leigh on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea (provided) and business meeting. Members requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 12th.—H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. — G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Jan. 16th. Tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec. (pro tem.).

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. It is hoped that all members that can will attend.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Jan. 16th at St. John's Church, Blackpool. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. Reports ready, subscriptions due. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The first annual meeting of the newly-formed district of Sleaford will be held at St. Deny's, Sleaford, on Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 till 9 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting immediately after. Tea, free, for those who notify the hon. secretary by Thursday, the 14th inst. — F. Sergt. Fred A. Holden, Hon. Sec., Elmside, Drove Lane, Sleaford.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.** — The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Members please note that subscriptions are now due.—J. A. Fenton, 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.** — The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Swan Hotel, to be followed by general meeting and social. All ringers and wives welcome.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance required.—H. Tyson, Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise me by Wednesday, Jan. 13th.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow, Salop.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 1s., and meeting to follow.

It is essential that all who require tea should advise me by the 19th inst. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1926 are now due. Meeting of District Committee in the Vestry at 4 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2 p.m., service 4.15, tea (in Parish Room) 5, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—A. D. Stone, Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 20th.—S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**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.

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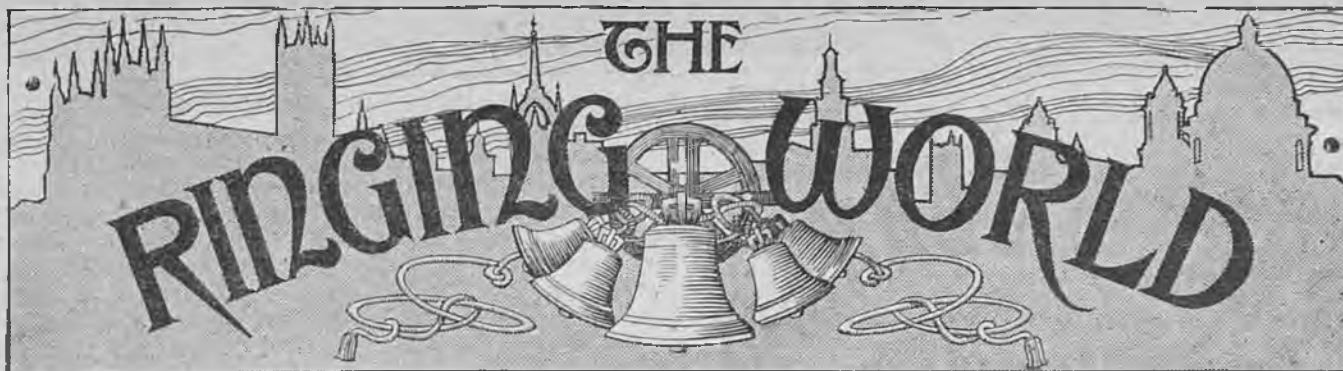
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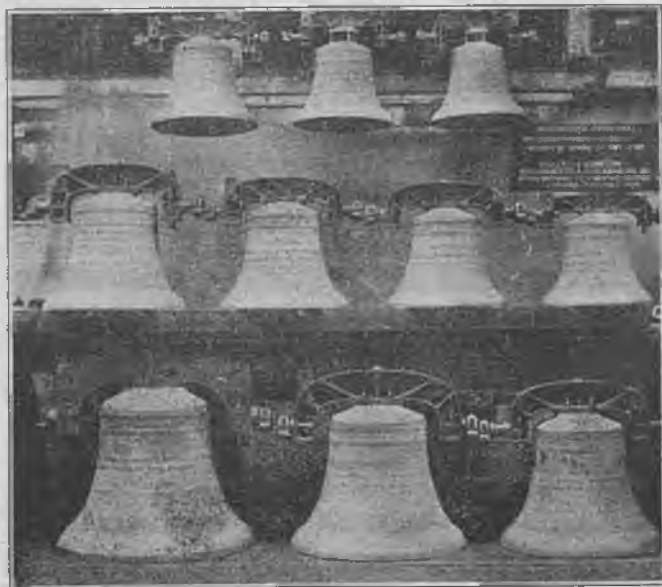
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These points having been conceded by the petitioners, the battle of the Consistory Court turned on whether there was any need to recast the bells at all, and here the decision went with the theorists against what, we venture to think, was the weight of practical evidence. Dr. Brazil, whose musical knowledge no one questions, but who, as a bell expert, was unknown to anyone in ringing circles, and Mr. W. Starmer, whose antipathy to the good old English practice of change ringing has often been revealed in the past, were the two witnesses upon whom the petitioners relied to carry through their scheme, and, to be candid, we do not think the opposition were fully prepared to meet their evidence. For instance, an utterly misleading piano demonstration was given, but these 'illustrations' doubtless carried great weight with the Chancellor, as they would with anyone who did not know how really fallacious the comparison is. On a piano one gets a chord of five equal tones, but in a single bell this is not the case. When a bell is struck the fundamental and harmonic tones are not equal—if they were,

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bells in peal would be unbearable—but the piano illustrations, of course, ignored this all-important fact.

There was one other striking instance in which the case for recasting was put in such a manner that, to say the least, put the present bells in a worse light than they really were. Dr. Brazil said that the front seven bells were each a quarter of a note flat, and he based this statement upon the judgment of his own ear. Actually, proved by instruments, and based upon the note of the tenor, two of the bells were dead correct, and the other five were each out to the extent of only from one to three vibrations per second. So that, after all, Coventry bells, which could have been tuned at the saving of some hundreds of pounds, thus enabling the authorities to install a much larger carillon had they desired it—a point which was, perhaps, overlooked in the eagerness of the 'Simpson' enthusiasts—have been condemned not only unheard; but, if one may perpetrate the crime of using such a phrase, on 'earsay' evidence alone. What we hope for in the future is not only that the Central Council will act as energetically in all cases where church bells, hung for ringing, are threatened, as in this case, but that our English founders, upon whose advice church authorities very rightly largely rely, will always throw their weight into the scale for retaining English bells for English bell ringing.

### TWELVE BELL PEALS.

EXETER.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

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WILLIAM HOWE ... ..	3	A. GEORGE BETTS ... ..	10
ERNEST W. MARSH ... ..	4	FRANK J. DAVEY ... ..	11
THOMAS LAVER ... ..	5	JOHN HARRIS ... ..	12
WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... ..	6	ARTHUR MITCHELL ... ..	Tenor
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AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

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GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	8
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... ..	9
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**TEN BELL PEALS.**

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 8
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JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... .. 4	†NORMAN PATTERSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of William T. Robson, formerly of Sunderland, whose remains were interred at Liverpool on December 31st. \* First peal. † First peal and first attempt.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5230 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Mr. J. Fitton's 71st birthday.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Thursday, 31st December, 1925, with the bells half-muffled, to ring out the old year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Kemp 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Immediately after midnight the muffles were removed, and 518 in the same method rung to welcome the new year.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

WALTER STEPHENSON ... Treble	JOHN BROWN... .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 2	EDWIN OGDEN ... .. 6
RENNIE HARTLEY ... .. 3	JOHN WATSON ... .. 7
*JAMES SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. HUNTER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by W. H. HUNTER.

\* First peal in the method on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

*KENNETH SPEKE ... Treble	†PERCY WILFORD... .. 5
W. ROBT. W. YOUNG ... .. 2	†ALFRED J. RING... .. 6
ALFRED REEDER ... .. 3	CECIL ROBINSON ... .. 7
ALF. LAING TAYLOR ... .. 4	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by W. AINSWORTH.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. Appleton, one-time member of the local company, and who, for the last 20 years, had been associated with the neighbouring company at Salburn-by-Sea.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR BOLTON ... Treble	JOHN WEDGEWOOD ... .. 5
GERALD DUNCAN... .. 2	CYRIL POLLARD ... .. 6
GEORGE KEMBALL ... .. 3	ROBERT LAUGHTON ... .. 7
FRANK BARBER ... .. 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by R. LAUGHTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of John Appleton, a ringer at this church for over 20 years, who died on December 24th, 1925.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

J. W. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 2	JOHN CURTIS... .. 6
JAMES PAGETT ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 4	THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

Rung on the Feast of the Epiphany; also a birthday compliment to Mr. John Jaggard, of Oldbury. Mr. J. George's 880th peal.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, January 6, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3	LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	HARRY TOLHERST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. E. SONE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Commander the Hon. A. D. Cochrane, D.S.O., M.P., and Miss Dorothy Cornwallis, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Cornwallis, of Linton Park.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 7, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6048 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Erith peal, including Sidney A. Stagg, Fredk. J. Cullum, and C.S.M. James Bennett.

Conducted by E. Barnett, Sen.

\* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 20 1/2 cwt. in E.

Table listing names and positions for the Leiston peal, including Charles Whiting, Ernest S. Bailey, and Gabriel Lindoff.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Chas. F. Bailey. Rung on the sixth anniversary of the first peal of London on the bells.

JETHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. (WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Jethlingboro' peal, including Norman Thomas, Harry Chambers, and Walter Perkins.

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by W. Perkins.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung at the second attempt. Mr. Basford hails from Finedon.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 14 1/2 cwt. in G.

Table listing names and positions for the Earls Colne peal, including Samuel Warne, James Fleuty, and William Keeble.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by William Keeble. This peal was rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Reuben Hunt, J.P. (founder of the firm of Hunts, Ltd., Earls Colne), which occurred on the previous Sunday.

BARWELL, NEAR HINCKLEY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Barwell peal, including E. Harry Stoneley, Percival A. Aldham, and Walter P. Whitehead.

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

The above peal was arranged for Mr. P. Yates, of Nuneaton, son-in-law to Mr. C. H. Belton, and brother-in-law to Mr. C. R. Belton, respected members of the local band, this being his first peal. He was elected a member prior to starting.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 16 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Coddenham peal, including John Gooch, George Pryke, and George Bennett.

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Wm. C. Rumsey. A birthday compliment to the treble man. 250th peal by the conductor; also his 100th peal as conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES; Tenor 14 3/4 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Warnham peal, including Walter Charman, William T. Beeson, and Arthur Knights.

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by A. H. Pulling. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the widow of the late parish clerk, who was interred earlier in the day, aged 86.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 11 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Chiddingfold peal, including Thomas Attwell, Maurice Smither, and J. R. Pritchard.

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by A. J. Bartlett. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Pendleton peal, including Ernest Cutsforth, Thomas B. Worsley, and J. W. Washbrook.

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by E. Jenkins. \* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, December 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and 2,160 Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Stoke Golding peal, including Harry Argyle, Walter J. Norton, and E. Harry Stoneley.

Conducted by E. Harry Stoneley.

Rung with the handstrokes muffled, in memory of Mrs. Annie Stoneley, mother of the conductor, who was interred just previous to the peal.

HOUNSLOW.—For morning service, at St. Paul's Church, on Christmas Day, 720 Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: H. Gash 1, C. J. Tricker, jun., 2, F. G. Goddard 3, J. Kent 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 6, C. Gash 7. First 720 of Bob Minor by ringers of treble and second.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In ten methods, viz., 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 4
FREDK. A. MITCHELL ... .. 2	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 5
HARRY ARGENT ... .. 3	JOHN BURLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to ring out the old year. First peal in ten methods by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5, and first attempt. Mr. J. Burles has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

CLAPHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With different callings.

*ALEC SMITH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BLAND ... .. 4
HARRY SMITH ... .. 2	RICHARD SHIMMANS ... .. 5
WALTER WHITLOCK ... .. 3	JOHN BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SMITH.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local company since the bells were restored and new treble added.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH)

On Friday, January 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's called differently.

GEORGE PARKINSON ... .. Treble	RICHARD BENSON ... .. 4
ARTHUR PARKINSON ... .. 2	JOSEPH JACKSON ... .. 5
GEORGE DEWHURST ... .. 3	CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

First peal by all except conductor, and first attempt. Also first peal of Minor on the bells.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, two of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT ARROWSMITH ... .. Treble	†WALTER LONGMAN ... .. 4
†THOMAS ARROWSMITH ... .. 2	†GEORGE BIDDULPH ... .. 5
†JOHN BOOTH ... .. 3	WILLIAM RIGBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM RIGBY.

\* First peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells.

HUNTINGTON, NEAR YORK.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two 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, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*CHARLES W. FOUNTAIN ... .. Treble	*JOHN K. DOUGLAS ... .. 4
*SEDMAN H. STEEL ... .. 2	EDWARD RICKITT ... .. 5
*ARTHUR H. HORNBER ... .. 3	HENRY N. IMESON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. N. IMESON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. G. B. Exham, who leaves shortly to take up duties at Windsor.

FARNHAM.—On Sunday, Dec. 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, R. Hasted, jun. (conductor), 4, S. Meadows 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted, sen., 7, A. E. King 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

G. LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	S. HOPPER ... .. 4
*H. WEBBER ... .. 2	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 5
H. HATTON ... .. 3	A. HEATH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

Rung as a welcome to the New Year. \* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor, first peal as conductor, and first peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Association by the ringer of the 5th, for whom the peal was arranged, and who wishes to express his thanks to Canon A. G. Gordon Ross, and to the local company for the arrangements made.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,880 of Oxford Single Bob and 2,160 of Bob Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN BALL ... .. Treble	BERT BALL ... .. 4
*ARTHUR BAXTER ... .. 2	JAMES HUDSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM HAYO ... .. 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

\* First peal with a working bell. Arranged for A. Baxter.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, January 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six scores, 14 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*STANLEY JONES ... .. Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
*ALFRED GOODING ... .. 2	WILLIAM EVANS ... .. 5
TREVOR JONES ... .. 3	*SIDNEY JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. Rung on the first anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

HOLBETON, DEVON,

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH-WEST DEVON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD PADDON ... .. Treble	A. C. BOOKLESS-BROWNE ... .. 4
†WILLIAM BOOKLESS-BROWNE 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... .. 5
JOHN REEBY ... .. 3	BENJAMIN MILLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by the REV. E. S. POWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WALTER STAPLES ... .. Treble	FRANK DEWEY ... .. 4
JOHN T. BROWN ... .. 2	GEORGE COLEMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur H. Palmer.

MIDNIGHT 720's.

At Abbots Leigh, near Bristol, on Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Bennett 1, S. Bennett 2, G. Chamberlain 3, J. Ackerman 4, E. Frampton 5, L. Moore (conductor) 6.—On December 27th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing as above. On December 31st, half-muffled, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Bennett 1, G. Chamberlain 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman 4, E. Frampton 5, L. Moore (conductor) 6; and 720 of Kent and 720 of Oxford, for midnight.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

* WILLIAM E. BREWER ... Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
ALFRED GOODING ... .. 2	WILLIAM EVANS... .. 5
WILLIAM DUFFY ... .. 3	* GEORGE BREEZE... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. EVANS.

\* First peal. Rung for evening service.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, January 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At 'THE COFFEE POT,' CITY.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 5-6
ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 3-4	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 7-8

Conducted by H. LANGDON. Umpire: CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

PRESTON BRANCH SOCIAL.

The fifth annual social of the Preston Branch was held at St. James's, Leyland, and was a very successful function. About 120 ringers and friends were present. The proceedings commenced with ringing on the tower bells until tea-time, and one band who preferred ringing to whist, rang a touch or two after tea, whilst the whist was in progress.

An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers and their lady friends. A short whist drive then took place, the prize-winners being very varied in age.

The rest of the proceedings, which took the form of a concert and dance, were presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. — Dawson), who welcomed all present to St. James's, and added, that although he knew very little about change ringing, he had rung one bell at his last parish for Matins and other services. He added that he would always be pleased to welcome the ringers to St. James's, and he hoped at some future time to welcome them to a full peal of bells.

Mr. J. Booth, of Standish, and his daughter, opened the concert with a selection on the handbells. This item was heartily applauded, and an encore given. A comic sketch by Mr. Hopwood, entitled 'The Tram Conductor,' caused much merriment, and this item also was encored. Other contributions to the programme were songs by Misses Alty and Bibby; comic songs and duets by Messrs. Barwise and Lancaster; also some laughable stories by the Vicar. The various items were interspersed with dances, old and new.

Mr. J. R. Taylor moved that the heartiest thanks of the gathering be given to all who had assisted in making the social a success. — This was seconded by Mr. E. R. Martin, and carried in the usual hearty manner, and brought another enjoyable gathering to a close.

**EALING RINGERS' SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

On Thursday, December 31st, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 52 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, for the watch-night service: J. E. Burton 1, J. E. Churchill 2, H. A. Harding 3, P. E. Clark 4, E. J. Walsom 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, H. A. Folkard 7, Fred W. Goodfellow (conductor) 8. The composition, by L. Stillwell, contains 72 bobs and singles. At midnight the tenor was tolled twelve times, and the bells were rung 'open' in rounds. After firing the bells twelve times, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung, and the bells lowered in peal.

This was the thirty-second quarter-peal rung at St. Mary's during 1925, and with the exception of it and one other, all were rung for Sunday service. By compiling the above total, the local band again head the list of quarter-peals rung in towers affiliated to the Middlesex County Association. The methods rung during the year were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The conducting was shared between Messrs. Stacey, Fulwell, Trolope, Hollier and Goodfellow, and Miss Moss, of Uxbridge, called her first quarter-peal of 'Ealing Delight.' The 'go' of the bells is not all that could be desired, and in view of the regular service ringing, it is satisfactory to hear that a proposal for their rechanging is under discussion.

**STEDMAN AND THE 'TINTINNALOGIA.'**

By the Rev. H. DRAKE.

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IV.

While it is, of course, impossible to assign each part of the book to its original source, and indeed it is not worth while making any very elaborate attempt to do so, we can at any rate get some idea of the sort of material the compiler had to work on.

(1) Probably the earliest is that from which the dedication is taken. It seems to have been a small pamphlet of, maybe, 16 or 32 pages. The writer calls it 'a Dayes labour,' a phrase which, even with the exaggeration to which reference has already been made, one could hardly use to describe our present volume. As the writer apologises for publishing what he does not altogether understand, the book may have consisted of some older ringer's manuscript notes, which a learner thought would be better in print.

(2) It is possible that the greater part of the title page was from the same, or a similar source. It is also possible that several of the shorter descriptions of various methods, (perhaps quite obsolete at the time this work was published) had been handed down in traditional form, from these early works, on Plain Changes and Cross Peals.

(3) Then there is the puzzle of the Cambridge Eight and Forty.

(4) Then would come the work from which the Exordium is taken, which, as we have seen, would include Bob Doubles.

(5) Then, the work containing the verses on ringing, and including Grandsire.

(6) Finally, and almost certainly written for this work, the verses on Grandsire Bob by R.R.; and (by him, or by a collaborator of his) all that part of this work which is about Grandsire Bob, together with any parts of the former works which may have seemed to need re-writing.

Whether any or all of these works had ever been printed, one cannot, of course, say, but it is most probable that both the Dedication and the Exordium were copied from printed books. The latter may have been written by a Cambridge Don, who was a friend of the writer of the rest of that book, and the same person may have supplied the line of Latin poetry which adorns the title page. (The meaning of this line is, that when we are learning, we should not lose our temper, nor be frivolous.)

Of course, by speaking of different 'works,' one does not imply that they all necessarily appeared separately. And there is always the possibility that we have here a collection of what we may call 'cuttings,' made by Stedman, or more probably a friend of his.

The vague '50 or 60 years' may be a reference to the date of the earliest book on ringing then known. If so, the Exordium may be half a century later than the Dedication.

V.

One or two points remain for consideration. First, as to the 'Cambridge Eight and Forty.' At the end of Plain Changes on three and four bells, there is a section (apparently misplaced from the end of five-bell changes), introduced with these words: 'I will here insert two or three old peals on five bells, which (though rejected in these days, yet) in former times were much in use, which for antiquity's sake, I here set down.'

Then follows (a) 'The twenty all over,' (b) 'An Eight and Forty,' and (c) 'Cambridge Eight and Forty.' The two former have instructions for ringing given, and are merely Plain Changes. But the last has no instruction; one may almost say, less than none, for the only comment on the figures is a remark on its defects, viz., that the Treble and Second never come behind, neither does the Fourth or Fifth come before. The figures consist of eight slow sixes rung on the inside places of five bells. They are clumsily arranged, for they begin with two plain changes, and two of the sixes are one row short each, in order to avoid repeating these changes when they would occur in the natural course. This method is clearly neither Plain Changes nor a Cross Peal, yet it is here placed in the middle of Plain Changes, and treated very summarily, compared with the way it is praised in the Exordium. If it were not that many works of genius seem trifling and obvious when once they have been made, one would say that the two changes which Stedman made in this method, in order to form his Principle, were trifling and obvious. He merely inserted a quick six before each slow six, and placed the sixes in the front instead of in the middle. But he was clearly only adapting Cambridge Eight and Forty, for he kept on the two alien changes to begin with, only making them two changes of Grandsire instead of the two Plain Changes of his model.

The way this Cambridge obsolete method is treated would seem as though Stedman had got his ideas for his 'Campanalogia' in his mind, but wanted to get these other methods, that some ringers wanted to have printed, out of the way first.

Another point is, why the 'Bob' in 'Grandsire Bob'? When Grandsire was first introduced, what we should call the Work of the

Method, would appear to ringers then as: (a) Cross Peal work in pieces 1 and 2; (b) Plain Changes (making third's place); and (c) a Bob (or 'Dodge').

Now, when ringing this on six bells, an additional place for making bobs (or 'dodges') was found by making second's place instead of third's. Thus, this method could be described as Grandsire with an extra Bob. Or, in short, as Grandsire Bob. Therefore, if now we are to go back to the old way of using the word Bob, in the name of a method, it must mean that the method, to which this word has been added, contains an extra place for dodging, compared with the method called by the same name, but without the word Bob.

We may also note that our author uses the word 'Dodge' to describe two simultaneous 'Bobs' (or Dodges). That is, two columns are occupied in making his 'Bob,' but it takes four in which to make his 'Dodge.'

Also, that the ringer of the Quarter Hunt (we might say of the 'Observation Bell') is instructed to give notice of every Bob Change by saying 'Bob.' That is to say, he had to call 'bob' when there was a plain lead! Whether he had to call 'Double Bob' at a Bob lead, and 'Single' as we do now, we are not told. It may be the ringers were expected to learn the position of what we now know as 'Calls,' before they began to ring a touch. The wording shows that 'calling' was a new practice, introduced in order to ring Grandsire Bob.

We may notice, too, that the fact that many variations are given for ringing Grandsire Bob, shows that the method was quite new when our book was written, and had not then settled down to any definite standard.

Finally, that the difference between Plain Changes and Cross Peals lay in this: In Plain Changes each bell in turn was pricked (or appointed hence 'pricking the changes') to hunt up (or down); the other bells meanwhile lying still. In Cross Peals, the bells all hunted up and down, across one another.

#### NOISY BELFRIES.

*To the Editor.*

Sir.—In your issue of December 25th, I see the simple device said to be the design of Major J. H. B. Hesse for reducing the amount of noise of bells in the streets surrounding the church. I wish to inform the Major, and all others whom it may concern, that the same was erected in the bell chamber at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, 40 years ago.—Yours,

HENRY JAMES TUCKER, Late Sexton and Steeplekeeper

#### TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. MEETING AT TRURO CATHEDRAL.

About 30 ringers attended a gathering at the Cathedral on Boxing Day, the towers of Gulval, Helston, St. Agnes, St. Columb Minor, St. Gluvias, St. Newlyn East, and Kenwyn, being represented.

Most of the visiting ringers were unable to ring anything but rounds, and found the bells rather difficult to control, owing to the number (10) and long draft of rope, consequently the striking was often exceedingly rough. However, some quite good ringing was done by combined members of the Cathedral, Kenwyn and Gulval bands, by whom touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were brought round, under the conductorship of the Diocesan Ringing Master, Dr. Symons, of Penzance. This was the first time that the majority of those attending had rung on more than six bells.

After tea, which was provided in St. Mary's Hall, Dr. Symons proposed a vote of thanks to the lady helpers.—The Truro District Secretary (Mr. A. S. Roberts) pointed out how difficult it was to arrange these meetings when towers did not reply. Out of the 22 towers invited only nine replied.

#### PRESENTATION TO BELFAST RINGER. CHANGE RINGING DIFFICULTIES IN NORTH IRELAND'S CAPITAL.

A beautiful pocket book and wallet was presented on December 30th to Mr. A. Abraham, a member of the St. Thomas's band, Belfast, who is leaving for London to take up work in the Church Army. The gift was subscribed to by the members of the company, and the presentation was made by the Dean of Connor (President of the Ringing Society).

Mr. Abraham's departure will remove from Belfast one of a little band which has been striving hard to keep the bells of St. Thomas's Church ringing. The chief difficulty is the lack of keenness and the constant changes in the band. As a result no progress can be made with change ringing, but the call changes that are rung are always well struck.

The custom of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new was observed, the muffles being on before midnight. The 'witching hour' was announced by twelve 'volleys,' and then the open bells burst out merrily and continued for half an hour. The heltry was crowded with visitors, who were much interested in seeing the ringers at their work.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A faculty has been applied for, for the recasting and rehangings of the peal of ten at Minehead, Somerset. A peal of six near Minehead is to be augmented to eight.

Mr. Keith Hart, who has done such yeoman service to Sussex ringing, is the only member of the band left at St. Peter's tower, Brighton, which took part in the first peal which he conducted thirty-three years ago next Tuesday.

One of the Central Council witnesses at the Coventry inquiry found himself sitting beside one of the Cathedral clergy, and after listening to the long schedule of faults ending with 'Then comes the tenor, and that is not in tune with itself,' the former whispered to the latter, 'What a rotten lot of bells,' to which the response eagerly whispered back, was 'Yes, only these wretched ringers can find a good word to say for them.' He had evidently not recognised the Council's representative.

In response to an urgent appeal from the Diocese of Jerusalem, the Rev. F. Llewelyn Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, is undertaking temporary work in the Island of Cyprus. Mr. Edwards will have charge of four churches—with no bells at any of them. The Rev. C. A. Phillips, one of the branch secretaries of the Guild, will be in charge of Kington Magna during his absence.

To-day's anniversaries include the 8,720 Norwich Court Bob rung in 1771 at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, and a peal of 7,040 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Peter's, Nottingham, in 1774.

'The first true peal of five thousand that ever was rung here' was recorded of a compleat peal of Bob Trippl'es rung at St. John's, Croydon, on January 17th, 1734 or 1735 (it is not certain which).

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung on January 19th, 1724, at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

A 5,040 of Garthing's Trebles (Grandsire) was rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn, on January 20th, 1740.

Wm. Cooter, who condemned as false the handbell peal of Stedman Triples rung by the Cumberlands on December 19th, 1852, conducted by John Cox, called a peal of Stedman 'in hand' on January 20th, 1854. It would be interesting if any of our readers can throw light on this disputed peal to settle the claim to the first peal of Stedman Triples 'on handbells retained in hand.'

A peal of 6,600 Bob Maximus was rung at St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, on January 21st, 1788.

The modern vogue of Cambridge Surprise Royal was introduced by a peal rung at Cheltenham on January 21st, 1898. It was published in the belief that it was the first peal in the method, but a peal had been rung at Wakefield on October 26th, 1822.

Bishopwearmouth ringing has suffered yet another loss by death. Mr. Robert W. Lovie, who passed away in Sunderland last week. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild in 1892, and rang 28 peals. He took up the art about the same time as the late Major Hudson and Mr. W. T. Robson, they were all members of the same band, and rang a number of peals together.

Orders for the book on 'Method Splicing' should be sent, with remittance of 1s. 3d. per copy, to 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking. Every ringer should have a copy of this book, from which can be acquired a full knowledge of the system by which many Minor methods can be rung in one true extent. To those who know nothing of the theory and practice of method splicing this book will come as a revelation.

The British United Guilds dinner at Bristol on Saturday was again a great success, and a large company enjoyed an extremely pleasant evening. A report will appear in our next issue.

Writing from Portsmouth, a correspondent says: 'The broadcasting of Stedman Caters from Birmingham on Sunday night came through perfectly. With 6-8 bobbed behind, whilst the 9th came out slow, made the bob, and went in quick and dodged to 6-7 up, the last course was very musical, the bells running into rounds perfectly at the last change of the six, after excellent striking. It was, indeed, a pleasing contrast to the chiming of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.'

## OUR CHAMPION RINGERS.

Peal ringers are really a modest lot of men. They ring peals, but it is with the utmost difficulty one can wring out of them any particulars of what they have done!

A fortnight ago we asked those who had rung 40 peals and upwards in 1925 to send us the number they rang, the number conducted, and the number of towers over which their peals for the year were spread.

Surely there were more than four who passed the 40 mark! Yet this is all who have responded. Perhaps those who have not yet obliged us with the particulars asked for will send us the details by Monday next.



## COVENTRY BELLS.

## FACULTY FOR RECASTING GRANTED.

The petition by the Vicar and churchwardens of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry, for the recasting of their bells was heard on Monday, the 4th inst., and, as already indicated by the summary of the proceedings which appeared in our last issue, was granted.

The Chancellor of the Diocese (Mr. E. W. Hansell) held his Consistory Court in the ancient buildings of the Palace Yard, Coventry, and the case occupied over four hours. Sir Henry Maddocks, K.C. (instructed by Mr. W. P. Legender), appeared for the Vicar and churchwardens, and Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Recorder of Lincoln (instructed by Messrs. Rotherham and Co.), was for Mr. E. Caldicott, who opposed the petition. The Apparitor-General (Mr. G. J. Dalton) having opened the court, Mr. Walter Brewitt, the Diocesan Registrar, declared the terms of the application.

After the usual preliminary statement on either side, Sir H. Maddocks opened the case for the petitioners. He said the original proposal to melt down the ten bells into 14 had been amended, as stated, and the present scheme was unanimously approved by the Parochial Council on June 17th last. He said that the inscriptions upon the present bells would be again used. He outlined the history of the bells from the 15th century, and said the peal was recast in 1774, and subsequently two others (6th and 10th) in 1799 and 1804 (the tenor for the third time in its history). They were thus not ancient bells in the ordinary sense of the term. The present bells were not harmonious, the first seven bells were each a quarter-tone flat, the eighth and ninth were 1-8-tone flat, and when they came to the tenor, that was not in tune with itself, the hum note being an augmented seventh (nearly a tone within the octave). He was told that these bells were cast at the worst period of bell founding in history, and that was why they were so discordant, and not in harmony with themselves. It was only of recent years that one great secret of the harmony of bells had been rediscovered. This was known as the Simpson or five-tone principle, and it was this principle which it was proposed to adopt, so as to obtain the best results. He added that it was proposed to recast the ten bells as they were, with headstocks provided, so that they could be rung in the English manner if ever fortune gave them some place strong enough to allow them to be rung. It was proposed to add two bells to match the ten bells, so that there would be a ringing peal of twelve bells; and two other bells would be added for carillon purposes.

## PIANO DEMONSTRATIONS.

Dr. W. H. Brazil, B.Sc., was then called, and gave particulars of the defects which he had found in the bell tones (as previously enumerated by counsel). He explained the tones of a bell, viz., fundamental, hum and nominal, with certain overtones or harmonics, i.e. the tierce (or Minor-third) and quint (or Major-fifth), illustrating them severally on a piano. All the bells in the peal, he said, were distinctly out of tune, their harmonics all wrong, and in most cases the hum note nearly a full tone sharp. The bells were horribly inharmonic, and indeed belonged to the very worst period of English bell-founding, the last half of the 18th century and first half of the 19th. Dr. Brazil then proceeded to explain the Simpson five-tone principle, and demonstrate its tones by chords on the piano, and also those of the old-style tuning, the one sounding harmonious and the other very discordant. (The notes were (1) C, C, E flat, G, C, and (2) C sharp, C, E, G, C.) The new bells would be fitted with headstocks, so that if, at Coventry, they ever had a tower, they might be rung.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pritchett, he said he had made a special study of bells. He had musical taste and a good ear, and could judge one-eighth of a tone. His statements were not merely conjecture, nor his illustrations upon the piano misleading.

Upon being asked if he was aware that the bells of Coventry had always had the reputation of being the finest peal in England, he replied: 'I have heard so, but do not agree with it.' He admitted, however, that he had not heard them rung, as they had not been rung for 40 years. He had heard them chimed. He denied that when bells are rung in peal in the English fashion, the harmonics are merged into one sound. Asked if he knew that for centuries they had been regarded as one of the finest peals, he said he had heard so, but the opinion only came from ringers, who were not to be relied on; they cared much more for the 'go' of a bell than for its tone. He wished the bells to be the very best and perfect of their kind. Asked which he considered a perfect peal, he replied, 'Manchester Cathedral is a perfect Simpson peal.'

Answering the Chancellor, the witness said these bells had been recast on the Simpson principle, a system universally adopted by all modern bell founders with such success that we had been able to export £500,000 worth during the last few years.

Mr. Pritchett then asked the witness if he had heard that Mr. Young, on behalf of the church bell ringers, had offered to purchase

the bells at the price the founders had allowed them for old metal, with a view of their being stored, and later rehung in Coventry, or, failing that, elsewhere?

Dr. Brazil: I have heard of it.

Mr. Pritchett: Was the offer considered by the Parochial Council?

Dr. Brazil: It was not.

Mr. Pritchett: What do you say to such an offer yourself?

Dr. Brazil: I should certainly decline it.

Mr. Pritchett: On what grounds? There would be no pecuniary loss, for you would get the price of the metal.

Dr. Brazil: It seems to me unnecessary.

The Chancellor said it would mean getting a faculty, and it was difficult to get a faculty to sell church property.

Mr. Pritchett: You know that the bells are going to the foundry to be melted down?

Dr. Brazil: Yes, but we shall have the same metal back.

## RINGERS NOT GOOD JUDGES.

Dr. William Wooding Starmer, Professor of Campanology at Birmingham University, said he was a writer of articles upon bells. He had examined the Cathedral bells, and found the hum-tones irregular. He agreed with Dr. Brazil's evidence, but he preferred to concentrate upon three notes in a bell, viz., the nominal, strike and hum. These three settled everything. The hum-notes of these bells ranged from the sixth to the seventh, and this tone was so adopted he thought by English bell tuners in view of change ringing. All the bells varied, and even one bell out made the rest inaccurate. As regards the Simpson principle, it was not a new one. It had been carried out by the greatest of Belgium founders of all time. He instanced the Hemony's, the Aerschols, etc. The system would improve St. Michael's bells. He had spent 30 years analysing bells all over Europe.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pritchett, witness said he was, as a boy, a ringer, but had never rung a peal he was glad to say. He could not agree that ringers were good judges of bell tones; they thought more of the 'go' of a bell. Asked as to his knowledge of practical bell tuning, he said he was afraid that his knowledge did not lie that way. He admitted that defects were common in bells, and modern ones must be adjusted after casting.

Mr. Pritchett: Have you heard these bells?

Dr. Starmer: Yes, I heard the hour bell this morning, and the hum-note was not correct.

Mr. Pritchett: Would the man in the street find any defect in the hum-note?

Dr. Starmer: Not unless he were a musical man.

In reply to further questions, witness said it was possible to make the bells as proposed, scientifically adjusted and accurate. The citizens might not hear the Minor third, nor could ringers judge the tone of bells. Possibly bells might be too much tuned.

Mr. Pritchett: When these bells are adjusted, would they be any better to the man in the street?

Dr. Starmer: I am not concerned with the man in the street, it is whether it is good.

Mr. Pritchett: Do you think, supposing the fundamental note is correct, that it matters one farthing to the citizens of Coventry?

Dr. Starmer: I cannot answer for the citizens of Coventry; one thing is good and the other not.

In re-examination, Dr. Starmer stated that if the bells were recast there would be more tone and resonance.

Mr. R. Ashton Houseman said he was the secretary of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, makers of bells and carillons, of Croydon. He had examined the bells, but was not a musical expert. His experience was that recasting always improved the tones of bells, and would effect a great improvement in these ten.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pritchett: He said he had never read or heard of 'Shipway.' He was not concerned with the technical side of the business, but with the administrative side only. Their experience showed that these bells are inharmonic, and when contrasted with a Simpson-tuned peal, very bad, the defects being marked indeed.

By the Chancellor: The defects would be more apparent in chiming than in ringing.

This concluded the evidence for the petitioners.

## CASE FOR THE OPPOSITION.

Mr. Pritchett, in opening his case for the opposition, said that though he appeared nominally for Mr. Caldicott, he practically represented the ringers of England, and he was supported by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Coventry bells had the reputation of being an extraordinarily fine peal, and consequently the Exercise took the greatest interest in them, and were loath to have the bells melted on any pretext whatever. He was proud to be one of the four present who had rung upon the bells over 40 years ago. He would call these witnesses to testify as to the excellent quality of the bells as a peal. If the peal was a first-class peal, surely it ought to be preserved, and the citizens of Coventry ought not to be

deprived of a heritage, simply because certain experts said that the harmonics were defective. It might be possible, theoretically, by recasting these bells to produce a more perfect peal, but he submitted that it was not at all necessary. With the exception of the light ring at Stoke, Coventry had no bells which could be rung to-day, in the old English fashion, on occasions of public rejoicings. As far as bell ringing was concerned, the city would be isolated from the rest of England.

The Chancellor: It is now.

Mr. Pritchett: Yes, but if this petition is granted, all hope of having a ringing peal will be taken away.

Mr. Pritchett concluded by stating that the ringers of England desired this matter to be thoroughly investigated ere the identity of such a famous peal should be destroyed, nor could such a desire be wondered at, considering that as a peal the bells were simply excellent.

After the luncheon interval, Mr. Pritchett called Mr. R. Caldicott, a churchwarden of Coventry until last year. He had entered a caveat, he said, on the ground that he thought the scheme had not been properly thought out. He was also influenced by the fact of finding that the bell ringers of England were against it, and because of the more than ordinary reputation of the peal. He had never heard any citizen raise any objection to the present bells.

Sir Henry Maddocks, in cross-examination, asked if he still objected, now that he was to have the ten bells kept as such, but improved, to which witness replied that he objected to the bells losing their individuality. He could not accept the suggestion that they would be better.

Sir Henry: But you have heard the guarantee of the bell founders?

Mr. Caldicott: Yes, but I beg to differ.

The Chancellor: By previous recasting the bells have already lost their original identity, and have not preserved their original form, why would they lose their identity by recasting in 1926?

Mr. Caldicott replied that he considered the old way better than the modern upon which they were to be recast. Replying further to the Chancellor, he said he was 'non-musical.'

The Chancellor: To the non-musical they are not out of tune?—No (laughter). If, however, you get five so-called musical people to say the bells are out of tune, no two will point out the same faults. (To be continued.)

#### A WITNESS'S IMPRESSIONS

Dear Sir,—Alas! the famous Coventry bells are now in the condemned cell—probably on their way to the execution shed by this time, without any chance of a reprieve, consigned to this ignoble fate by a cleverly prearranged plan to wilfully destroy 'the finest ring of bells extant,' in order to satisfy the whims of a new craze.

I would like the ringers of England, the older ones at any rate, who remember these bells, to know that a necessarily small section of us did all in our power to save these bells. It was the first time we had ever been in a Consistory Court, and, I for one, hope it may be the last, for I was as much surprised at the proceedings as if I had met Canon Coleridge there dressed as a boy scout!

To begin with, I must say, in justice to the Chancellor of the Diocese who presided, that in the manner in which the case was presented, he could not very well have arrived at any other decision. From the very beginning it was easy to see the carefully prepared scheme, and the able manner in which all in authority had been 'spoon-fed' on the five-toned principle; also that the good people of Coventry ignored the fact that they had already in their possession a national monument, in the shape of a ring of ten second to none for sweetness of tone and richness of sound. The bells are, indeed, an outstanding feature of the bell founders' art in days gone by!

I was staggered at the amount of time occupied in the condemnation of the bells—anything the 'campanological experts' could invent was eagerly listened to and made a note of. The three or four well-known ringers present who spoke on behalf of the bells, and had actually rung on them, were at once interrupted the moment anything was said likely to upset the arrangements. I am not a 'self-constituted campanological expert,' but having been a ringer for nearly 50 years, and rung in over 900 bellfries, from Inverness to the coast of Cornwall, including every Cathedral, Abbey and Minster where ringing takes place, I certainly ought to be credited with knowing a good ring of bells when I hear them—for my experience includes good, bad and indifferent. I made special application to have three or four minutes only, in order to 'build up' my various reasons for retaining Coventry bells, but this was at once crushed! Certainly I strongly denounced the 'howl' for I am sure it affects the changes in ringing, then so surely must it also affect the harmony in tune playing.

One procedure I thought most unfair, and that was the provision of a piano, for a hostile expert, who had already taken up more time than anyone else, to strike certain discordant notes, and declare to the Chancellor that each sound represented a certain bell in St. Michael's tower!

I stated clearly that I did not agree with the 'experts' who gave lengthy demonstrations on the 'hum-note,' and the 'lap-note' and all the other notes, on the ground that they must hear the bells ringing in the orthodox manner, high up in the steeple, to properly judge their tone. Another thing I made a strong protest against was the statement that ringers' ears were non-musical, and that they were concerned more with the 'go' of the bells than with their tone! In answer to counsel as to what test I applied to St. Michael's bells, it seemed that I was at once 'out of court' because I do not carry a pocketful of sensitive tuning forks about with me! My memory of 40 years ago was also questioned, but the answer that those who call peals of 5,000 changes and upwards are blessed with singularly good memories, was also unheeded.

Isolated cases of good bells may be found in various places. For example, Bow tenor, the 11th at St. Saviour's, and the corresponding bell at Exeter Cathedral, all stand out in bold relief, but at Coventry they are (or were) all good. In my early ringing days the very name of Coventry was revered among ringers all over the country—it was, indeed, a sort of Mecca, to which occasional pilgrimages were made, and anyone making this visit at once obtained the hall-mark of an enthusiast.

During the luncheon hour, the Rural Dean approached me on the subject, and when I congratulated him on the superb bells already there, he replied, 'Ah! but you will soon hear something so much better when they are recast!' I 'hac mee doots.' Our counsel, Alderman Pritchett, of Birmingham, made a very able appeal, out all to no purpose, and, strange to say, during his address, two or three fire engines dashed past outside, their clanging bells causing a considerable din. Alderman Pritchett certainly missed a chance in not suggesting that they were 'Simpson-tuned'—I am sure they made noise enough!

An offer was made to purchase the bells at the price the bell founders would allow for old metal—but no, the 'wonderful' new bells must be of their 'own metal'!

So let those authorities, who have a good ring of bells under their care, be ever on their guard, and prepared to resist the overtures of any 'experts' who may for some unknown motive, wish to 'improve' their bells!

Many years ago, a well-known bell founder told me of the finest peal they had ever cast—in fact, described it as the firm's masterpiece. I called the first peal on that ten nearly 40 years ago, and, strange to say, some of us had 'been about the country' all agreed that they were 'a magnificent peal, but they don't come come up to Coventry'!—Yours truly,  
F. E. DAWKIN.

#### COUNCIL DESERVE THANKS OF EXERCISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It has been sometimes stated by detractors of the Central Council that it serves no useful purpose to the Exercise at large, but I submit that the grateful thanks of the whole body of ringers is due to the Council for the gallant fight made, firstly for the preservation of Coventry Cathedral bells from the hands of the founders, but chiefly for the defence of the principle involved.

It is true that the Council was unsuccessful in its efforts, but that fact does not detract from the merit of their action in the matter.

It should be noted that the supporters of the faculty for the recasting were not able to bring forward one practical ringer to give evidence on their behalf, notwithstanding the presence of the 'Professor of Campanology' and an ounce of practical experience is worth a ton of theory.

The apparent apathy of the citizens of Coventry to the project is easily accounted for by the fact that for over 40 years they have heard no ringing at all, and it is a truism that what one has never had, one does not miss.

And, therefore, instead of a chorus of praise to Almighty God, for which purpose surely the bells were designed and dedicated, we are to have selections of popular secular airs for the edification of street loungers—and Professors of Campanology. It will, I suppose, be some compensation for the loss of the Savoy bands from the Radio programmes, and doubtless the Cathedral authorities can be induced to include 'Ukulele Lady' in their repertoire.

The bell founders are not open to blame. After all, it is business, and there is no sentiment in business, but ringers have proverbially long memories.—Yours faithfully,  
OSWALD J. HUNT.

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SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary De Haura's Church, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: F. Green 1, Bert Challen 2, R. Noakes 3, C. Thomas 4, T. Burtenshaw 5, E. Marsh 6, H. Stallham (conductor) 7, R. Challen 8. First attempt for a quarter-peal by the 1st, 4th and 8th.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**

**THE HISTORY OF IMPERIAL TREBLE BOB.**

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Historically, one of the most interesting methods printed by Hubbard is Imperial Treble Bob; a method long since obsolete, but once very popular at Norwich. The 12,600 of Grandsire Caters at Mancroft in 1737 was the climax of the first period of the history of the Norwich Scholars. There followed twenty-three years, about which at present we know nothing. So far as peal ringing went, the older men, Melchior, Crane, and the others, were resting on their laurels; but we must not suppose that these were years of decline or stagnation. No doubt there was plenty of good ringing, and younger men were growing up who were to show themselves worthy successors of Garthorn and his men. Some of them, like William Porter and Christopher Lindsey, were interested in the theory as well as the practice of change ringing. William Porter was the composer of Double Norwich Court Bob, and Lindsey was, I believe, the composer of Imperial. Both these methods were extensively practised in the city, and the next recorded peal, after the long Grandsire Caters was one of Imperial. It was rung at St. Giles', on November 17th, 1760. It was called Imperial the Third, and the following men took part in it: John Chamberlain, Christopher Lindsey, John Barton, James Watling, John Havers, John Webster, James Vines, and John Dye. These are all new names except one, John Webster, who had been for many years one of Melchior's band, and of whose tragic death at the end of this peal I have already told. The others were to make their mark on the history of ringing. The peal was conducted by John Chamberlain, and he afterwards rang in and conducted three other notable peals, the first peal of Double Norwich Royal, at Mancroft in 1769; the first peal of Double Norwich Major, at Coslany in 1771; and a 6,048 of Imperial at Coslany in 1772.

For some reason or other none of these three peals is recorded by a peal board, as was the custom in Norwich both earlier and later; and it is possible and even probable that other peals were rung at this time by this skilful band, of which we have no record. St. Giles' bells had been made eight as far back as 1738, but this Imperial seems to be the first peal rung on them. We must remember that bell hanging in those days was not the accurate thing it is now. It was very much a matter of luck whether the bells went well or not. St. Michael's seem to have gone well from the first, but I imagine that it was otherwise at St. Giles' and St. Andrew's. Anyhow, it was not for lack of good ringers that the first peal at St. Giles' was not rung till twenty-five years, and the first at St. Andrew's not till one hundred and eighteen years after they were respectively made eights.

The following is the account of the second peal of Imperial, from the 'Norwich Mercury':—

On January 13th, 1772, was rung at St. Michael's, Coslany, Norwich, 6,048 changes of IMPERIAL the THIRD, in 3 hours and 66 minutes, conducted by John Chamberlain. Stations of ringers thus:

John Chamberlain	Treble	James Watling	5
William Warner	2	James Vine	6
John Havers	3	John Dye	7
John Dixon	4	Simon Watling	Tenor

The peal was composed by Christopher Lindsey, and, unlike most of these old compositions, has come down to us. Lindsey, no doubt, composed a good many more peals, but they have all perished, and we can hardly judge what advance had been made in composition by him and the other Norwich ringers. The last we hear of him was when, in 1778, he rang the sixth at Mancroft to the 6,240 of Oxford Treble Twelve, then the longest peal of Maximus rung.

Whatever else Thomas Blakemore took back with him to London as the result of his foraging expedition to Norwich, where you will remember he was Lindsey's guest, it is pretty certain that Court Bob as rung at Norwich and Imperial were among his spoils. Both of these methods duly appeared in 'The Clavis.' The authors explain the rather curious title of the latter by saying that it was called Imperial the Third because there had been two older Imperial methods, and this Third was the result of improvements in the other two. What Imperial the Second was I do not know. I believe it is entirely lost. But the original Imperial has survived, and a very interesting method it is. It is, so far as we can tell, the oldest of all the Treble Bob Major methods. It goes back to the last quarter of the seventeenth century, and is older than Oxford, which was not known in 1700, and, of course, much older than Kent, which was not rung till James Barham's time.

One of the earliest books that deal with ringing was called 'The School of Recreation.' It was first published in 1684, and there seem to have been two other editions dated 1701 and 1732. The notes I

have are from the 1701 edition, but I am not too sure of the date, as I am quoting from notes and not from the original which I have never seen. The author (who he was I do not know), after dealing with Grandsire Bob, goes on, 'I shall next collect what London peals I think most harmonious and agreeable without troubling myself to go to Oxford or Nottingham or Reading to inquire after their different methods of peals, as indeed needless, and my reason is this, because I think the same rules for peals that are suitable to our London genus may challenge likewise an acceptance amongst other cities, provided their steeples are furnished with as many and good bells, and their belfries with as ingenious and elaborate ringers as here in London.'

The first method on eight bells he gives is Imperial Bob. When we examine it we find that it is the same as what we now know as Norfolk Surprise, with the addition of second's place when the treble is leading and seventh's place when the treble is lying behind; or, to put it another way, it is Double Oxford turned into a Treble Bob method in the same way that Norfolk Surprise is Double Norwich turned into a Treble Bob method. Historically there is this difference, that Norfolk actually was got from Double Norwich, but Imperial Bob is more than a hundred years older than Double Oxford Major.

Imperial Bob is an interesting example of a cross peal being made out of and on the lines of the older plain changes. The treble has a continuous Treble Bob hunt, the other bells move only sufficiently to let her pass, but instead of lying still as in plain changes, they dodge in pairs. Thus you get eleven-pull dodging at lead and behind—an excessive amount, monotonous to eye and ear; and we can easily understand that very early attempts were made to improve the method by shortening the dodging.

This was done in Imperial the Third by leaving out the internal places at the cross sections, i.e., the Double Norwich places. The result is to give you a method which constructionally is Double Bob turned into a Treble Bob Method, but spoilt because the places in 3-4 and 5-6, which are necessary to prevent repetition of rows, are no longer made on the same two bells, and consequently you do not get Bob Major lead ends. The tenors are badly parted, and the music cannot be good. If you compare Imperial the Third with Albion you will see how this defect can be remedied by substituting the Kent places of the latter for the Oxford places of the former.

Imperial Bob.	Imperial the Third.	Albion T.B.
12436587	12436587	12436587
12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
12346578	12346578	12346578
21435687	21435687	21435687
24136578	24153867	24163857
42315687	42518376	42613875
24135678	24158367	24168357
42316587	42513876	42618375
24361578	45231786	46281735
42635187	54327168	64287153
24631578	45321786	46821735
42365187	54237168	64827153
24635817	52473618	68472513
42368571	25746381	86475231
24365817	52743618	68742513
42638571	25476381	86745231
24365871	52743681	87654321

If a line is drawn through the places in these three methods they can easily be compared.

So far as the work is concerned Imperial the Third is much the most difficult of the three, and it would take quite a good band to ring it. Although 'The Clavis' printed it and Shipway included it in his book, I do not think it ever was practised in London. One or two peals were rung away from Norwich, and then the method died out. It is not at all likely that another peal of it will be rung, unless it be as a mere curiosity.

**THE FIRST 1926 DATE TOUCH.**

At St. John's Church, Hoylandswaine, Yorks, on New Year's Eve, to 'ring out the old and ring in the new year,' a date touch of Bob Minor (1,926 changes), in 1 hour and 11 minutes: L. Wilkinson, jun., 1, F. Broadhead 2, L. Wilkinson 3, W. E. Robinson 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brooke (conductor) 6.

On January 4th, at All Saints', Rettondon, a date touch of 1,926 changes, in 1 hour 1 minute, in the following methods: 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 334 Plain Bob, 72 Kent Treble Bob, and 30 of Grandsire Doubles: W. Jay 1, A. Cardy 2, W. May 3, R. Whetton 4, G. Frost (longest length) 5, F. C. May (conductor) 6.

## INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is pleasing to note in your columns that the above subject has come to the front again. I am pleased, because in my opinion, instruction to beginners is the most important work the Exercise can undertake, and, I am afraid, the most neglected.

I quite feel with Mr. Fidler when he speaks of the haphazard way in which beginners are instructed. I have seen a great many cases which have reminded me of a man instructing a sparrow to fly. He throws it up, and if it comes down again he throws it up again until away it flies; then the man stands up with pride, and says: 'There, that's the way to do it.' A great many of our young ringers are taught in the same way. If they are fortunate to have that natural gift they soon fly away; if not, they get disheartened with the hard knocks they get, and either give it up altogether, or, eventually, are content to remain at the bottom.

What is the cause of this haphazard instruction? I should say it is the haphazard way in which our instructors, who are very often towerkeepers, are elected. At our meeting, Bob proposes Dick, and there you are. Never a question as to Dick's abilities. Then again, where the church authorities appoint the man to take charge of the tower, do they ever raise the question of ringing ability? If they did, why, they have no ringing knowledge, and, therefore, nothing to guide them in their choice. What happens when a church requires an organist; the applicant has to place on the table his papers to show what he can do, and invariably the man appointed is a capable one. If we are to have better ringing for our services, and I certainly think we need it, then we shall only get it when we get the right man in the right place.

My travels have convinced me of this; where there is an indifferent leader, there you get indifferent ringing. Where is the remedy?

I often feel at a great loss to know why the Central Council do not get into this matter thoroughly. I do not see why they should not set various tests in a ringer's career, with the reward of some certificate or other. I firmly believe that this would not only be an incentive to progress, but it would eventually put every man in his proper place.

If the Council set the tests, each association could appoint its own examiners. The whole system would work smoothly, and with very little cost, and would lift ringing on to a higher plane. I very often think that our business and workings are just a little too much controlled by the leading peal ringers. I hope I am not here misunderstood. Peal ringers are necessary, our expert conductors are great men, and entitled to all the praise and appreciation we can give them, but 'Instruction to Beginners' is equally important, and ought to be brought a little more into the limelight.—Yours truly,

H. LUDRIN.

## STEPPING-STONES.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of January 1st, Mr. Fidler asked me the following question:—

'Of two Kent Treble Bob Minor ringers, one has rung nothing more difficult, the other is conversant with Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Which of the two would be the quicker to ring the Major extensions of these methods, and why?'

Now, of these two ringers the first is a Kent Treble Bob Minor ringer, but the second is, I should say, a Surprise Minor ringer. It is obvious, therefore, that the second, the Surprise Minor ringer, would be the quicker to ring the Major extensions.

Mr. Fidler previously suggested that the ringer who is desirous of becoming a Surprise Major ringer should use the Spliced Minor methods detailed by him in 'The Ringing World,' as a stepping-stone to these methods.

Again, had I three ringers, one a Kent Treble Bob Minor ringer, another a Surprise Minor ringer, and a third who is conversant with the Spliced Minor methods, I should again choose the Surprise Minor ringer as being the most capable of passing on to Surprise Major methods, Surprise Minor being, I consider, a better stepping-stone to higher methods than the more complicated Spliced Minor methods.

As a course of study for a ringer who is desirous of becoming a Surprise Major ringer, I should suggest that he takes methods in the order given in 'Standard Methods' that is—Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, Kent and Oxford Major and Double Norwich. Ringers who are not desirous of becoming Surprise Major ringers will undoubtedly find Spliced Minor methods an interesting study, but certainly not the best stepping-stone to higher methods.

Mr. Fidler asserts that eight-bell ringers look down on Minor ringers.

With this I, with many other ringers, entirely disagree. There may be individual cases of this, but most eight-bell ringers have previously been Minor ringers, and in view of their early struggles it is not in the nature of things that they should look down on Minor ringers.

W. BIBBY.

## THE VALUE OF 'COURSING.'

Dear Sir,—There is much in Mr. Fidler's letter on the above, with which I cordially agree, but on one sentence I beg to differ. Mr. Fidler says 'there is too much reliance on the coursing system.' Will he give us a better system? I maintain that if ringers were taught more largely by the coursing method, they would pick up the different methods quicker and easier. I entirely agree with his view that six-bell ringing is a good stepping-stone to Major, that is why so many six-bell ringers find Cambridge Major easier to ring than Superlative, provided they have been able to get the practice of Cambridge on six.—Yours truly,

W. KEEBLE.

## 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.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.—On Sunday, Dec. 13th, for Welsh service, at the Church of St. David, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. A. Hobb 1, D. P. Roberts (first quarter-peal) 2, J. H. Midwinter 3, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 4, T. Jones 5, J. L. Jones 6, A. E. Pegler 7, C. L. Jones 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Dec. 13th, for morning service, and as a welcome to the Bishop of Chelmsford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Jordan 1, H. Waits 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, T. Waits 6, W. T. Prior 7, J. Prior 8.

KING'S NORTON.—On Sunday, Dec. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Yates 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, W. E. Moore (first with a bob bell) 3, H. Williams 4, C. H. Webb 5, W. Ball 6, H. Withers (conductor) 7, J. Beckett 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Dec. 6th, for evening service, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: S. C. Moye 1, T. H. Tuffender (conductor) 2, C. F. Winney 3, A. J. Neale 4, G. A. Card 5, L. Baybutt 6, J. R. Gammon 7, R. F. Deal 8, E. D. Smith 9, A. T. Keighley 10.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 6th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. C. Newman 1, W. Knapp 2, C. J. Rogers 3, R. Fisher 4, G. Hayward 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 56 mins.: Miss Sparshott 1, G. Pullinger 2, W. Stone 3, E. Hinton 4, G. Stone 5, G. Johnson 6, F. Sparshott 7, A. Woolf 8, G. Pinston (conductor) 9, W. Fowler 10. Arranged for ringers of 2nd and 6th.

LLANDUDNO.—At Holy Trinity, for evening service, on Nov. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from 'The Clavis': T. Barron 1, R. Fairlie 2, T. Hensher 3, E. Lodge 4, S. Brown 5, A. Fairlie 6, J. Pulett (conductor) 7, T. Lowe 8.—Also on Dec. 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: T. Barron 1, R. Fairlie 2, E. Lodge 3, W. E. Pegler 4, S. Brown 5, J. Pulett (conductor) 6, A. Fairlie 7, T. Lowe 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, on November 15th, for evensong, being the annual Church Parade of the local branch of the British Legion, 1,680 changes Grandsire Triples, in 62 mins.: T. O. Bone 1, J. Martin 2, J. H. Parrott (longest length inside) 3, W. W. Stevens 4, S. Penfold 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (longest touch as conductor) 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Nov. 15th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, C. Groves 2, R. J. Stone 3, J. Topp 4, J. D. Harris 5, T. R. Taylor 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, J. Paterson 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Southwark, a former Vicar of this parish.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 15th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. H. Stevens 1, S. A. Baker 2, C. R. Millway 3, A. G. Wraiton (first quarter in the method) 4, C. R. Walker 5, H. J. Saunders 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, L. V. Sibley 8.

## NOTICE.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All those intending to be present please advise me by Thursday, 21st inst. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church St., Paignton.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Jan. 21st, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m.; also at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th, for service at 6 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Margaret's, Leicester (12 bells) on Friday evening, Jan. 15th. Ringing 7.30—8.30. Will all members endeavour to be present? Election of officers, etc.—Harold J. Poole, Local Hon. Sec., 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. H. W. Jones), at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**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. 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.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—The general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Everyone heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—West Tyne District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Newburn on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—C. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield-on-Tyne.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. F. A. Standfast). Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Jan. 16th. Tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec. (pro tem.).

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street. Ringing 3.45 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to make this meeting a success.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 5.30 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. A large attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports are now ready.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells will be available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretaries.—J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish; W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. It is hoped that all members that can will attend.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The first annual meeting of the newly-formed district of Sleaford will be held at St. Deny's, Sleaford, on Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 till 9 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting immediately after.—F. Sergt. Fred A. Holden, Hon. Sec., Elmside, Drove Lane, Sleaford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Jan. 16th at St. John's Church, Blackpool. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. Reports ready, subscriptions due. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.** — The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Members please note that subscriptions are now due.—J. A. Fenton, 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.** — The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Swan Hotel, to be followed by general meeting and social. All ringers and wives welcome.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow, Salop.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 1s., and meeting to follow. It is essential that all who require tea should advise me by the 19th inst. Meeting of District Committee in the Vestry at 4 p.m. The bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, will be available for ringing from 7-8.40 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2 p.m., service 4.15, tea (in Parish Room) 5, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—A. D. Stone, Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 20th.—S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Watermoor bells open at 3 p.m. Service, Watermoor, 4.30. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 5.15, followed by business meeting. Parish Church bells available after meeting. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 19th inst.?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wotton Bassett on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tea and meeting at the Angel Hotel 5.30.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. Evans, Branch Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 19th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Worksop Priory on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m., with interval from 6.15 to 7. A good attendance is requested. There are several cafes in the town. The Co-operative Society in Eastgate will provide a good tea for 1s. 6d. per head. Members to make their own arrangements.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The annual meeting will be held at Arksey, Doncaster, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) ready early. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 20th. A good meeting is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hesthorpe, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. 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.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upchurch, where the bells have recently been rebung, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. If sufficient names are sent in by Wednesday, the 27th inst., a tea will be arranged. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due, and can be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM** (Established 1672).—The fourth memorial dinner to the late W. D. Crofts will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, can now be obtained from the hon. secretary up to Jan. 29th, first post. Ringing at St. Mary's (10 bells) from 2.30 to 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.** — Annual meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. It is essential that those intending to be at the tea should let me know by Jan. 26th.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The hon. secretary, Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, will be out of England for the next few months. All communications should be addressed to the assistant secretary, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset.

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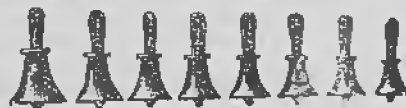
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### INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

Recent letters which have appeared in our columns with regard to the instruction of beginners and the right course to follow from the elementary to the more advanced stages of the art, raise a subject which is of paramount importance to the Exercise. It has been discussed before, but it is well that it should be brought again to the front, because it is too often lost sight of. While individuals may disagree as to details, there ought not to be much difficulty in laying down a general course of instruction, which experience has shown to provide the best line of advance in the Art, and it might be possible for the Central Council to issue some simple handbook dealing with the question, which would put the 'curriculum' on to well defined lines, that could be recommended for general use.

In our opinion, however, there is even more immediate need for some sort of organised tuition to be instituted by the various associations. There is, it seems to us, need for a general scheme setting up a system of properly directed instruction, under efficient tutors, whose duties should not end when a new band has been taught to ring Doubles or simple Minor methods, but should be extended until they are led on to much more advanced stages, and have been taught, those of them who are capable of learning, something of the art of calling and conducting. There are few instances at present where instruction supplied officially by associations takes a band beyond the very fringe of change ringing, the result being often a waste of effort, because as soon as the instructor ceases his work, the band, left to their own devices, do not know sufficient to maintain either progress or interest.

Instruction of beginners has been a much too casual business. It is really an extremely important part of the work of the Exercise, and ought to be given a much more prominent place in the policy of our associations. There is no more reason why a Grandsire band should not be given the services of an instructor in Stedman, or a Bob Major company provided with a tutor for Double Norwich or Treble Bob, than that a company of 'stoney' ringers should be shown the first step in change ringing. Indeed, there is ample scope even among Treble Bob ringers for instructors to lead them on to the Surprise methods, and if associations are really anxious to raise the standard of their ringing, this is a plan which they could adopt with profit so far as progress is concerned. For the most part, ringers now have to shift for themselves and make their own opportunities of extending their accomplishments; but, if the Exercise would make

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real progress, new means will have to be adopted. Once the associations showed the will to advance in this all-important work, the Council could then prepare and issue a manual which might prove of real service to ringers. In the meantime they might turn their energies to stirring up the indifferent associations to a realisation of the importance of the whole subject.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 7
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 8
FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 9
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT

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LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. Treble	JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 6
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 8
*LEONARD MANNING ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... .. 9
ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. 5	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Ring after meeting short for Treble Ten.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND  
ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON, GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

HENRY G. MILES ... .. Treble	ALBERT V. SELBY ... .. 6
ARTHUR CUTMORE ... .. 2	†S. C. REEVE FLAXMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE W. FRAYNE ... .. 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 8
*FRANK V. H. SINKINS ... .. 4	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... .. 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 5	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Ring on the 152nd anniversary of the first peal on the old ring of eight which were erected in the year 1772, the tenor of the old ring being the 9th of the present ring.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARM.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

42 Six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*HENRY HULLOCK ... .. Treble	*GEORGE MORRIS ... .. 5
*EDMUND MORRIS ... .. 2	*THOMAS OWEN ... .. 6
DANIEL J. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	*CAMPBELL WILLIS ... .. 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 4	*MARK SKINNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Ring with 7, 6, 8, covering. The ringer of 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 are local men; 3 and 7 from Gorseinon; 4 from Aberavon. Ring to celebrate the jubilee of the opening of the bells, and in memory of the late Mr. Henry Parnall, of London and Llanstephan, who presented the bells to the church; also in acknowledgment of the present Vicar's support in the introduction of change ringing.

ASHTFELD, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 1½ cwt. in F.

JOHN BEAMS... ..	Treble	ALBERT HARMAN ... ..	2
JOHN A. COLE ... ..	2	*GEORGE A. COOK ... ..	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... ..	3	JOHN HOYLE ... ..	7
GEORGE MARRINER ... ..	4	ALFRED H. POLLING... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.  
\* First peal of Surprise on an inside bell, and first in the method.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLF.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... ..	Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... ..	5
C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R. E. 2		GEORGE MORRAD... ..	6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... ..	3	C. S. M. J. BENNETT, R. M. 7	
JAMES GEORGE ... ..	4	HENRY SIMMONS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

Ring on the 17th anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells, which was rung on Tuesday, January 12th, 1909, conducted by the late Mr. David Brearley, and in which five of the above ringers took part. The same peal was also rung on this occasion, Y.A.C.R., No. 1,253.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

CLARE WHEELER... ..	Treble	GEORGE BROOKS ... ..	5
LESLIE OLIFFE ... ..	2	JOHN MONK... ..	6
THOMAS BOLL ... ..	3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 7	
N. SPINDLOW ... ..	4	GEORGE HARRIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

EDWARD F. GOBEY ... ..	Treble	JAMES F. GEORGE ... ..	5
HENRY HARRISON ... ..	2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ..	6
ISAAC HUFON ... ..	3	HENRY BEARDSLEY ... ..	7
CECIL J. BAKER ... ..	4	WILLIAM THORNLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

Ring with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Mary Moss, aged 87, mother of the ex-Mayor (Alderman Horace Moss), who for many years took great interest in St. Mary's Parish Church, especially the choir and ringers, and who was interred on the above date at the Park Cemetery.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On January 13th, 720 Carlisle Surprise: A. E. Austin 1, W. A. Paek 2, F. E. Haynes 3, Miss K. Willees 4, E. H. Kinch 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER ... ..	Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOEE ... ..	5
WILLIAM JUDD ... ..	2	HARRY KILBY ... ..	6
GEORGE KILBY ... ..	3	ARTHUR HARDING ... ..	7
CECIL EBBERSON ... ..	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS MEREDITH ... ..	Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY ... ..	5
JOHN HENRY SWINFIELD ... ..	2	RICHARD WM. DRAGE... ..	6
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... ..	3	JAMES PAGETT ... ..	7
CHARLES DRAPER ... ..	4	JAMES GEORGE ... ..	Tenor

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WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... ..	5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ..	2	*WILLIAM LEWIS... ..	6
*JAMES HEMMING ... ..	3	*JEFFREY J. HEMMING ... ..	7
JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... ..	4	CHARLES CAMM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20 cwt.

†SYDNEY WYATT ... ..	Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... ..	5
*GEORGE S. COLES ... ..	2	PERCY MERSON ... ..	6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... ..	3	THOMAS R. HENSHER... ..	7
*ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... ..	4	JAMES HUNT... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Double Norwich.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... ..	Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... ..	5
*HAROLD S. HODDEN... ..	2	GEORGE H. SHUKER ... ..	6
*PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... ..	3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... ..	7
HERBERT RANN... ..	4	JAMES A. HART ... ..	Tenor

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CRAYFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST NOY... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... 4	ELWIN BARNETT, SEN... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first peal in the method ever rung.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM HODGETTS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN ... .. 2	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. 6
PERCY PARLOW ... .. 3	WILLIAM SEEBLEY ... .. 7
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Parlow. This composition, the author's odd and even five-part, is now rung for the first time.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 5
CHARLES A. BURDOCK... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6
OLIVER SIPPETS... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

First peal in the method by all the band except singers of 3rd and tenor.

BRISTOL,

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

REGINALD G. GILBERT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT... .. 5
EDWIN J. RIDLER... .. 2	HENRY PRING ... .. 6
E. GEORGE TREW ... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WM. A. CAVE.

The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd had not previously struck a blow in the method, and the conductor had not called a bob.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. Treble	JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 5
GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 2	BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 7
ARTHUR CRAVEN ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, for evensong, on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: 1. Haddon 1. W. Redrup 2. L. Bells 3. W. H. Joiner 4. F. Starr 5. A. Elburn (conductor) 6.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS BIRCH ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. ROGERS ... .. 5
WALTER J. BATTLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM DEAN ... .. 6
SYDNEY F. BARNES ... .. 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 7
†FREDERICK C. AMOS ... .. 4	JOHN COOKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. COOKE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major, and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EDWARD KEMP ... .. Treble	THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
HENRY HEAD ... .. 3	JOHN WOOD ... .. 7
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 176). Conducted by WM. KEEBLE

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN HAMMOND... .. Treble	ALFRED TALBOT... .. 5
*JOHN E. BLONHAM ... .. 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 6
ERNEST SMITH ... .. 3	*HARRY BOYCE ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Kent Major on the bells. First 'touch' as conductor in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G

ALBERT GYNS ... .. Treble	HARRY J. MEE ... .. 4
WALTER BROWN ... .. 2	CHARLES F. MEE... .. 5
LESLIE E. RIVERS ... .. 3	EDGAR RIVERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ARTHUR CUMMINS ... .. Treble	HARRY GIBBARD ... .. 4
FRANK TAYLOR ... .. 2	*HARRY WILLERTON ... .. 5
*HERBERT TAYLOR ... .. 3	ARTHUR REGGALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR REGGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Ringers of 1st and 4th were proposed members before starting. \* First peal. First peal as conductor. Also first peal on the bells by entirely local band.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, Dec. 24th, to usher in Christmas, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (1,320 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Clements 1, G. Lilley 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, W. Hutley 4, W. Flitton 5, A. G. Lilley 6. First quarter in the method by all.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. WEBBER ... Treble	†HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 4
RONALD G. BECK ... 2	REGINALD F. BECK ... 5
†FRED A. TARGETT ... 3	THOMAS SNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR HANN ... Treble	*ALBERT SMITH ... 4
JOHN S. ROYLE ... 2	ALBERT BOOTH ... 5
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 3	HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal, and elected a member of the Guild before commencing. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. S. Royle.

NEWINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	MUS. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. ... 4
CECIL E. BISHOP ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 3	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

This was Mr. Jarrett's first peal of Minor for twelve years.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRED WILBY ... Treble	GEORGE LOVE ... 4
FRED OSWICK ... 2	TIM HAMMOND ... 5
WILLIAM LOVE ... 3	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

Rung in commemoration of Mr. T. Hammond's completion of 40 years as a ringer at Honingham.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK DEWEY ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 4
*FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... 2	GEORGE COLEMAN ... 5
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 3	ARTHUR H. PALMER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

\* First peal in four methods. First peal of Minor on the bells, and first for 30 years. Also first since the bells were rehung and augmented to six.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 15th, for evening, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. Barnard 1, A. Redgwell 2, Basil Redgwell 3, J. Gentry 4, H. Redgwell (conductor) 5, J. Hart 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. F. Yuill for 22 years choirmaster.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK KIRK ... Treble	GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... 4
GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. ... 2	LESLIE GROOM ... 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, whose 19th birthday occurred on Monday, January 18th. The ringer of the 3rd is in his 75th year.

SILVERDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM ATKINSON ... 4
*WILFRED BOLTON ... 2	*THOMAS F. TAYLOR ... 5
*THOMAS J. CLEMENT ... 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

\* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd and 5th are members of the local band, and were elected members of the association before the peal; 3rd, 4th and tenor ringers are from Kendal, and of treble from Ambleside.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent of Woodbine and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*FRED H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	WALTER LONGMAN ... 4
*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5
*ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 3	*HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods on the bells.

HELD OVER.

We regret that, owing to the unusual demands on our space this week, we are compelled to hold over Mr. J. A. Trollope's usual 'Notes by the Way,' and letters to the Editor.

PRESENTATION OF PEAL RECORD IN MACCLESFIELD.

After the watch-night service on New Year's Eve, the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Stevens) attended in the belfry to present a record of the last twenty peals which had been rung in the tower, which he had had printed and framed at his own expense. He said how pleased he was to present the record to be hung in the belfry, and as that would be his last time in the belfry he thanked the ringers for their cordial and hearty co-operation in the eleven years he had been Vicar. He was leaving to take up work as Vicar of Billesden, in Leicestershire, where he was to be instituted and inducted on the following Tuesday, January 5th, and he assured the ringers that he should never forget the eleven happy years he had spent in Macclesfield.

On Tuesday, January 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cater\* (1,260 changes) was rung in 53 minutes, in honour of his institution by the following: J. Burgess 1, E. Atkin 2, W. Wainsley (conductor) 3, G. Bottomley 4, S. Dean 5, H. Davenport 6, T. Mottershead 7, J. Westwood 8, J. Norbury 9, J. V. Norbury 10.

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## BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.

## FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER.

The 'Dinner of the West,' organised by Bristol United Guilds, was held at Bristol on Saturday, January 9th. The Guilds were again fortunate in having the valuable help of Mr. W. S. Emery, of the Medical Department, Bristol University, and, through his good offices, the arrangements were augmented by his having obtained from the Bristol University authorities permission for ticket holders to view the new buildings and inspect and ring the 'Great George' bell, weighing 9½ tons. This privilege was greatly appreciated by approximately 120 of the guests. The party went straight to the belfry, and found Mr. Roberts, the chief engineer, waiting to extend a cordial reception and assist in the party's happiness. The honorary secretary was highly amused to find that, having detailed a big heavy man to ring the bell, 'little ladies' were having a 'pull.' Whilst the bell was swinging, a press photographer took a picture of the party who surrounded the great mass of moving metal. After a good long stay with 'Great George,' which was much admired, he was silenced and bidden 'adieu.' The rest of the University buildings were viewed with interest, and, in the case of the beautiful hall, with 'awe.'

Ringers afterwards made their way to the various towers in the city to find the usual disappointments (not due to the lack of organisation) and satisfactory alternatives. Ringing took place until 6 p.m., and even then some of the visitors seemed loath to leave the bells and consequently delayed the dinner, which was served at the Grand Hotel. During the meal, which was splendidly served, the party were entertained with music provided by Mr. George Lloyd and Mr. Alec Clark, who were later engaged in the Grand ballroom.

The chairman was Mr. W. Knight, and the visitors included the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. John D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. Chas. Burden (College Youths), Mr. H. Walker and Miss Kathleen Jackson (Yorkshire Association), Miss E. Emu (Devonshire Guild), Messrs. J. T. Dyke (Secretary), E. E. Burgess, J. Hunt and G. Stacey (Bath and Wells Association), Messrs. S. Jones (Newport), J. W. Jones (Secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), S. R. Roger (Croydon), W. J. Nevard (Essex), J. Austin, H. Beckett and E. Davis (Gloucester), C. Gardiner and S. Hopper (Swindon), Cecil J. Matthews, J. Sparrow and W. J. Hazell (London), W. Farley (Willis), J. Dart (London), A. Wright (Painswick), and many ringers from Bath and surrounding districts.

The Chairman gave the loyal toast, and remarked that it was a great gratification to him and his colleagues to see such a fine gathering. He believed it was a record as far as members went. The success of those annual meetings was entirely due to the indefatigable energy of the hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Guise, backed with a hard-working committee, and he (the speaker) did not know how they would get on without their secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Bristol and many church dignitaries of the West. An apology was also read from Sir Thomas Inskip, Solicitor-General, who, it is hoped, may attend the sixth annual dinner. Apologies from ringers showed that those unable to attend were thinking and wishing success to the West.

## A GIFT FOR THE GUILDS.

Mr. F. G. Leaker (past chairman) then presented to the Guilds a chairman's hammer, made from oak which was, in the 15th century, used for roofing in Temple Church (the Leaning Tower).

The Chairman, accepting the gift, thanked Mr. Leaker, and humorously expressed the hope that it would not be used for what it was intended. It is a handsomely carved gavel.

The Chairman then proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and said we now had preachers of the Church of England and the Free Churches speaking in each other's pulpits, and he hoped that one day there would be the union of churches into one great Brotherhood. He asked that all ringers should take an interest in their church. His experience with the clergy was that—with one or two exceptions—their sympathy towards ringers depended upon the amount of interest the ringers took in the church. He coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. M. Paterson, Vicar of St. Thomas's, City, who had done so much for the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. The Vicar of St. Thomas's was always prepared to help the Guilds, and without his help in the past the work of the committee would have been very difficult.

The Rev. M. Paterson, responding, said that it had been said that clergy did not know what men were (laughter), but he must be an exception, as not only did he know his ringers, he actually knew them by their nicknames, such as 'Bolshevik Sam' and 'My Enemy.' He regarded his friendship with his ringers as most important in his life. It began the day when he was walking with trembling knees towards the church to be inducted, but his courage returned when, nearing the church, the bells of St. Thomas's struck out. He was not nervous after that (laughter). He felt that the men in the belfry were doing good service. He found a remarkable spirit amongst them, and also several virtues that might well be copied by others. The relations between the clergy and ringers should be the closest in the work of the Church. Many of the

ringers were most devoted Churchmen, and the clergy wanted them to take an even greater share in the work and services of the churches to which they belong. The clergy had invaded the belfries and wanted the ringers, not singly, but as a body, to invade the churches (applause).

Mr. J. T. Dyke proposed 'The Bristol United Ringing Guilds.' He said that whenever he came to Bristol he was sure of a hearty welcome. This welcome was extended to all ringers, whether they were Surprise ringers, or even only rounds ringers. He also paid a compliment to Bristol in respect of good ringers and conductors, and he made special comment upon the fact that they were not confined to one tower, or even to two or three. The reason for that lay in the fact of the word 'United.' Bristol, he said, was also showing the progress that was being made, and was in front of many places. Bristol was a city in which ringers from other places were always welcome, and had taken a lead in helping and encouraging all ringers in their work. He coupled with this toast the name of Mr. Guise (hon. secretary of the United Guilds), to whose energetic work to further the interests of ringing in the West he paid tribute.

Following the drinking of the toast, musical honours were accorded to Mr. E. Guise, and cheers were also given for Mrs. Guise. When these had subsided there was a call for a cheer for 'all the little Guises,' but there is only one. By this time, unfortunately, Mr. Guise had had to leave the festivities, but his response had been left in the hands of the vice-chairman (Mr. H. J. Way), who stated that Mr. Guise, on behalf of his committee, expressed thanks to those whose continued help made their efforts successful. He also urged that the facilities for cheaper travelling should be persistently forced. The efforts during the past few months had arisen from the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, and the question should be kept to the front.

'The Visitors' was proposed by the Vice-Chairman, who said it was a great compliment to the Bristol Guilds to find that they had received as visitors that night members of the Central Council, College Youths, Cumberland Youths, Yorkshire Association, Bath and Wells, Essex Association and other bodies. He was very gratified to find that the visitors had made such long journeys to visit Bristol, and he hoped that their visit would be a very enjoyable one. He coupled the names of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. J. D. Matthews with that toast.

## A PRICELESS ART.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, responding, said that it was largely due to the country enthusiasts that the priceless art of ringing was kept going. It seemed to him that change ringing and all that the present gathering stood for, was intended to preserve what he believed to be the British way of using church bells. They stood between the animal way, though he was not lacking in admiration for good, straight ringing, and the mechanical. He did not think there was anything else in the whole world like it in its social influence. Long might the Guilds stand for it, and such social gatherings as that present be held in order to preserve, strengthen and increase the science and art of change ringing.

Mr. J. D. Matthews, also responding, remarked how different it was in Bristol now to what it was in the days when he resided there. He had, however, the satisfaction of knowing, that in the advance of the West he was instrumental, because he was one of the band that rang the first peal of Double Norwich Caters and the first peal of Surprise. He was agreeably surprised to find the present day state of things, and those who, as he could remember the old 'rats and mice' day, would appreciate what had been done and what was being done by the present day ringers in Bristol to uplift the art and science of change ringing (applause).

Rev. R. H. Whitford proposed the toast of 'The Press,' and made comment upon the Shakespearean quotation, beneath the toast, 'I rather would have been his hangman,' saying he would be the last person in the world that would hang an editor, especially the editor of 'The Ringing World.' He thought that the editor of 'The Ringing World' was too generous in praising the clergy for giving addresses at ringers' meetings, and felt that they (the clergy) did not deserve his praise, as they were only doing what he thought was their duty. He was very pleased with the articles published in 'The Ringing World,' and felt quite sure that the editor was doing his best for the Exercise (applause).

Mr. James Hunt, of Taunton, spoke, in the unavoidable absence of the editor of 'The Ringing World.' He thought that the reference in 'The Ringing World' to the clergy attending the meetings was a compliment to those clergy who were interesting themselves in ringing and to induce all ringers to get their own clergy interested also. The editor, Mr. Hunt said, had recently done the Exercise a great service in making prominent 'Spliced Methods.' The book was a masterpiece of change ringing, and every change ringer should immediately become possessor of a copy.

Toasting 'The Artists,' Mr. F. G. Leaker said he thought after the first annual dinner the committee had made a great mistake in aiming at so high a standard, because he was afraid it could not be maintained, but he had to admit a wrong conception. It had gone higher every year. He thanked Mr. Spurrier, churchwarden of St. Thomas's, for the active interest he had displayed in securing, by

kind permission of the Prince's Theatre, a flying visit of Messrs. Teddy Brogden and Walter Outhwaite, the dame and demon respectively of the Prince's Theatre pantomime, whose items will long remain a happy memory. They were 'just great.' He also thanked Mrs. William Snowden and Mr. Charles Read (accompanist). The latter one of the busiest men in Bristol's musical circles. To both they owed an immense debt of gratitude, for so willingly giving their services year after year.

The following also contributed to the delightful musical items: Miss Ivy Baker (contralto), Miss Stella Walters (elocutionist), Mr. Fred Esbester (in some Bransby Williams' character studies), Mr. G. Palmer (violin solos), and the Guilds' great friend, Mr. Herbert Spiller, the baritone of whom Bristol is so justly proud. That every artist was recalled for an 'extra' conveys the true sense of the company's appreciation.—Mr. Read responded to the toast.

The proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

#### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. RECORD YEAR DESPITE LACK OF ENTHUSIASM IN NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of Nottingham District was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 2nd, and was attended by the vice-president (Mr. A. Coppock), Mr. F. Blood (hon. local secretary), Mr. F. W. Bailey (a member of the committee), Mr. H. Walker (Doncaster), and representatives from Beeston, Bottesford, Greasley, Ilkeston, St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Nottingham, Lenton. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., and the meeting was held in the tower at 6 p.m., the vice-president being in the chair.

The secretary's report was read, and, after several members had offered congratulations on the successful condition of the district, and warmly praised the local secretary for his work.—The report was passed.

The Secretary stated that the year had again been a record as regards members and financially. Eleven monthly and quarterly meetings had been held, and the attendance at some was good, but at others not very encouraging. He therefore appealed to the members to try and make the present year a record for attendance at these gatherings. It was with regret the Wollaton meeting was abandoned owing to the death of Queen Alexandra, but the permission still held good, so he trusted they would pay this promised visit early in the new year. They had lost by death two ordinary members in Mr. E. Foster (Bulwell) and Mr. G. Oldham (late of Beeston), also two old hon. members in Mr. G. H. Johnson and Mr. J. Woolley. The association was represented at three out of the four funerals. The position of the district now stood as follows:

Hon. members 34, a nett increase of 3; ringing members 205, a nett increase of 16. In addition to the above, three life members were also elected in peal attempts. Total receipts amounted to £25 2s. 6d., and the hon. local secretary's expenses to £1 3s., leaving a balance on the year of £23 19s. 6d. Eleven members were in arrears on December 31st, 1925. The receipts did not include the hon. members' subscription obtained through the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers), which, when added to the above, would reach nearly £30, which was a record for the district. During the secretary's three years of office the receipts had risen from £12. He asked the members seriously to consider the question, now that the association was in a good financial position, of making some allowance to the local secretaries, on whom depended the success or failure of the branches. The secretaries had to incur expenses out of their own pockets, and were not always in a position to afford the expenses of seeing others' pleasures assured. Having now held the position three years, he would be very grateful to be relieved of the duties, as he felt it might do good to have a change.

The secretary, having been induced to undertake office for another year, the officers were re-elected en bloc.

It is a matter of regret that so little enthusiasm was displayed amongst the members; that there were only fifteen present out of a membership of 200; representing seven towers out of 21 affiliated. The secretary appeals to the members to assist during the present year to alter this state of things and give the officers more encouragement.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.

A successful meeting of the Loughborough District was held at Loughborough on January 9th, when some 80 ringers from various parts of the country sat down to tea. The bells of the Parish Church and at the bell foundry were utilised during the afternoon and evening, some admirably struck touches on Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal being brought round. The Rev. — Street acted as chairman at the business meeting, in the place of Canon Briggs, who was away through illness. Two new members were elected, viz.: Mr. Allen W. Rands, of Hugglescote, and Miss B. M. Bailey, of Loughborough.

Canon Briggs was again elected as president, Mr. J. Saddington as hon. district secretary, and Mr. J. H. Dean, of Hugglescote, and David Collins, Loughborough, on the committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the district secretary for his past services, also to the Rector and to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. for their kind permission to ring and for enabling the visitors to look round the foundry.

Hugglescote was chosen as the next place of meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Monmouthshire town of Usk is now in possession of a fine new ring of eight bells which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have supplied, by recasting the old six and adding two trebles. They were dedicated on January 13th by the Bishop of the Diocese. The peal, which has been replaced, was cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1713.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, as president of the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute, was in the chair at the annual dinner of the organisation in Glasgow on January 15th, when the guests included Sir John Gilmour, Secretary of State for Scotland. Mr. A. A. Hughes (of the Whitechapel Foundry) and Mrs. Hughes were among the party of 350, and Mrs. Hughes delighted the company with her handbell selections, playing with marvellous skill, 'Laud of Hope and Glory,' 'Solvieg's Song' and 'Annie Laurie.'

The Rev. Bernard Oliver Francis Heywood, M.A., Vicar of Leeds, has been appointed to the Bishopric of Southwell, vacant by the death of the Rt. Rev. Sir Edwyn Hoskyns. The new Bishop was a cousin of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, and he was last year's guest of honour at the Snowdon Memorial Dinner at Leeds. His presence resulted in a renewal of interest in the need for bell restoration at Leeds Parish Church, and it is to be hoped that his departure will not result in losing sight of the necessity for the work.

A conducting performance of more than ordinary interest, and, may we say, merit, was that achieved at Bushey, Herts, on Saturday, when Mr. Maurice Hibbert called an 'odd and even' bob peal of Stedman Triples from the tenor. This peal is in five equal parts, has 400 calls, and this is the first time it has been rung. It is the composition of Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland.

A peal is to be attempted on Saturday at Croylund Abbey, Lincs, on the famous old bells which were heard both near and far when broadcast quite recently.

In reference to the peal rung at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, last Saturday, it is interesting to note that it was rung on the 152nd anniversary of the first peal on the old ring of eight bells, which hung in the old tower before the present handsome steeple was built, and which were placed there in 1772. When the new tower was erected and the bells augmented to ten, all the old peal boards were restored and hung in the ringing chamber. Among them is one recording this ancient performance, worded as follows: 'Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1774. The Society of London Youths rang in this steeple the true and complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hours and 10 minutes, it being the first complete peal ever rung on these bells. Performed by: Edward Butler treble, Jno. Frazier 2, Wm. Hadden 3, Thos. Groves 4, Fras. Beale 5, Davd. Davis 6, Edwd. Fagin 7, Jno. Tofield tenor. The peal was called by Jno. Frazier. Mr. Thos. Stokes, Mr. Jno. Fossbrook, churchwardens.'

The St. James's Society rang the first peal of Stedman Caters at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill (one of the London churches where little ringing is now done), on Jan. 24th, 1857. Some well-known men of that day took part, including Cooler, Mat. Wood, Stockham, Nobles and Haworth. A peal of 5094 Grandsire Caters was rung here on Jan. 28th, 1751.

By a coincidence two false peals of more than ordinary length were rung in Gloucestershire on Jan. 25th, 1842. One was 8105 Stedman Caters at Painswick, and the other 8081 Grandsire Caters at Stroud.

On Jan. 26th, 1735, a peal of 10,080 'Bob Majors' was rung in 6 hrs. 40 mins. at Fulham, by the Fulham Youths. The anniversary of a 10,386 Grandsire Caters, rung at Kingston, Surrey, occurs on Jan. 27th. This peal was rung in the year 1803.

One hundred and ten years ago next Thursday, was rung at Richmond, Surrey, 'a complete Peal of real Double Eight in, 5040 changes, with two bobs in a lead, as many 7th's as 2nd's, with bobs behind and before alternately.' There must have been a good band, who kept well together for some time, at this church about that period, for seven of the company who rang in the peal referred to, took part in 8448 Oxford Treble Bob on the same bells in December, 1810, over five years before, and five of those in the 1810 peal rang in the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells in 1824. The conductor of all three of these peals was George Cole.

## THE GRAMOPHONE AND CHANGE RINGING

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—Although I have quite recently made inquiries from all the producers of records known to me, I have so far found it impossible to obtain any gramophone records of actual change ringing. There are, however, records by the Gramophone Company ('His Master's Voice' series) of a few leads of Grandsire Caters, and also of some call changes, both tapped on the Rouneville carillon. In this respect, the gramophone appears to be at a disadvantage, as compared with 'wireless,' the latter having given the public at least occasional displays of scientific change ringing.

Do any of your readers know if any gramophone records of actual change ringing are to be obtained? And if so, might I suggest it would be of interest to have the information through the medium of your columns?—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.



## COVENTRY BELLS' INQUIRY.

(Continued from page 42.)

### WELL-KNOWN RINGERS GIVE EVIDENCE.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, next gave evidence. He said that his firm were responsible for casting the present bells in 1774. He had made a great study of bells and their tones, going back over a long period. He certainly did not agree that these bells were cast at the worst period, so much depended on the foundry. As a matter of fact, the 18th century was better than the 17th.

Asked by the Chancellor as to what was the worst period, he replied that the first half of the last century was.

In further examination he said that at the same period they had cast three very similar peals to the one in question, viz., Steppney, Rotherham and Wakefield, all considered good peals; but he thought Coventry still better, and undoubtedly a very fine peal.

The Chancellor: Your firm have cast a number of peals of different kinds?

Mr. Hughes: Yes, we have cast many hundreds of peals, some vary, certain peals stand out, and always have done so. He had always heard Coventry bells well spoken of.

Further evidence was then given as to the history of the bells, and Mr. Hughes was examined as to his report. He said that he had recently inspected the bells, and closely checked their 'tap-tones' with the aid of specially tested forks. He certainly could not agree with Drs. Brazil and Starmer. As an old peal the bells were remarkably in tune. He pointed out that only the 9th had any appreciable error, viz., 0.25 of a tone, or 5½ vibrations per second out in a total of 308. So much for the main tones. He then described the 'hum-notes.' These were not based upon the octave, but varied from a seventh to an augmented seventh. As regards the 'fundamentals,' the faults were quite negligible, and as to the 'hum-notes,' they could, if it were desired to bring them into accord with present foundry practice, be readily adjusted by the modern tuning machine.

Asked what he would propose, he said it would be better to have the four new bells cast to agree with the old ten, that was, cast upon the old line, with a flat seventh 'hum-note.' In further reply, he said that he thought that the latter had been adopted because in change ringing it was more pleasing to the ear. Nothing useful would be effected by the proposed recasting.

The Chancellor: Would there be an improvement if the peal were recast for chiming purposes only?

Mr. Hughes: Some improvement might be noticed by those with very musical ears.

The Chancellor: Would it not be noticed by the great majority of people?

Mr. Hughes: I cannot say, my experience is (and I have spoken to many on the subject) that most people are quite surprised when I tell them that there is more than one note in a bell.

Sir Henry Maddocks (cross-examining): Then, Mr. Hughes, we may now take it that there are two kinds of peals, one in perfect tune suitable for weddings, and the other out of tune, to ring for funerals? (laughter). At any rate, you will agree that the peal would sound better if the defects which you have enumerated were removed?

Mr. Hughes: Undoubtedly.

Sir Henry: And still better if improved on the five-tone principle?

Mr. Hughes: That is a matter of opinion. Some people object to bells being tuned on the 'Simpson' principle.

The Chancellor: And some people object to bells being tuned at all (laughter).

The Chancellor followed his remark by a series of questions as to bell-tones, and also as to modern practice in the various foundries.—In replying, Mr. Hughes said that the present day foundry cast a large number of 'Simpson' tuned bells, and they had at Whitechapel cast many such. His experience was, however, that whilst many might prefer one style, there were, on the other hand, many who preferred the other. He found himself that, as regards tone, a flat seventh gave a certain quality of tone or character to a bell. The 'Simpson' principle had now, however, become very generally adopted.

Sir Henry: What objection can you urge against the 'Simpson' tuning?

Mr. Hughes: My objection, especially in the case of very heavy bells such as we have here, is that the harmonic overtones are very greatly accentuated, producing a howl which is very disagreeable to many people.

The Chancellor: If you were asked to produce again such a peal of bells from your foundry, I take it, then, that you would cast them in the same manner?

Mr. Hughes: Yes, but with the 'hum-notes' adjusted to a more uniform pitch.

### OLD BELLS NOT FOR SALE.

Mr. E. A. Young, district surveyor for Lewisham, in giving evidence, said that he had been a ringer for some 35 years. He was

the present secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, which represented the Ringing Guilds throughout the country. It represented some 10,000 ringers, but it was impossible to give the exact figures. There were, however, 140 delegates who were sent by the Guilds. On the instructions of the President and the Standing Committee, he had, last June and since, taken whatever steps he could to save the Coventry bells. As a ringer he had always understood that these bells stood foremost among the bells of England, and as secretary of the Council he desired, on its behalf, to heartily deprecate the proposed destruction of them. He supported the caveat entered by Mr. Caldicoit.

Mr. Pritchett: Do you know Shipway's book?

Mr. Young: Yes, it was published in 1816.

Does it contain a list of bell towers?—Yes, and it quotes Coventry amongst the famous peals.

Sir Henry Maddocks, intervening, said he objected to the evidence, and eventually the Chancellor said: I think we can all agree that Coventry's bells are famous, and we will do our best to preserve them.

In further examination, Mr. Young said that he had made a study of bell-tones, had a musical ear, and did not agree with 'Simpson' tuning. He considered it wrong to melt down these bells.

Mr. Pritchett: Did you, last June, on behalf of the ringers of England, offer to guarantee the purchase of these bells?

Mr. Young: Yes, my object being to store them for Coventry until in better times the proposed campanile should have been built.

Sir Henry Maddocks, cross-examining: You have heard all the experts' evidence to-day, that these bells would be considerably improved by recasting and retuning. Do you disagree with it?

Witness: I do.

Sir Henry: What, entirely?—Yes.

Sir Henry: But your own Mr. Hughes says they can be improved. Do you disagree with him, too?

Mr. Young: Yes, I say let well alone.

Sir Henry, proceeding to put questions as to the chords by which tones had been demonstrated on the piano, Mr. Young admitted that the one was harmonious and the other discordant.

Sir Henry: Then you admit that our bells are discordant?

Mr. Young: I admit nothing of the kind, what I say is that it is futile to attempt to demonstrate such tones upon a piano.

A bell is a musical instrument, he added, but of a totally different kind; it has very indeterminate tones, as to the theory of which it was desirable that they should know far more than they did at present. He further elaborated this, and said that he considered it wrong for the 'Simpsonians' to attempt to push their theory by piano demonstrations as they often did.

Replying to the Chancellor, Mr. Young said that he was convinced that our bell foundry in the 17th century definitely adopted the flat seventh 'hum-note' from sheer knowledge that it was an improvement, consequently the 'Simpson reversion' was wrong.

The Chancellor: Why was the flat seventh adopted?

Mr. Young: It was put there to fulfil the function of keeping certain of the upper harmonies in check, and to brighten and give character to the 'tap-tone' and further to reduce what we know as the 'Simpson-howl.'

Mr. Young offered to refer to a standard book on the 'sounds of musical instruments,' and said he would be pleased to give the Court an imitation of the 'Simpson-howl.'

The Chancellor: Please don't, I think we will imagine it (laughter).

Sir Henry Maddocks then questioned the witness at some length in respect to the offer to buy the bells and the reasons underlying it—if the ringers expected to make money by re-selling at a bigger price—and why he was so suspicious that he could not leave them in the tower where at least they could be chimed.

Mr. Young replied, in effect, that he had thought the Cathedral might require further funds. The offer might be quixotic, but it was bona fide, and Coventry would have had the bells back at cost. He agreed that the bells might remain in the tower for chiming. He was always pleased that bells should remain in their towers, as all sorts of unfortunate accidents often happened to them when they left it.

The Chancellor: What do you mean?

Mr. Young: Well they might get cracked, or otherwise injured in lowering, or in their long journey to and from London.

Sir Henry: You would rather they went to Taylors?

Mr. Young: Yes, it certainly has the advantage of being nearer.

Sir Henry concluded his cross-examination by saying, 'Our bells are not for sale.'

### 46,500 RINGERS.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, M.A., then gave evidence. He said that he was the President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and he had had 50 years' experience of ringing, from the time he was at Oxford until now. He had rung peals of from 5,000 to 15,000 changes. The question had been asked as to the number of ringers. He was able to state that there were according to a recent census, 46,500, and all the best of them were in touch with the Central

Council. He had always known that the Cathedral Church of St. Michael at Coventry was famous for its bells, and that they were compared with two other famous peals, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and Painswick (the old 10). It would be disastrous to tamper with them, and he was sure that if this proposal came before the Council at Whitsun next, it would be rejected in toto.

Questioned by the Chancellor, Canon Coleridge said that he thought the 'Simpson' principle might be all right so long as it was confined to town halls and such public buildings, but for St. Michael's and such towers, nothing should be done to alter the bells.

Sir Henry Maddocks, cross-examining: What principle do you advocate should be adopted in respect to this proposal?

Canon Coleridge: I should put them in as they now are.

Sir Henry: Would you recommend the augmented seventh?

Canon Coleridge: Don't ask me anything about music, I know nothing of it or augmented sevenths.

Sir Henry: You, as President of the Bell Ringers' Association, say you know nothing about it?

Canon Coleridge: No, I am not musical, and it is the practical side of ringing which I enjoy.

Sir Henry: What you want is to get a bell with a good swing with it?

Canon Coleridge: Exactly! And one that has got a wheel on it (laughter).

In further reply to the Chancellor, he said that not having a musical ear, it could not be said to make much difference to him personally, whether the bells were in tune or out of tune.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, in giving evidence, said that he had been a ringer for 50 years, and had rung Coventry bells over 46 years ago. Examined as to the reputation of the bells, the witness said: There are, of course, in the many peals up and down the country bells good, bad and indifferent, and there are exceptional cases of one, or, even more rarely, two good bells standing out because of their fine tone. There was, for example, Bow tenor, the 11th at Southwark, the old 9th at Exeter.

Sir Henry, intervening, said he protested against irrelevant statements, and asked that the witness should confine himself to the question on Coventry bells.

In reply to the Chancellor, Mr. Dawe said that he was going to say that all the bells at Coventry were exceptionally fine, absolutely perfect.

Cross-examined by Sir Henry, the witness was asked as to his manner of testing or coming to an expert decision in regard to a peal. He said that he disagreed with the experts on both sides (laughter), as he did not think the tests fair to the bells, the latter should be allowed to speak for themselves. Asked further as to whether his memory could be relied upon after so long a period as over 40 years ago, Mr. Dawe replied that all knew that peal conductors necessarily had exceptionally fine memories. His chief objection to 'Simpson' tuning was that as a conductor it made his task more difficult, inasmuch as owing to the 'howl' he had often to rely on rope-sight, and not upon being able to check the bells coming up at the course-ends by ear. He took great exception to the statement that had been made that ringers had not good 'ears,' the exact contrary was the case.

#### A FINE PEAL OF HISTORICAL INTEREST.

The Rev. H. H. Drake, secretary of the Suffolk Guild, said that his Guild of 500 members were, as a body, opposed to the scheme. He was not an opponent of 'Simpson' tuning, his point being that it was wrong to destroy old peals simply because they were not on that principle. St. Michael's, Coventry, bells were not only a fine peal, but were of the greatest interest historically. If we thus went on destroying peals we should have no record left of the fine craftsmanship of the old founders.

Mr. T. Miller, of Birmingham, stated that he had had 50 years' experience as a ringer. By trade he was a bell-tuner. He was one of the few left who had rung upon these bells, having rung there as many as eight times, he thought. Ringers would often rather listen than ring. He and everyone knew them to be a very fine peal. Their notes had a certain quality which he called 'solid.'

In cross-examination, his attention being called to the series of faults in the bells, as enumerated by the experts, he said if these faults did exist (i.e., that all the bells except the two lower ones were 1-tone flat), then it was quite easy to lower those two, so as to bring the whole into line.

The witness was asked several questions by the Chancellor in regard to tuning, and 'Simpson' tuning in particular. Mr. Miller referred to his retaining work on the Lichfield Cathedral bells, for which he got a special testimonial. As regards 'Simpson' bells, he did not like them, they had a peculiar quality, inasmuch as their main tones lacked solidity, and their harmonics were nearly always 'shivery.'

Mr. J. George, of Birmingham, in giving evidence, said that he was a ringer of 50 years' standing. He had rung in 300 towers, including St. Michael's, Coventry. He had never come across a finer peal of bells, and it would be unwise to recast them. When he was

in the railway service, and travelling to and fro, Coventry was in his district, and taking advantage of this he had on many an occasion spent an hour at Coventry just for the pleasure he found in hearing the bells, though they were only chimed.

Sir Henry: I notice that you appear somewhat deaf; can you hear?

Mr. George: Fairly well.

How long have you been deaf?—30 years.

Sir Henry: But do you think your hearing good enough to judge bell tones?

Mr. George: Though one ear is deaf, I hear twice as well with the other.

Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, said that he was a ringer of 40 years' experience, and was by trade a bell hanger. Though he had not been fortunate enough to have heard Coventry bells in peal, he had often heard the bells chimed. In all his experience he never heard anything better as bells, and he did not think that they could be improved.

#### THE PETITION GRANTED.

Mr. Pritchett then addressed the Court. He said that there was a conflict of evidence as to the necessity of recasting the bells for the purpose of improving them. He thought it would be seen that it was quite possible to keep the present bells and add the new four on similar lines. The bells had historical value as a type of a remarkably good peal of their period, a point to which he lent great emphasis. It was somewhat on a parallel with church plate, etc., two or three centuries old. Eight of the bells had been in existence since 1774, and it was not suggested that they were inefficient, cracked or unusable. They had heard a lot about musical defects, regarding which there was much difference of opinion. He would like to remind the Chancellor, in regard to the properties of the flat seventh, that it was analogous to what they had studied in mathematical problems where a factor was introduced for the purpose of preventing recurrence. He thought the function of the flat seventh hum-note was very probably somewhat similar, inasmuch as it prevented the harmonics getting control of the primary wave lengths of sound. Ringers would gladly see these bells preserved as a fine peal, and he submitted on their behalf that a case had not been made out for the destruction of the identity of the peal, and that the petitioners ought to have time to reconsider it.

Sir Henry Maddocks said there was common ground for agreement on either side that the bells were not harmonious. It was strange that the only opposition practically was from outside Coventry. The petitioners were quite unanimous, and all they desired was to do their very best for Coventry and its Cathedral bells. Here they had an anonymous generous donor prepared to spend £2,300, whose only impulse was a desire to effect an improvement.

The Chancellor: Can the inscriptions be reproduced on the recast bells?

Sir Henry: Easily.

The Chancellor then reviewed the evidence, and said a friendly spirit had prevailed throughout. They had had considerable evidence from the ringers, and this had been very helpful, and he felt that from their point of view their intervention was quite justified. He must, however, give due weight to the fact that this was a very generous offer, and that it would appear that the 'Simpson' principle would make the peal in tune in every respect. If scientifically they could tune to an octave, why not do it? As to the 'howling,' that could not take place until a campanile was built. He had come to the conclusion that to recast the bells was the proper method; they would be having the same metal, and the same inscriptions and the same weight and keynote, the same bells, but improved. The faculty would be granted in accordance with the amended petition. There would be no order as to costs.

[Letters which we have received on this subject will appear in due course.]

#### NEW RING OF SIX AT COUNTESTHORPE.

On Friday evening, January 8th, a new ring of six bells was dedicated at Countesthorpe (Leicestershire), by Canon Payne, R.D., of Knighton, the service being conducted by the Rev. S. H. Thomas (Vicar). After the dedicatory prayers in the belfry, the bells were chimed while the clergy proceeded to the chancel, after which Canon Payne gave an address on the origin of bells, and went on to say that in no other country were bells rung as they were in England.

At the close of the service, a good and well-struck 720 of Minor was rung, the ringers being very pleased with the 'go' of the bells, which reflect very great credit on the bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The whole of the work of recasting and rehanging has been splendidly carried out.

#### ATTEMPT ON THE 'LONDON' RECORD.

On Saturday, Feb. 6th, eight members of the Sussex County Association will (D.V.) attempt 14,114 London Surprise Major at Warnham, Sussex.

Time of starting will be notified later.

The present record is the 14,112 rung at King's Norton by the Worcestershire Association.

**DEVON MEN'S PEAL OF CINQUES.**

The congratulations of the Exercise will be extended to the men of Devon upon having rung the first peal of Cinques with a resident band. The bells at Exeter Cathedral were augmented in 1923, but the opportunities for practice (despite every help given by the Cathedral authorities) have been very limited, and the ringers have had to acquire their twelve-bell knowledge without any outside help. Indeed, practically all the band learnt to ring under the auspices of the Devon Guild. The peal, Grandsire Cinques, rung on Saturday week, is a highly creditable performance, and is a fine tribute to the general enthusiasm and progress of ringing which is being shown by the Devon Guild. It was rung at the first attempt, and for eleven of the band was the first peal on twelve bells.

By a typographical error the time of the peal was given in our report last week as 2 hrs. 55 mins.; it should, of course, have been 3 hrs. 55 mins.

On Wednesday, January 6th, at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 44 minutes: J. D. Lewis 1, T. G. Myers 2, F. Tippett 3, W. Richards 4, J. O. Pook 5, W. Rundle (conductor) 6, J. Woodley 7, S. Symons 8. This quarter-peal was rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. D. Wynne, R.A., curate of the above church, who was married on Jan. 5th at Rhosddu, near Wrexham, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Pook, the ringer of the 5th.

On Thursday, January 7th, at Plympton St. Maurice, Devon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 mins.: H. M. Ashton 1, T. G. Myers 2, A. W. Meyers 3, R. J. Beer 4, W. Rundle 5, W. Richards 6, W. Wonnacott (first quarter-peal as conductor, and first attempt) 7, W. G. Lavers 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman.

**BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.  
CUP CONTEST PROPOSED.**

The annual meeting was held at Barnsley on January 9th. The bells of St. Mary's, Barnsley, and Monk Bretton, were rung during the afternoon, and also in the evening at St. Mary's. Service was held in the Lady Chapel, ornamented and enlarged in memory of the men of the parish who fell in the Great War. About 30 members attended the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Hone), special prayers and hymns being used, and an address given. Mr. S. Palmer presided at the organ. Tea was served at Whilham's Cafe, Church Street, 41 sitting down. The Rector was present, and kindly consented to fill the chair for the business meeting.

The passing away of several veterans in the art was duly noted, and a letter was read from the family of Mr. James Smith, a respected member of the association, and of the Horbury company, with whom sympathy had been expressed, and all stood to pay a silent tribute to the deceased.

The secretary was requested to note in the minutes the death of Mr. Geo. Bolland, a vice-president of long duration in the Yorkshire Association a great exponent of Minor methods, so much admired and practised by Yorkshire ringers.

The question of the society's headquarters was then raised by the secretary (Mr. C. D. Potter), who advocated change of place and probable change of name. No support whatever was offered to this suggestion, however, and the association's headquarters will remain as at present.

In the election of officers little change was made. Mr. S. Palmer (Badsworth), a young and enterprising brother ringer, who has yet to earn his laurels in the art, was elected president; Messrs. Wm. Reynor and R. Thickett were elected vice-presidents; and the treasurer (Mr. A. Panther) and secretary (Mr. C. D. Potter) were re-elected. The auditor's report was given in detail, and passed: £15 is in the bank ready for use or investment. Messrs. E. Crossley and Ottley were elected members.

A committee meeting was ordered to be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 23rd, at 6 p.m., in the Parish Room, Barnsley, to consider the question of a cup contest on association lines.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and to Mr. T. Bone, of the Barnsley company, for the arrangements made.

**RINGER'S GIFT OF NEW BELL.**

A new treble bell, to augment the old five to a ring of six has been added to the bells at Butterwick, Lincs, by the generosity of one of the local band, Mr. John Phillips, and his cousin, Mr. A. N. Whitworth. Mr. Phillips had the satisfaction of ringing in the first peal of Minor on the bells on Saturday last, and kindly entertained the ringers after the performance. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, carried out the addition, and also rehung the other bells.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.**

The Southern district of the above society held their annual meeting at Fulham last Saturday. The tower was opened at 10h o'clock, and the company were soon warming themselves with touches of Grandsire, Stedman, etc.

Tea was held at the 'Cosy Cafe' over the bridge, and while thus engaged, the party were also entertained with a loud speaker. The children's corner was in progress, but no ringers present were fortunate enough to have their birthdays on that date, so no one was asked to look inside the tenor bell, or do anything so exciting.

The business meeting followed the tea, Mr. H. Mance (the Master) taking the chair.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed that the past year had been very successful.

The Master then vacated the chair in favour of the secretary, who requested the members to elect a Master for the forthcoming year.—Mr. Mackrill moved, and Mr. Hardy seconded, that Mr. Mance be re-elected as chairman, a proposal which met with loud applause from the members present.

The posts of secretary, treasurer and steward were filled by Messrs. Mitchell, Wood and Essery, respectively.

In conclusion, the usual hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, who had carried out their duties so efficiently during the past year, and this note of appreciation was duly acknowledged by those concerned.

It is the desire of all the ringers to tender their most sincere and grateful thanks to the Vicar for very kindly placing the tower at their disposal.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The South and West District held a meeting at Aclon on Saturday, January 16th, and, though the weather was very wintry, 32 members attended, and good work was done. Service was conducted by the Rev. F. L. Fulcher Medcraft, in the Rector's absence, and Mr. F. L. Bull (organist) presided at the organ. Tea and business meeting followed in the Church Hall, Mr. C. S. Bird (vice-president) presiding, supported by the Ringing Master and the Rev. F. L. F. Medcraft.

Two new members were elected, and the election of four others confirmed.

The annual meeting was announced to take place on February 13th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, organist, the Rev. F. L. F. Medcraft, the vice-president, the Ringing Master, Mr. Bruin (steepkeeper), and the hostess and lady helpers.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge was rung. The ladies were well represented by the Misses R. Hawksworth, G. Baker, P. Moss, E. E. Harcastle and F. E. Orr, and among those also present were Messrs. F. Goodfellow, R. A. Fardon, F. Corke, A. Harding, C. W. Roberts, H. Kilby, E. V. Ebberson, E. Pike, H. Folkard, J. H. Hunnisett, and others. The bells were lowered at 9 p.m., and all agreed that splendid work had been done, and a pleasant afternoon spent, in spite of the weather.

**KING'S NORTON RINGERS ENTERTAINED.**

On Saturday, January 9th, the St. Nicolas' Guild, King's Norton, held another of its successful social gatherings. On this occasion the members were the guests of their Ringing Master, Mr. F. B. Yates, at a dinner given by him at the Bull's Head. Others who received invitations were the Vicar and churchwardens, Messrs. A. Walker, A. Paddon-Smith, J. F. Smallwood, W. Brett, W. B. Cartwright, J. Neal, W. Dowding and Harry Withers.

A splendid repast had been provided, consisting of turkey, plum pudding, mince pies and all that go to make a good and substantial old-fashioned Christmas dinner. Needless to say, it was heartily enjoyed.

Afterwards the company were entertained with songs by Messrs. Dowding and H. Withers, and handbell ringing by Messrs. Luffin, Walker, Smallwood, Williams, Neal and H. Withers.

Several toasts were submitted, blended with humour as well as seriousness, and were received with much enthusiasm.

Mr. Paddon-Smith gave 'Our Host.' He stated that the St. Nicolas' Guild were very fortunate in having for their Ringing Master a gentleman with such enthusiasm and generosity as Mr. F. B. Yates. He congratulated the King's Norton ringers accordingly.—The toast was received with musical honours.—Mr. Yates, in reply, stated that he held the office with very much pleasure, and felt highly honoured in doing so. He paid a tribute to the great help he received from the deputy ringing master and conductor, Mr. P. O. Luffin, whose experience and ability were of so much practical use to the Guild.

Amongst other toasts were 'The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham,' and 'The Visitors.'

Mr. G. H. Smith, churchwarden, spoke in high terms of the local band and its accomplishments.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**CREWE BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.  
SATISFACTORY STATE OF AFFAIRS.**

The Crewe and District Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Crewe on Saturday, when there was an excellent muster of 60 members, representing the towers of Christ Church (Crewe), Barthomley, Davenham, Wrenbury, Sandbach, Ightfield, Wistaston, Church Minshull, Stoke, Nantwich, Hodnet (Salop), Church Lawton, Acton, Norton-in-Hales, Alsager, Marbury and Market Drayton.

During the afternoon the members rang some excellent touches of Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples, and afterwards attended a service in Christ Church, where an appropriate and inspiring address was delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Haworth).

An excellent tea was provided by the Christ Church Parochial Council in the Council Room of the Mechanics' Institute. The chair was occupied by the Vicar, who was accompanied by the Rural Dean of Nantwich (the Rev. W. H. Brind, Vicar of St. Paul's, Crewe), and the Rev. S. T. Stevens (curate of Christ Church).

At the business meeting which followed the branch hon. secretary (Mr. R. D. Langford) read a communication from Mr. E. W. Elwell, of Capenhurst (general hon. secretary of the Guild) expressing regret at his inability to attend.

Mr. Langford, submitting the statement of accounts, said the total income for the year, including a balance in hand of £10 6s. 10d., was £21 17s. 10½d. The expenditure included the sum of £7 18s. 6d., the contribution to the Guild, and there was a credit balance of £11 4s. 6d., an increase of £1 4s. 7d. on the balance for the previous year (applause). The finances were in a satisfactory condition (hear, hear).

The Chairman expressed his satisfaction with the accounts. 'I wish the parish accounts were as good,' he remarked, amid some laughter. 'I suppose most parishes here will probably wish that. I am afraid we don't get on as we should like to do these days.'

On the motion of Mr. C. Peake, seconded by Mr. J. Brassington, the accounts were adopted.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Mr. R. T. Holding proposed the re-election of the Rev. H. W. Haworth as chairman, and said the Vicar had fulfilled his duties with every satisfaction to the branch (hear, hear).—Mr. E. Harper seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Vicar, returning thanks, said he was sorry he had not been able to attend the meetings of the branch as often as he had intended. When one had a young family at home, it was difficult to get away on Saturday afternoons, but he hoped this year to do better than he had done. He expressed his pleasure at the large attendance of members that day.

The Rev. H. H. Corshie, the Rev. J. H. Armitstead and the Rev. G. S. Tudor Evans were re-elected vice-chairmen.

Mr. C. Peake moved the re-election of Mr. R. D. Langford as hon. secretary. He said Mr. Langford had discharged his many duties with great credit to himself and the branch, and he did not think they could find a more capable and hard-working official.—Mr. H. Edwards, seconding, said Mr. Langford was a 'chip off the old block.'—Putting the motion, the Chairman said he did not think they could find a better branch secretary than Mr. Langford, and they 'would be wise not to let him go' (hear, hear).—The motion was carried amid applause, and Mr. Langford briefly responded, thanking the members for the renewed confidence placed in him.

Mr. W. Holding was unanimously re-elected hon. treasurer, tribute being paid to his excellent services.

Mr. Albert Crawley was elected instructor, and Mr. Ek. Crawley (Wistaston) and Mr. King (Wrenbury) were appointed hon. auditors.—Mr. Harry Holding (Crewe) was appointed representative on the General Committee.

Mr. R. T. Holding stated that he wished to relinquish the office of Ringing Master for the branch meetings, he being of the opinion that such office should go round. His experience had been a very pleasant one, and he had been able to discharge his duties with comparative ease. The idea was to take charge of the ringing in the towers, so that both novices and experts would have an opportunity of taking the rope.—Mr. Albert Crawley was appointed to fill the office.

**NEW MEMBERS.**

Mr. Ernest Craig, M.P. for the Crewe Division, the Rev. A. L. Mott, the Rev. W. H. Brind and the Rev. S. T. Stevens were elected hon. members. Fifteen new ringing members were elected, and satisfaction was expressed at the increasing interest of the younger ringers.

It was decided to arrange meetings for the year as follows:—February, Bunbury; March, Church Lawton; April, Market Drayton and Chester (Easter Monday); May, Barthomley; June, Church Minshull; July, Alsager and Audlem; August, Wrenbury; September, Tarpoley; October, Nantwich; November, Wybunbury; December, Sandbach.

On the suggestion of Mr. R. T. Holding, it was decided to invite the Macclesfield branch to a joint meeting at Astbury, near Congle-

ton. He said the probability was that the tower would be surrendered to the Crewe branch in future years.

Mr. R. T. Holding suggested that in the future the list of meetings for the year should be compiled and passed at the last ordinary meeting, so that the secretary could have the cards printed and issued for that annual meeting. The secretary could then forward the list to the general secretary, and it could be printed on the cards hung in the towers. As it was, they were a month behind, and the list of meetings had gone to press. If his suggestion was carried out it would reduce the business at the annual meeting, and would inflict no great hardship on anyone. He moved that this be done.—Mr. Geo. Crawley seconded, and the motion was carried.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the officials for their services during the year.

On the motion of Mr. W. Holding, votes of thanks were accorded the Parochial Church Council, who had provided tea, and to the Vicar for presiding over the meeting and for the use of the bells.—The Vicar briefly responded.

Mr. Langford appealed to the representatives of the various towers to inform him how many members were expected to attend the meetings of the branch, so that the catering arrangements could be properly carried out.

After the meeting, the company adjourned to the tower, and rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

**TAVISTOCK'S NEW BELLS.  
DEVON'S FINE NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.**

The bells of Tavistock, Devon, have been recast and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have carried out the work in a highly satisfactory manner, and given delight to the residents of the ancient town, the old bells having been long silent. It was when the bells were used in connection with the peace celebrations, that their dilapidated condition was fully brought home to the authorities, who, after examining a number of schemes, decided to make a clean sweep, and do the thing properly while they were about it. The octave have been recast, and the old oak frame has given way to a new steel one. The cost has been something like £1,150, and when the bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on December 30th, £1,000 had been secured, the amount including two anonymous gifts of £100 and £50 respectively. The new bells have a tenor of 25 cwt. in D, and are one of the finest rings at their weight in the county. The old peal were cast in 1769 by Thomas Bilbie, of Culmpton, and were the gift of the then Duke of Bedford. There were bells, however, at Tavistock Church at a much earlier date, for it is on record that they were melted down for use as cannon balls.

The restoration of the bells has been shared in by Nonconformists as well as the church people, and this spirit of union was dwelt upon by the Bishop, who presided at a luncheon held in the Congregational Schoolroom prior to the dedication service.

After the act of dedication the bells were rung by Messrs. Marsh, sen., 1, Marsh, jun., 2, W. Hiscott 3, W. H. Rundle 4, A. Westcott 5, the Rev. E. S. Powell (President of the Devon Guild) 6, W. Richards 7, W. J. Woodley 8. Subsequently a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, and among the listeners was the Rev. Maitland Kelly, ex-President of the Devon Guild.

A public tea was afterwards held in the Town Hall and the day's proceedings concluded with choral evensong in the Parish Church.

**5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.  
AN 'ODD AND EVEN' BOB FIVE-PART.**

By J. W. PARKER.

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2641537	S									
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4 times repeated.

The 7th is undisturbed throughout the peal. First rung at St. James', Bushey, on Saturday, January 16th, 1926.

**BRAMLEY RINGER'S DEATH.**

At Bramley, Yorks, on Sunday, January 17th, for evensong, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Waterhouse 1, T. Latimer 2, S. Hollowell 3, J. Guy 4, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor) 5, J. S. Eastwood 6. Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of J. W. Chadwick, who died on the 13th inst., Woodbine being his favourite method.

**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.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET'S, WILTS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, for Armistice service, with the bells muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor for morning service: T. Moulden 1, Miss Ellen Moulden 2, J. Woodroffe 3, J. Tuckwell 4, A. Simms 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: N. Sperring 1, Miss Ellen Moulden 2, J. Woodroffe 3, J. Tuckwell 4, T. Moulden (conductor) 5, G. Lancaster 6.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, F. G. Goddard 2, A. E. Hawthorne 3, T. Beadle 4, E. F. Coles 5, J. Milner (conductor) 6, A. Beckensale 7, A. Sheard 8.

**HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—On Armistice Sunday, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: \*Mrs. J. Gould 1, \*E. Collier 2, E. Deverish 3, \*C. Gould 4, J. Martin 5, \*H. Baguley 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, F. Lewis 8. \*Longest length.

**PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.**—On Armistice Sunday, Nov. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Pink (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Greenfield 2, Stanley Picton 3, R. W. R. Picton 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, P. H. Doick 6, Cecil A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

**GREAT BADDOW.**—On Sunday, November 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: Dr. Spencer Phillips 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, H. Bush 4, H. Allen 5, A. Richell 6, George Green (conductor) 7, Norman Boughtwood (first quarter) 8. First quarter-peal away from tenor by Dr. Phillips.

**SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.**—On November 1st, for evening service, 720 Minor, being 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, and 240 Plain Bob: G. E. Allin (conductor) 1, R. Partridge 2, W. Allin, sen., 3, R. Husskisson 4, C. Beekly 5, C. J. Partridge 6.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary's, on Sunday, November 1st, previous to evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 53 mins.: H. W. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, C. V. Hare 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, H. E. Day 6, L. Fidler 7, W. J. Craft (conductor) 8.

**LONG STANTON, CAMBS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for early celebration of Holy Communion on the Patronal Festival of the Church, 720 Primrose Surprise Minor: F. Warrington 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, C. W. Woolley 3, H. J. Hazell 4, G. E. Crisp 5, C. W. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th.

**A HALF-PEAL.**

At the Parish Church, Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, January 9th, a half-peal (2,520 changes) Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of three members of the above church—Mr. T. Hayden, sidesman; Mr. J. Lucas, 35 years sexton; and Mrs. J. F. Gleaves, wife of the late Mr. J. F. Gleaves, who was organist for many years: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, N. Robinson 2, F. Ginn 3, L. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, B. Huckle 6. Longest length in any method by ringers of 2nd and 4th.

**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.

'BOB MINOR AND MAJOR, SIMPLY EXPLAINED.' Price 6½d. Post free. 5s. 9d. a dozen. Post free. Also 'GRANDSIRE, DOUBLES AND TRIPLES SIMPLY EXPLAINED.' Price 6½d., post free. 5s. 9d. a dozen post free. The above are intended for beginners, and for those who find the ordinary books of instruction too difficult.—From I. Roe and M. Broome, 9, Lansdown Crescent, Bath.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 1s., and meeting to follow. Meeting of District Committee in the Vestry at 4 p.m. The bells of St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, will be available from 3 to 5 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Wells Street, from 7 to 8.40 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2 p.m., service 4.15, tea (in Parish Room) 5, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.).—A. D. Stone, Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 19th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Worksop Priory on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m., with interval from 6.15 to 7. A good attendance is requested. There are several cafes in the town. The Co-operative Society in Eastgate will provide a good tea for 1s. 6d. per head. Members to make their own arrangements.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Arksey, Doncaster, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) ready early. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. A good meeting is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

**ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.**—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—Practice every Wednesday, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Ringing Sundays at 10 a.m. Annual general meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 27th, at 8 p.m.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. 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.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upchurch, where the bells have recently been rehung, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. If sufficient names are sent in by Wednesday, the 27th inst., a tea will be arranged. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due, and can be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM** (Established 1672).—The fourth memorial dinner to the late W. D. Crofts will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, can now be obtained from the hon. secretary up to Jan. 29th, first post. Ringing at St. Mary's (10 bells) from 2.30 to 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.** — Annual meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. It is essential that those intending to be at the tea should let me know by Jan. 26th.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The fine peal at the Parish Church, Watford, is open for ringing Saturday, Jan. 30th, 4 p.m. Tea 6. Business meeting after. Names of those for tea by Jan. 27th. Excursion tickets from London, 2s. return. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcome. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers invited. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the 'Coffee House,' Market Place, at 7 p.m. Will all members please make an effort to attend?—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Star Inn at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 27th?—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed immediately by business meeting. As the president is kindly providing tea, I shall be glad to receive names of those intending to be present by first post on Wednesday, Jan. 27th. — John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lines.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Jan. 30th. St. Mary's bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available from 2.30. Tea at Carrick's Cafe, West Street (opposite the Town Hall), at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. Kell, 26, Ellwood Gardens, Gateshead, by the 26th.—G. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells read at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, for those notifying me by Jan. 26th. Meeting after tea.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at St. Peter's, City, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service in the church at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Business: Election of officers, etc. St. Nicholas' bells (10) available after the meeting. Please notify me by Jan. 25th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 'The Bridge' Restaurant at 5.15, at 1s. per head. Business (election of officials, etc.) to follow. Will those who require tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. The meeting at 7 o'clock prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Stockport (St. Mary) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Committee meet 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Subscriptions due.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Swindon Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m., also St. Mark's, if required. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 26th.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. **SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE. REPORTS TO HAND.** All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hay, Todmorden.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Room. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due. A good attendance is requested. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Feb. 3rd?—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (kindly supplied by the Vicar) and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me before Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, and all members are asked to attend if possible. Ringing at All Hallows', Lombard Street, from 1.45 to 3.15 sharp, and at St. Clement Danes from 2 to 3.30. Service at the latter at 4 p.m., before which, at 3.45, a group photograph will be taken if circumstances permit. Tea in the Parish Room, tickets for which should be obtained in advance, followed by business meeting. Other meetings for February:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 1st and 15th, at 7.30; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 8th, at 7.30; and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 23rd, at 8. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The hon. secretary, Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, will be out of England for the next few months. All communications should be addressed to the assistant secretary, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset.

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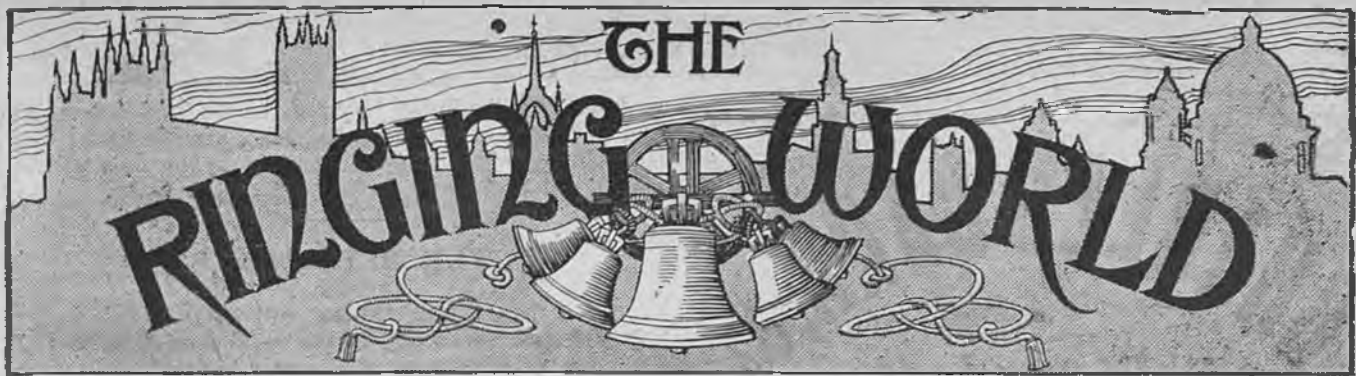
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There are very few old peals of bells whose preservation, except for sentimental reasons, could create the feeling that has been aroused by those of Coventry, and there are many which ringers would be only too glad to see go into the furnace and be recast. The points, however, that strike us most in connection with this question are, first, the fact that the thin end of the wedge has been inserted to substitute, in church towers, for our fine old English art of bell ringing the mechanically played carillon; and, secondly, there has been established a precedent for melting up good peals merely because they are not 'Simpson' tuned.

It is in the former that we see the most danger. When next a big restoration at an important church or cathedral is talked of, we shall not be surprised to hear of some Dr. Brazil or Professor Starmer coming along, calling themselves campanological experts, and advocating following the example of Coventry. And, if we are not very careful and wide-awake, the church authorities may decide to follow the example of Coventry. Moreover, it might even develop into a 'fashion,' and if it did so it would be a sorry day for our art. The people who are in the best position to counter any 'aggression' of this kind are our bell founders, who, until recently, at all events, found their 'bread and butter' in the towers of our English churches. Lately, however, the carillon for abroad has, happily, increased the English bell foundry trade considerably, but it will only continue to be, 'happily' for the art of ringing, as long as the carillons are sent overseas, or, at any rate, are kept out of our church towers. In this matter, we say, the bell founders, who can get the first word in the ear of the church authorities, have an overwhelmingly strong position, and

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we hope it will always be used, as we said a fortnight ago, in favour of retaining English church bells for English bell ringing, and not to pander to the fads of campanological professors, self-styled or otherwise.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

Miss E. E. CHAPMAN ... .. 1	...Trebble	*Miss E. HARCASLE ... .. 6
†Miss N. E. SHORTER... .. 2		Mrs. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 7
†Miss P. UPSHER ... .. 3		Mrs. A. D. BARKER ... .. 8
Miss F. E. ORR... .. 4		Miss E. K. PARKER ... .. 9
Mrs. R. F. DEAL ... .. 5		†Miss R. HAWKSWORTH ...Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER  
† First peal on 10 bells. \* First peal of Stedman Caters. The band wish to thank the Rector for allowing the use of the bells, and also Mr. J. E. Davis for overhauling and splicing the ropes and oiling the bells. The kindness of these gentlemen, and also the members of the local band in giving up their practice night for the attempt, was greatly appreciated by all.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 1	...Trebble	†JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 6
*WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... .. 2		†JOHN FOREMAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM STORY... .. 3		THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 8
*WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 4		JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 9
*JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 5		WILLIAM H. BARBER ...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.  
\* First peal in the method. † First of Caters in the method. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, SLEAFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

F/SERG. F. A. HOLDEN ...Trebble	WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 6
*CHRISTOPHER WILSON ... .. 2	†ARTHUR DIXON ... .. 7
†REGINALD SCOTT ... .. 3	GEORGE SMITH ... .. 8
HAROLD MARCON ... .. 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON... .. 9
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 5	*REAST RICHARD DIXON ...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

MISS PHEBE UPSHER... .. 1	...Trebble	HERBERT J. ELDRID ... .. 5
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... .. 2		WILLIAM PICKWORTH... .. 6
ROBERT ROFFEY ... .. 3		NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... .. 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG... .. 4		ALFRED G. CRANE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN A. TOMLINSON.

Rung in celebration of the golden wedding of J. Sumpster (Nov. 27th, 1925), who has been a member of the local band for 34 years. Also of the silver wedding of Alfred G. Crane (Nov. 28th, 1925), a member of the Christ Church, Southgate, Society.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES JACKSON ... .. Treble	*THOMAS ISHERWOOD ... .. 5
JOSEPH BANKS ... .. 2	*JOHN WISE ... .. 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 3	JAMES H. BANKS ... .. 7
*ROWLAND HASLAM ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.  
\* First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK AINSLEY ... .. Treble	ROBERT WALKER ... .. 5
†HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... .. 2	MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... .. 6
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 7
THOMAS STEPHENSON ... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung on the 22nd anniversary of the first peal on the bells, and as a send-off to Thomas Stephenson, who is leaving the district. \* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major inside.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART No. 5. Tenor 19½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2	JOHN CURTIS ... .. 6
JAMES PAGETT ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

The band wish to thank Mr. F. Cope for having everything in readiness.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS WILSON ... .. 5
MISS MAY CLAYTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 6
FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. 3	JOHN WAYSON ... .. 7
JOHN BROWN ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ABRAHAM SYKES. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

†JOHN WILCOCK ... .. Treble	FRANK FIELDEN ... .. 5
†WILLIAM CARTER ... .. 2	*CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE ... .. 6
†JAMES INGHAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 7
†ARTHUR BOTTOMLEY ... .. 4	FRED HODGSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN BARKER. Conducted by FRED HODGSON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the 5th bells from Todmorden Unitarians; 6th from Old Sowerby; 7th from Cross Stone, Todmorden; tenor from Liversedge; the rest belong to the local company. Mr. William Carter was elected a non-resident member of the association before commencing the peal.

EADOXTON, NEATH. — On Wednesday, January 6th, at the Church of St. Catwg, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.; H. Mathews 1, G. W. Hollis (Aberavon) 2, C. Lake 3, W. J. Thomas 4, Gwyn Lewis (first quarter as conductor) 5, C. Bendle 6.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR BENNETT, Northumberland Fusiliers ... .. Treble	
JOHN J. TAYLOR, 6th North Staffs Regiment ... .. 2	
THOMAS PERRY, Aerial Construction Services ... .. 3	
ROBERT PICKERING, 6th South Staffs Regiment ... .. 4	
J. D. GEORGE HARRIS, Shropshire Yeomanry ... .. 5	
BENJAMIN DALTON, 3rd Notts & Derby Regiment ... .. 6	
WILLIAM H. LAWLEY, 4th South Staffs Regiment ... .. 7	
ROBERT THOMPSON, Staffs Yeomanry ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

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CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SUBBEY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THEURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 31 cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5
WALTER SMITH ... .. 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 6
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

The conductor has now called this peal eight times, once from each bell, treble to tenor in rotation, and has also taken part in the same peal, non-conducted, each peal being rung in a different tower.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROYBERHITHE, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE J. HARMAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 6
HARRY DYAS ... .. 3	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 7
*JOHN L. WATKINS ... .. 4	†BERTIE ELDRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE ... .. 5
*JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 2	ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. 6
FRANK BOREHAM ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich on an inside bell.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM JONES ... .. 5
FREDERICK EVANS ... .. 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 6
JOHN HAYES ... .. 3	WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Mr. J. H. Riding has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal of Stedman Triples.

FERRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, 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.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 5
WALTER ARNOLD... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	*C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

The conductor's 450th peal. First peal in the method. Arranged for L. G. Brett, of Framsden, and C.S.M. J. Bennett.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILFRED BOOTH... .. Treble	ALBERT HOBDEN... .. 5
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. 2	REG. E. LAMBERT ... .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 7
PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TOCKER. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 2	JOHN BAILEY ... .. 6
MISS MAY CLAYTON ... .. 3	JOHN WATSON ... .. 7
JOHN BROWN... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 173).

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6 without the 2nd in 6th's.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5080 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED ABBOTT ... .. Treble	TITOS BARLOW ... .. 5
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 2	THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 6
ERNEST CUTSPORTH ... .. 3	THOMAS W. WORSLEY ... .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... .. 4	THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5080 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 2	MAJ. JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
CAPT. JAMES R. MACKMAN... 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... .. 7
ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 4	WILLIAM WARNE... .. Tenor

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM T. POWELL ... Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 5
†SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 7
*JOHN PERRY ... .. 4	WILLIAM FISHER... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

† First peal of Surprise. \* First peal of Surprise with an inside bell.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5
*MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
HENRY HUTTON... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

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

This peal was specially arranged for Miss Hastie, who was heartily congratulated at the conclusion. \* First peal of London Surprise.

THURCASTON, Near LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5080 CHANGES,

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. ARTHUR MANNING... Treble	WILLIAM COPE ... .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 6
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The band wish to thank Mr. N. S. Bagworth for making the band up at the last minute. This was his first peal, and first attempt.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN ... .. Treble	*PERCY JERVIS ... .. 5
*J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 2	*BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 6
CHARLES MASON ... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 7
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT

\* First peal in the method.

LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH, UPPER ARMLEY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ALFRED WINDSOR ... Treble	*HARRY LOFTHOUSE ... .. 5
MISS O. L. LUMLEY ... .. 2	†ARTHUR FIELDBOUSE ... .. 6
*JAMES HEY... .. 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... .. 7
FRED BLACKITH... .. 4	GERALD MOORHOUSE... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by F. BLACKITH.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. S. J. Harris), and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Wade. First eight-bell peal on these bells.

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**BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S.** Tenor 14 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. <i>Treble</i>	SHERLEY BORTON... ..	5
*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN... ..	6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... ..	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	7
FRANK W. PERRINS ... ..	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Also the conductor's 100 peal of Surprise.

**SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.**

{JOHN PARKER ... .. <i>Treble</i>	{FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY... 5
HARRY PARKER ... ..	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... ..
*GEORGE BIDDULPH ... ..	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... ..
†THOMAS HURD ... ..	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

† First peal of Major. \* First peal of Major away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, January 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

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

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM NELSON ... ..	4
JAMES MILLER, JUN. ... ..	HARRY FRANCE ... ..	5
JAMES MILLER ... ..	JOHN T. MILLER, SEN. ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

First peal of Minor by all the band. First peal as conductor. All the ringers reside in St. James's Parish. Credit is due to James Miller, ringer of the 3rd, who is a churchwarden at the above church.

**UPTON PYNE, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, January 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY,*

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

Being 42 six-scores ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

†W. S. LETHBRIDGE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*A. TAVENER ... ..	4
{J. ARBURY ... ..	*V. TAVENER ... ..	5
*R. SCANES ... ..	*A. WEBBER... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by J. ARBURY.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Capt. J. B. W. Pennyman, of Ormesby Hall, Yorkshire, and Miss R. C. D. Knight, daughter of the Rector of Upton Pyne. \* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, January 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5060 CHANGES;**

720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge, Oxford, Kent Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

VICTOR GLASS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE G. BRETT ... ..	4
WILLIAM BUTLER ... ..	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	5
ERNEST BRIGHT ... ..	HENRY DORKING ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE,

Arranged for L. G. Brett, of Framsden, Suffolk.

**HORNSEY.**—At St. Mary's Church, on January 11th in 29 mins., 720 Bob Minor: G. Northcott 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, J. G. Nash 4, A. P. Puitland 5 C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

**LITLINGTON, CAMBS.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATBARINE,*

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

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

*FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WALTER MANSFIELD ... ..	4
†MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... ..	5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... ..	ROBERT HOWARD... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal of Minor on the bells. \* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods on an inside bell.

**TWYNING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

**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 11 cwt.

JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY T. HOLI ... ..	4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... ..	W. RANFORD ... ..	5
ERNEST GIBBS ... ..	CHARLES J. CAMM ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by CHARLES JOSEPH CAMM.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

**LAMBERHURST, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

*On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Being 720 each of Westminster, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob.

WALTER MARSHALL ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ANDREW MARSHALL ... ..	4
ARTHUR H. SMITH ... ..	GEORGE WAGHORN ... ..	5
ALBERT RELFE ... ..	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. All the ringers belong to the local band except Mr. Waghorn, who kindly took a rope at a minute's notice.

**PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.**—On Monday, December 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Jackson, junr., 1, A. Fox 2, J. Agar 3, W. Fox 4, J. H. Lenton 5, A. Walker, sen. (conductor), 6, V. Applegate 7, H. Walters 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

**BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, January 6th, being the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar by the Bishop of Chelmsford, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Kent Treble Bob before the service, and 360 Oxford afterwards, the following ringers taking part: L. Ainger, W. Windley, H. Warn, W. Bradley, G. Parsons, E. Clarke, H. Devenish and H. Bradley (conductor).

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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## EARLY PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The one method about which we should have expected Hubbard to give us particular information is Double Norwich Court Bob, but in this thing he is woefully disappointing. The first peal of Major was rung in 1771; the first of Royal in 1769; and the first of Maximus in 1817. But Hubbard seems to have known nothing about any of them. Of course, he could not help knowing that the Maximus was rung, for there was the big board in Mancroft belfry that records its performance; not, as now, high up and almost out of sight; but easily read from the old floor. But what was rung Hubbard did not know, and could not tell us. As for the other peals, they were written on no boards, and the memory of them seems to have died out in the city. According to Mr. Snowdon, the 6,160 which Thurston called at Coslany in 1831 was claimed to be the longest in the method at the time. I do not know where the claim was made (it is not on the peal board), but sixty years before in the same tower 6,720 had been rung; and the remarkable thing is that the man who rang the tenor to that peal, John Trowse, was still alive, still living in Norwich, and still taking an interest in ringing. Most probably he was still a member of the Mancroft company, for membership was practically a life tenure. Once elected, a man remained a member till he died, or resigned, or left the city. If he got too old to take any active share in the ringing, a younger man could always be found to deputise for him, and after the latter was paid there was still something for the old man, which doubtless came very welcome. Trowse's ringing career began very soon after the revival of peal ringing under Chamberlin, and he outlived Samuel Thurston and the climax of ringing in Norwich.

The first peal of Royal was rung before Trowse was a ringer, but he knew the men who took part in it, and it is strange that in his lifetime it should so completely have been forgotten. But it always is the case that imperfect sympathy exists between old men and young. The old are not always willing or able to give the knowledge they possess, and the young are still less willing to listen. Otherwise we might know a great deal more about early ringing than we do. After all, it would not take many consecutive memories to carry us back to the very beginning of peal ringing. I knew Ben Smith, who knew John Trowse, who knew Chamberlin, who knew John Webster, who was one of Garthor's pupils.

Double Norwich Royal was composed by William Porter in 1751, and was regularly practised at St. Peter's for many years. As late as 1857 John Cox, when on a visit to Norwich, rang a course or two with the Norwich Scholars, and during the intervening century it seems to have been a standard method at Mancroft. But only one peal was rung. Some time ago, Mr. George Burton found the full record of this in the files of the 'Norfolk Chronicle.' 'On Monday, April 17th, 1769, was rung at St. Peter's Mancroft in this city, a compleat 5,040 of that most ingenious peal called the Court Bob. It was performed in three hours and 29 minutes, without a bell being out of course; and from the harmony and regularity of its changes filled every lover of the art of ringing with the most pleasing wonder and astonishment. This incomparable peal was invented in the year 1751 by Mr. Wm. Porter, one of the ringers belonging to St. Peter's company, and though from that time it has been annually practised, yet never was perfectly gone through with without bells being out of course till now; so that it may be affirmed that this is the first compleat 5,040 that ever was rung in the known world, performed by

John Chamberlin	Treble	Charles Jarvis	6
(and call'd the peal)		John Dixon	7
John Peak	2	James Watling	8
Thomas Barton	3	Simon Watling	9
Robert Dyke	4		
John Havers	5	John Dye	Tenor

Published by desire of the churchwardens.

Thomas Blakemore, on his visit to Norwich, talked and rang with many of the men who took part in this peal, and the note he inserted in 'The Clavis' is the only thing that preserved any memory of it.

Double Norwich Major was composed about the same time, whether before the Royal or after is doubtful. Somewhere or other I have come across a tradition of a peal of Major being rung before 1769, but I cannot trace it, and the 6,720 at Coslany is the earliest we have any record of.

The following is Osborne's account of it:—

'St. Michael, Coslany, Norwich, January 15th, 1771, was rung by Norwich Scholars a peal of 6,720 changes of Court Bob, in 4 hours and 25 minutes, by the underwritten members, as follows:—

Jno. Chamberlain	1	William Warner	5
Jno. Peake	2	Jno. Dye	6
Jno. Havers	3	James Vine	7
Simon Watling	4	Jno. Frowse	8

Conducted by Jno. Chamberlain.'

The method is called Court Bob only, but there is not the slightest doubt that it was Double Norwich. I have already told how the Norwich men called it Court, because it was what they thought was the correct version of Court Bob Minor; how 'The Clavis' authors added the word Norwich to distinguish it from the Court Bob then rung in London; and how Shipway further added the word Double. You will notice, too, that Osborne spells the conductor's name Chamberlain, but the usual Norwich spelling of the name is Chamberlin, as given in the 'Chronicle' account of the peal of Royal. He also spells the tenorman's name Frowse, and Mr. Snowdon does the same when copying the 1778 peal of Treble Twelve from the Cumberland's peal book. But the correct name is Trowse, and is evidently derived from the village of that name on the outskirts of Norwich.

Chamberlin, as conductor, was succeeded by James Watling, who called the 5,170 of Grandsire Cinques in 1775, and Thomas Barton, who composed and called the 6,240 of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus in 1778. They, in turn, were followed by Robert Chesnutt, who occupies a foremost place in the history of the Norwich Scholars, and who is especially associated with Double Norwich Court Bob. His leadership lasted from the closing years of the eighteenth century till his death in 1821, and he conducted one or two notable performances. But the next peal to the Maximus was not rung by the Norwich Scholars, but by a young and energetic band who practised at St. Giles'. This was on October 22nd, 1809, a peal of Bob Major. It was conducted by Jeffrey Kelf, and was the first by all the band, which included Samuel Thurston. Kelf does not seem to have done anything else, but a Charles Kelf, obviously a relative, rang in the Maximus in 1817; unless it is the same man. The Mancroft ringers probably despised such simple stuff as Bob Major, and their next peal was Double Norwich Major at Coslany in 1815.

Monday, December 18th, 1815, 5,040 changes of that intricate Method of Norwich Court Bob were rung in three hours and 20 minutes in this steeple without the misplacing of a bell, or the repetition of a single change. The peal was conducted by Mr. Robt. Chesnutt, with his accustomed precision, and the bold and regular striking reflects great credit on the ringers; after which a short length of that Ingenious and Harmonious Peal, Sledman Triples, was rung by the same company, and performed by the following persons:—

Jno. Clarke	Treble	Robert Chesnutt	5
Willm. Mann	2	Thos. Burrell	6
Jno. Giddens	3	Saml. Havers	7
Fredk. Watering	4	Josh Lubbock	Tenor

This board was erected by the churchwardens to commemorate the above Display of Genius in the extensive science of Campanologia.'

Meanwhile Thurston was making a name as a ringer of outstanding ability. For a long time he was outside the Norwich Scholars. The company, no doubt, was full up, and Chesnutt was not too tolerant of the claims of a young and brilliant rival. The rivalry between the two was pretty keen, and led to the younger man challenging the older in the local paper to ring with him for £100. Whether this challenge was more than rhetoric, and how, if accepted, it was to be decided do not appear, but it came to nothing. Thurston joined the Norwich Scholars in 1814, and with his help one of the very best performances they ever did became possible. This was the peal of Double Norwich Maximus at St. Peter's on January 20th, 1817. The following is a copy of the tablet which records it:—

'Monday, January 20th, 1817, were rung in this steeple 5,016 of that most ingenious and intricate peal, Norwich Court Bob Maximus, in 4 hours and 2 minutes, without the miss of a bell or the repetition of a single change. The peal very much resembles Norwich Court Royal on Ten; there being very short dodging on the bells before and behind, and tenth's place at the hob. The ingenuity of its composition and the bold and regular striking reflects great credit on the company, and are allowed by judges to be a performance which if ever equalled can never be surpassed. It is the first peal ever accomplished in England in that intricate method of twelve bells; was conducted by Robert Chesnutt, and rung by the following persons:—

Robert Chesnutt	Treble	George Hames	7
Peckover Hill	2	John Trowse	8
John Giddens	3	Joseph Lubbock	9
Charles Gittings	4	Thomas Hurry	10
Samuel Havers	5	Nathaniel Beales	11
Charles Kelf	6	Samuel Thurston and Matthew Smith	Tenor

The peal was composed by Thurston, and as a reward for that and for the way in which he rang the tenor the Norwich Scholars presented him with a silver-gilt jewel with the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. S. Thurston, July 4th, 1825, by the United Ringers of St. Peter Mancroft, for his eminent services in composing the peal of Norwich Court Twelve In, and ringing the tenor in a Superior Style."

This presentation was made after Chesnutt was dead, and when Thurston was the undisputed leader of the Norwich ringers.

It is most probable that Thurston extended the method to twelve

bells as well as composed the peal, and that, in contrast with Double Norwich Royal, it was not rung much before or after the peal.

Hubbard told Mr. Snowden that he never heard any of it. He 'thought it was one of the methods given on page 37 or 38 in the fourth edition of his book,' which means he did not know anything definite about it. He does not give it in his first edition, and apparently in the six years that had elapsed between the ringing of the peal and his becoming acquainted with the company it had been completely dropped.

**A QUERY.**

A correspondent writes: Isn't Mr Trollope making too 'vivid a contrast' in his last 'Notes by the Way' concerning the Brothers Trowse? If John Trowse rang a peal in 1771, he would be at least 94 years of age, when Hubbard was dreaming of his 1845 edition? The names appear in the subscribers' list merely as 'J. Trowse and J. Trowse, junr.' They were probably descendants, but surely not the 1771-1817 brothers. Nor was George Smith the son of Matthew Smith, as stated in a former article.

One would have thought that he would have been sure to have inquired about such a notable performance, especially with the big peal board so continually before his eyes whenever he was ringing at Maneroft. He was intimate with Thurston, the composer, and though Thurston was dead when he wrote his book, John Trowse and Nathaniel Beales and Thomas Hurry were still alive, if not others. But Trowse was very old, possibly there was a slight coldness between Hurry and Hubbard, and Beales seems to have been a silent, reserved man, not given to talking about himself and his doings. William Freeman told me that as a young man he worked alongside Beales, and knew him well, but never heard him so much as mention the peal, surely the most outstanding thing in his personal history.

**BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENTS.**

At Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on Monday, Dec. 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. W. Pemberton 1, George E. Large 2, R. C. Ingram 3, B. W. Witchell 4, S. Elton 5, F. W. Richworth 6, James George (conductor) 7, W. C. Dowding 8. Rung specially in honour of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger's birthday, which occurred on December 23rd.

At Staveley Parish Church, for evensong, on November 1st, a quarter-peal of Boh Major (1,344 changes), in 51 mins., to celebrate the Rector's 83rd birthday: A. Markwell 1, L. G. Palmer 2, W. Palmer 3, S. Smedley 4, H. Stow 5, A. E. Parsons 6, S. Smedley, sen., 7, F. Parsons 8.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street, on Saturday, January 16th, about 24 members being present.

The annual report showed a very improved interest in the district, particularly in the attendance at the bi-monthly meetings. Six meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 24, a great improvement on previous years.—The cash statement showed the highest balance since the inauguration of the district.

The following officers were elected: Masier, Mr. Alleway; secretary (pro tem.), Mr. W. Bottrill; treasurer, Mr. Darnell; steward, Mr. Riley; committee, Messrs. Carmen and Newman.

It was decided to ask for the tower of St. Mary, Islington, for the next meeting on Saturday, March 21st, and if possible, also to obtain the use of St. Mary Magdalene's bells.

The Master thanked the committee and members for their support during the past year, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Fynes Clinton for the use of the bells, and the verges, Mr. Hughes, for preparing the room for the meeting.

**OXHEY SOCIETY SOCIAL GATHERING.**

On Saturday, January 9th, the above society had a dinner and social evening at the Tea Rose Rooms, Watford Heath. The ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, sat down to an old-fashioned English dinner, consisting of hot roast beef, mutton, Christmas pudding, mince-pies, etc., which was excellently cooked and served, and which moreover was equally enjoyed. The evening was spent in song, music, and handbell ringing, to which nearly everyone present contributed. Flute solos by Mr. Richard Brinklow were specially enjoyed, his instrument being not only a very valuable one, and rich in tone, but his rendering of the solos was simply delightful.

A course of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on the handbells by C. Leman 1-2, H. Hudgetts 3-4, H. Cashmore 5-6, F. W. Brinklow 7-8. Although these two performances are mentioned specially, all the other items were equally well rendered and enjoyed to the full; there was not a dull moment.

This dinner being the first occasion at which the wives of the ringers were present, the arrangements were entered into with a certain amount of trepidation, but it is pleasing to record that it turned out a complete success, and was voted a delightful evening by all.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

One of the men who contributed enormously to the foundations of the art of ringing was Benjamin Annable, who died on February 1st, 1756—one hundred and seventy years ago next Monday. He was buried under the tower of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, where in 1724 he had taken part in the first peal of Cinques on record.

A newspaper paragraph of that day may well be quoted, and, although there may be fulsome flattery, it indicates something of Annable's ability, and of the admiration which was held for his work.

A few nights ago was buried under the tower of St. Bride's, Mr. Benjamin Annabel, the best ringer that was ever known in the world. Till his time ringing was only called an art, but from the strength of his great genius he married it to the Mathematics, and 'tis now a science. This man of figures and ringing was like a Newton in philosophy, a Ratchiffe in physic, a Hardwick in wisdom and law, a Handel in music, a Shakespeare in writing, and a Garrick in acting. O rare Ben!

Forty years ago to-day Henry Haley, one of London's foremost composers and conductors, died at Bethnal Green, at the age of 66.

The first peal of Double Bob was rung at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on January 29th, 1769.

At Warnham, where, next Saturday week, there is to be an attempt on the London Surprise record, Harrison's 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob was rung on February 2nd, 1891. On Feb. 4th, 1861, 10,032 Grandsire Major was rung in 6 hrs. 18 mins. at Walsall.

For a young ringer who only rang his first Surprise peal on Dec. 31st, 1924, John A. Cole, of Godalming, has a most creditable record for 1925, his peals including five of Superlative, four of Cambridge and 13 of London.

In connection with the first ten-bell peal rung by a band of ladies, namely, that at St. Clement Danes last week, referred to elsewhere in our columns, it is interesting to recall that the first ladies' peal was Grandsire Triples at Cubitt Town on July 20th, 1912. Peals, exclusively by ladies, since then have not been numerous—three or four altogether. Miss E. K. Parker, who called the first on eight, had the pleasure also of conducting the first on ten bells.

## LADIES' TEN-BELL PEAL.

FINE PERFORMANCE AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

The ladies have added to their conquests of the belfry by ringing, for the first time in history, a peal of Stedman Caters without the aid of 'mere man.' On Wednesday of last week ten members of the Ladies' Guild, all of them now well known in ringing circles, met at the famous Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, where the bells had been placed at their disposal by the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford), and the local 'Youtlis' had given up their practice night to enable the peal attempt to be made. Under the conductorship of Miss E. K. Parker, a splendid peal was rung in three and a half hours, and when it is remembered that the weight of the tenor is 24 cwt., the merit of the performance, even only as a test of endurance for the 'back-enders,' is one on which they are to be heartily congratulated.

In such a performance, interest will doubtless turn to the lady who had the pluck and physique to tackle the 24 cwt. tenor, a heavier bell than any lady has previously rung to a peal. This was Miss Ruby Hawksworth, a robust brunette, who is only 17 years of age. She commenced her ringing career at her native village of Bradfield, in Berkshire, at the age of 12, but on her removal to London two years ago, her knowledge was limited to Grandsire Doubles. She has now to her credit peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Stedman Caters, and is ringing Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Considering the restricted amount of practice she has been able to obtain, Miss Hawksworth has developed into an excellent ringer, her bell management and striking being superb, and she possesses the happy qualification of being equally 'at home' on the heavy end as on the light bells. Reliability is just another of her strong points.

Many eminent ringers were present who heard the performance from start to finish, and all were enthusiastic in their praise, for it was unanimously agreed that the ladies had accomplished a feat of which they might naturally be proud.

## MALE LISTENERS' CONGRATULATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the 'Male Listeners,' we wish to congratulate the ladies on their very successful attempt for the first peal of Stedman Caters ever rung by ten ladies.

C. F. WINNEY,  
J. E. DAVIS,  
F. I. HAIRS,  
W. H. HEWETT,  
R. F. DEAL,  
A. W. COLES,  
G. W. FLETCHER.



## COVENTRY BELLS.

## UNAVAILING APPEAL TO THE BISHOP.

The final effort to save Coventry bells from the melting-pot has been made by the hon. secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. Alexander Young), who, under date 18th January, wrote to the Lord Bishop of Coventry as follows:—

My Lord,—As the Worshipful Chancellor has now given his decision by granting a faculty in respect to the bells, I take it that the desire expressed in your letter to me (that I should not write to you, the question being sub judice) no longer applies. I am anxious, however, to make a final appeal on behalf of my Council whilst there is still a chance that some mutually satisfactory way out might be found, and the bells saved for future years.

It has always been a matter of regret to us that our offer to send down a strongly representative deputation was never accepted. They would have been able to point out many interesting and valuable things.

I venture to enclose you a copy of the current number of the 'Ringing World,' which has several articles and letters, together with the evidence for the petition.

Mr. Caldicott has been in correspondence with me, and I believe he has endeavoured to persuade the donor to modify her views, and he has told me that he is sure the money could be immediately raised in Coventry to save the old bells and leave them in the Cathedral tower, where they might still be chimed by hand and form a complement to the magnificent gift, which you have been so fortunately offered, of a carillon.

My appeal is this. Firstly, as you will see by all the standard words, carillons are always preferably composed of a series of light bells, indeed running up into quite small ones, their success depends on this. You are now constrained to endow the carillon with a replica of your ten existing heavy bells.

Secondly, that whatever Dr. Brazil and Dr. Stanner may say (the one we know is distinctly in favour of foreign carillons, and neither of them are what we call ringers, nor have the ringer's ear), I feel sure that in your own mind on due reflection, you will feel that there must be a great tone-value in these old bells for them to have had such a remarkable reputation. There is never smoke without fire! The appeal is, therefore, mainly to allow us to indemnify the donor against all loss, and at the same time leave the bells of the City of Coventry untouched in their tower to await a campanile. I cannot but feel that this is a splendid offer for the Cathedral Church of Coventry, and will not be rejected without careful consideration.

I feel sure that we are passing through a period in respect to these bells, which will at some future time be looked upon as historical. I would beg to remind you that the terrible Wyatt was actuated by the very best of intentions when he 'scientifically' restored Salisbury. His name is now a by-word.

The reply received by Mr. Young from the Bishop's secretary was as follows:—

Dear Sir,—The Bishop of Coventry has been seriously ill, and in bed for nearly five weeks. He is unable to write to you personally. He has, however, seen your letter, and bids me to tell you that the matter of the Cathedral bells has been decided in the Chancellor's Court.

## DIPLOMAS OF AUTHORITY.

## To the Editor.

Sir,—When a splendid ring of bells, which have always been pleasing to the ears of skilled judges in the past, has been condemned unheard, by 'experts,' I think most ringers will agree that the less we hear of experts the better! To the average musical man in the street, surely it can matter little whether a bell has 400 vibrations per second, or whether the exact number is 396!

During the last few years, many new subjects and fresh fields, brimful of interest, have appeared in the columns of your excellent 'Ringing World,' but with the beginning of the present year, surely the palm must be awarded to 'something' which has recently come to light in the case of the Cathedral bells at Coventry.

I, for one, am simply thirsting for information, so perhaps some of the more enlightened and talented members of the ringing fraternity will kindly tell us how, when, and where we may be possessed of the coveted diploma or certificate of some sort or other, in order to qualify and become 'an expert' on bells, and professor of campanological matters generally.

Independent of my own experience, we have many well-educated men who have been devoted to bells and ringing ever since their school days, and who are now greatly marveling to think that none of us have ever heard of—much less seen—any person before calmly walk into the witness-box and openly declare themselves as professors of campanology.

It would indeed be most interesting to be informed of the existence and whereabouts of the college or university from which such a degree

may be obtained, or do they only study as a hermit and suddenly come into being similar to a butterfly from a silkworm?—Yours truly,  
F. E. DAWK.

## THE LESSON OF COVENTRY.

There is no doubt that if the ringers of Coventry Diocese had a Diocesan organisation, their Cathedral bells would not have been lost. As ringers, we were considered outsiders at the Consistory Court, not to say meddlesome busybodies, interfering where we were not wanted. Ringers are clearly a nuisance in that Diocese.

Under the new system of Church government, Church bodies which are not Diocesan are clearly out of date, and not only useless for many purposes, but are preventing others doing the necessary work.

There is no doubt whatever that those now in authority in the Councils of the Church, look on ringing with a very unfriendly eye, and would gladly turn all our rings of bells into carillons. If we had, as we ought to have, a proper organisation in every Diocese, these people could do nothing.

As the Midland Counties Association was the first ringing association I joined, it has a tender place in my heart; but I cannot shut my eyes to the fact, that unless it reorganises itself on Diocesan lines (which it could easily do, without altering many of its arrangements, or its work), it will have to record the loss of many rings, which it might have preserved for the art.  
HERBERT DRAKE.

## WHAT DO RINGERS THINK OF SIMPSON TUNING?

Sir,—I also attended, as an interested spectator and listener, the Consistory Court held at Coventry to consider the recasting of these famous bells, and now that the result is known, I would like to give your readers some of my impressions. To all those who have heard these bells rung or chimed, it must have been a shock to hear the startling evidence of the supporters of the petition, that some of these bells were out of tune, and also by our own witnesses that they could be improved by the tuning machine, which really goes to show how careful one has to be when judging a peal of bells by the ear. I have heard Coventry bells chimed, and thought they were splendid, and all in tune with one another, but according to the musical experts they were not, although I do not agree they were out of tune to the extent of the piano demonstration, which was entirely misleading. Still we had no evidence, as you remarked in your leading article, to meet it.

As one reads this case, it will be very evident that one of the main arguments was whether bells should be Simpson tuned, or, as we know them, tuned on the old plan; and, in view of the fact that the question of the Simpson tuning of bells is, I believe on the agenda for the Central Council meeting to be held at Ipswich this year, my object in writing is that you invite ringers and non-ringers interested, who have had their bells recast or retuned on the Simpson principle, as carried out by our English bell founders, to say whether they consider they have a better and more tuneful peal of bells than those cast and tuned on the old plan. This expression of opinion would be very useful to show the general opinion of ringers before the meeting at Ipswich. I have in mind among recent recast and retuned peals of bells, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury; Westbury, Wilts; St. Margaret's, Leicester; Monks Kirby, Warwickshire; St. Mary's, Warwick; Macclesfield, Manchester Cathedral, Westminster Abbey; St. Andrew's, Holborn; and St. Clement Danes, Strand; and nearer Birmingham, we have St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; Wednesbury; Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham; King's Norton, and Northfield, and which represent recent work by our three bell founders. There are many others I could quote, such as Tiverton, Devon, but there are sufficiently well known members of the Exercise amongst these towers mentioned who could give us their opinions. In conclusion, I for one am convinced that the art of bell founding, as it exists to-day, is a vast improvement, both in casting and tuning, and that where peals of bells can be improved we should all assist in getting the very best that is there for us. I apologise for taking up so much space, but I feel certain all ringers are keenly interested, and I hope we shall have the views of others on the question of Simpson tuned bells.  
Birmingham.  
ALBERT WALKER

## THE 'LONDON' RECORD.

## NEXT WEEK'S ATTEMPT AT WARNEAM.

As announced in our last issue, an attempt is to be made at Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday, February 6th, to beat the existing London Surprise Major record, of 14,112, rung at King's Norton by the St. Martin's Guild, on May 11th, 1903.

The length of the composition which is to be attempted is 14,144 changes, and the figures, by the Rev. H. Law James, were published in our issue of January 27th, 1922.

The band is that which, under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, has recently been scoring numerous peals of London Surprise, but as this attempt is to be made in Sussex, it will be under the auspices of the Sussex County Association. The start will be at 11 a.m.

**NEW BELLS AT USK.****FINE PEAL OF EIGHT FOR SOUTH WALES.**

The complete restoration of the bells at Usk, Monmouthshire, has just been completed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the scheme including the recasting of the old six bells with extra metal and the addition of two trebles, the whole being rehung in a new iron frame on a steel foundation. The tenor is now 14½ cwt., and the old inscriptions have been reproduced on the bells, which are tuned on the firm 'true harmonic' principle.

An improved Ellacombe chiming apparatus has been installed, and the old Sanctus bell has been rehung with new fittings, in new framework, above the new bell frame. The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble and 2nd.—1925.

3rd.—Let us ring and merrily sing. A : R. 1713.—Recast 1925.

4th.—Prosperity to this place. A : R. 1713. Recast 1925.

5th.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood. A : R. 1713.—Recast 1925.

6th.—Abr Rudhall of Gloucester Bellfounder Cast Vs 1713.—Recast 1925.

7th.—William Jones, Esqr. Edward Prytherh Churchwardens 1713.

Mr. Samuel Morgan, Vicar. Prosperity to This Place Amen.—Recast 1925.

Tenor.—The Living I to Church do Call and to the Grave do Summon All. 1713.—Six Bells Recast and Two Added. 1925.

E. MORGAN, Vicar. u. D. R. SAGE and H. T. PEARCE, Wardens.

The name of John Taylor and Company appears on each bell also. The dedication took place on Wednesday, January 13th, the ceremony being performed, in the presence of a large congregation, by the Bishop, who also dedicated a memorial stained glass window. The Bishop preached an impressive sermon, in which he dwelt on the message of the bells. Their exercise, he said, should be subservient to the spiritual life, and they should not be used for anything that was purely worldly or secular. When they rang they carried a message to every Christian soul in the place, and they acted as a sort of bond to keep them together. To the devout the bells were living messengers giving a call from God. They spoke not only a message, but he thought it would not be irreverent to say that, provided the community was a devout and spiritual community, they might be regarded as giving pleasure to God Himself; that just as God was pleased to hear His praises sung from a thankful heart so was He pleased to hear the bells as a memorial before Him. God would never have made the birds to sing unless He loved music, and He would accept the music of the bells. God intended them to become His real children, and if they were slack, indifferent or below the level they ought to reach, the bells would call them back and cause them to return to that path of righteousness which should lead them up to God.

At the dedication the bells were rung by the local band, under Mr. P. T. Clift, and after the service members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major, and the delightful tones of the bells were much admired, as well as was the easy 'go' of them, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are heartily to be congratulated upon giving South Wales another fine peal of eight.

**THE LEADING PEAL RINGERS.****WHAT THEY DID IN 1925.**

Among the ringers who rang 40 peals and upwards in 1925 were the following:

C.S.M. J. Bennett, R.M., who rang 80 in 111 attempts, on all numbers from 6 to 12 bells, in 37 towers. Six peals were conducted.

Mr. James George, who rang 66 (2 on handbells) in 44 different towers.

Mr. H. E. Audsley, who rang 60 peals (conducted 31 in 28 towers.

Mr. Ernest Morris, who rang 57 (conducted 16) from Doubles to Maximus in 29 towers in ten counties. Five of the peals were on handbells.

Mr. Robert Sperring, who rang 48 peals (conducted 28) in 21 towers.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who rang and conducted 47 peals in 31 towers.

Mr. William Keeble, who rang 41 peals (including 2 on handbells) in 25 towers in five counties. Mr. Keeble conducted the whole of the peals in which he took part.

Mr. Edward Barnett, senr., who rang 40 peals and conducted 21 of them.

There are a few others who rang over 40 peals during last year.

**NOISY BELFRIES.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am much obliged to Mr. H. J. Tucker for pointing out that the shutter arrangement recently shown in this paper is not my idea. I hope, however, the sketch may be of some use.

J. H. B. HESSE.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
CHELTENHAM BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, January 16th, at Leckhampton. It was not an ideal day, for the snow lay several inches deep, and this in some degree affected the attendance. The light ring of eight were early set going to Stedman Triples, and, later, service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Standfast), who had with him a full choir. After service, all adjourned to the spacious Village Hall, where an excellent meat tea was provided by the Vicar and friends, and about 40 members, besides the choir, sat down.

The business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair, and one was pleased to see several friends from Gloucester, including Mr. John Austin, the esteemed Ringing Master of the Association.

The Secretary gave a short report of the year's work, and congratulated everyone on what had been accomplished. A reference was made to the death of an old and esteemed member, in the person of Mr. T. Compton (Prestbury), and the secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to the relatives of deceased.

The balance sheet was considered very satisfactory. Two honorary and six performing members were elected, and all the retiring officers were re-elected, viz.: Branch chairman, the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton); branch representative, Mr. W. Townsend (Leckhampton); branch hon. secretary, Mr. Walter Yeend (Swindon); and they were heartily thanked for their past services.

Withington was chosen for the next meeting, and details were left to the secretary to arrange.

Mr. Hale urged all members to take in the 'Ringing World.'

Mr. W. Devetoux, in a very earnest speech, voiced the thanks of the members to the Rev. and Mrs. Standfast, Capt. Lyne, R.N. (churchwarden), the organist and choir, and all who had helped make the gathering so successful.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Austin, and carried with cheers.

The Vicar, responding, said how pleased he had been to do anything for the branch, for they at Leckhampton all loved their bells.—This concluded a very happy meeting. Afterwards the handbells were brought into use, and the tower again visited.

**PROPOSAL TO DIVIDE LIVERPOOL BELLS.****ASSOCIATION'S OPPOSITION TO ST. PETER'S SCHEME.**

The Liverpool and Wigan Branches (Liverpool Diocesan Guild) of the Lancashire Association met at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on January 16th, and passed a resolution regretting the proposal to divide up the ring of ten bells at St. Peter's Church. Forty-three members attended from Walton, Woolton, Chidwall, Halewood, Garston, St. Luke's, Rainford, Poolstock, Upholland, Ormskirk, Aughton, Crosby, Southport, and St. Nicholas.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Keatch, the Rev. E. C. Collier, and the Archdeacon of Warrington, warden of the guild. The sermon, preached by the Rev. E. C. Collier, was a 'friendly talk,' as the preacher described it, to ringers, emphasising the parallels between ringing and living, preparation, concentration, and unity being special points of analogy.

After service, tea was provided, and the annual meeting held, under the chairmanship of the Warden, who congratulated the St. Nicholas' company on ringing a muffled peal of Stedman Cinquies in memory of the late Queen Alexandra.

A resolution was carried that 'The Liverpool Diocesan Guild learns with regret the suggestion to split up the St. Peter's ring of ten bells into a ring of eight, and urges the diocesan authorities to use their influence to the utmost to retain the St. Peter's bells as a ring of ten.'

This resolution has been forwarded to the Bishops, the Vicar of St. Helens, and the president of the Lancashire Association.

The secretary of the Liverpool and Wigan branches gave satisfactory account of the doings in their respective areas.

**SURPRISE RINGING AT LAVENHAM.**

At Lavenham, on Thursday, January 8th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), composed by F. Dench: A. Symonds 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, L. Poulson 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Poulson 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. Longest length of Cambridge in the Sudbury Archdeaconry by entirely local hand.—On Tuesday, Jan. 19th, 1,152 Superlative Surprise Major: S. H. Symonds 1, F. A. Turner 2, F. Leeks 3, A. Symonds 4, L. Poulson 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Poulson 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, January 20th, 720 Chester Surprise: A. E. Austin 1, W. A. Tack 2, F. E. Haynes 3, Miss K. Willers 4, E. H. Finch 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 Chester by all.

## A WEST COUNTRY FESTIVAL.

### BRIDGERULE'S BELL OPENING.

A programme, which began with an early celebration of Holy Communion, and included after the bell opening ceremony, a luncheon, tea, concert, supper and dance, as well as ringing from 9 a.m. till midnight, marked the completion of the restoration of the bells at Bridgerule, a little parish near Holsworthy, Devon, on New Year's Day. Posters announcing the event had been displayed in every village for miles around, and ringers from every parish invited. Never, probably in all history had there been such a day of public festivity in this little village, where the church is dedicated to St. Bridget.

In May last the 2nd bell of the old peal of 5 broke away from its headstock, and fell into the pit. This bell and Nos. 4 and 5 were already cracked. The Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Kingdon) promptly took the matter in hand, and called in expert advice. It was found that the old oak frame and fittings were in a badly rotted condition, and dangerous. In June, at a Parochial Church Council meeting, it was definitely decided to recast the three cracked bells, add a treble to make a peal of six, and to provide a new frame and fittings. It was later decided to recast the whole five bells, and to increase the weight of the peal from 8 cwt. tenor to 10½ cwt. tenor. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

New Year's Day saw the crowning of the efforts of those who had laboured to have everything worthy of the beautiful church.

It may be mentioned that during the 35 years' ministry of the Vicar, £7,000 have been collected and spent for various restorations and improvements to this building, and this in a village of under 300 inhabitants. Although the church is a mile from the village, a crowded congregation assembled for the reopening and dedication, which took place during the choral eucharist service, the Vicar performing the ceremony. In this he was assisted by the Rev. J. C. L. Johnstone, Vicar of Egg Buckland, who preached a very forceful and homely sermon, referring especially to ringers and their part in the worship of Almighty God.

Rounds were rung during the service by F. Gilbert, F. Gilbert, jun., C. Sangwan, R. Goulden, J. Honey, J. Sangwan. It was indeed a very beautiful service, and one long to be remembered.

After the service, an adjournment was made to the schools for luncheon. It would be impossible to provide a more bountiful feast. This, together with the tea and supper, was given by the residents, the proceeds going towards the bell fund.

After luncheon, the Vicar proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all donors and helpers, and also to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. He said he felt sure that everyone would agree that that firm had given them a sweet-toned and beautiful peal of bells, beside hanging the bells with the most up-to-date fittings and frame. He was assured by the ringers that the 'go' was perfect. He thanked Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the courteous and businesslike way they had carried out their contract. He was very glad to announce that there would be no debt on the bells, as all the money had been collected.

Mr. S. R. Roper (who represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks on the firm's work. It had been a real pleasure to work with such a business man as the Vicar.

The Rev. C. E. Southern supported the vote of thanks, chiefly referring to the loyal support and work of all connected with this restoration. It said much for the good feeling in the village, when all sects and creeds had contributed.

For those who were not ringers, games, a concert and a dance were provided. As to the ringing, this was kept up until midnight, the total hours of ringing during the day being 13½. The following bands of the 'Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers' took part: Bridgerule, Frithulstock, Whitstone, Marhamchurch, Davidslowe, Poundstock, Black Torrington, Sheepwash, Werrington, Pyworthy (2), Kilkhampton, Tamerton, Launcells, Thornbury, St. Teath (2). The first scientific ringing was 120 Grandshire Doubles by the following: W. Slee, Pyworthy (conductor) 1. C. Cholwill, Pyworthy, 2; W. Shears, Pyworthy, 3; F. Rogers, Heavitree, Exeter, 4; S. R. Roper, Croydon, 5; J. Sangwan, Bridgerule, 6. This was followed by several 120's by the Pyworthy band. It would not be right to close this account without saying what a wonderful day it was, both from the ringers' and visitors' point of view. To show everyone's enthusiasm it should be mentioned that it rained in torrents all day. Many people had to wade through a foot of water to join in the festivities. The proceeds of the day came to over £70.

The following are the bells with their inscriptions:—

Treble.—G. Mears and Co., founders, London, 1866. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1926. Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

2.—Mr. William Braddon and Mr. John Jewell, churchwardens, T. B. Feet 1777. Recast January, 1926. M. I. Sanders. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Weight, 4 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb.

3.—Erected September, 1877, when this church was restored, H. G. Southcomb, Vicar. Mears and Stainbank, founders, London. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1926. Weight, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

4.—Mr. William Braddon and Mr. John Jewell, churchwardens. T. B. Feet 1777. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1926. Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

5.—Rev. Thos. H. Kingdon, Vicar, 1818. John Inch and Nicholas Roger, C.W.I.P. Recast by Gillett, etc. Weight, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

6.—(A flat, 38 inches).—Erected January, 1926. F. H. Kingdon, Vicar. 'Ave Maria.' Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Weight, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Total weight: 35 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### REVISION OF RULES.

Although wintry weather prevailed, and the elements were forbidding, quite a large number of Midland Counties Association members were present at Eastwood, Notts, on Saturday, January 16th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting. The bells of the Parish Church, a beautifully toned peal of eight, were kept going during the afternoon and evening to most of the standard methods.

The committee met in the afternoon, and after the usual routine business, the question of rules was again gone into, and after several minor alterations, were proposed and passed, the whole was proposed to be laid before the annual meeting at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday for final settlement and adoption.

Mr. W. Lambert, of Bolsover, a highly-valued member, was transferred to the hon. life members' list, and 25 new members admitted, viz. two honorary, five life, and 18 ringing.

At the subsequent tea, some 50 members from Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Ilkeston, Nottingham, Loughborough and Leicester sat down, and later the general meeting took place. Owing to a severe cold, and on the doctor's orders, the president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, J.P., was unable to be present. Mr. W. E. White, of Cotgrave, therefore, officiated in his stead.

The usual business was transacted, and two auditors elected to check the last year's accounts, which are in a most satisfactory condition. It cannot be too clearly shown to the members, however, that the present balance is not due to their own subscriptions, but to the magnificent roll of patrons and honorary members which the president (Ald. Chambers) has secured.

A discussion followed on the 'Sherwood Youths,' in which it was shown that any suspicion as to whether the M.C.A. were bearing the expenses of this body was absolutely unfounded, as they were simply an independent society formed to revere the memory of the late W. Doubleday Crofts, of Nottingham, and to revive the old society for social intercourse.

Votes of thanks were passed to the local committee for their arrangements, and Mr. Pollard replied. Further ringing on the bells brought a successful meeting to a close.

## BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### AXBRIDGE DEANERY GOING AHEAD.

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, January 16th. Despite the climatic conditions, some 30 members from different parts of the Deanery turned up at the Parish Church (St. John's) by 5 p.m., where the bells, with tenor of 12 cwt., were soon going to Grandairs and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, etc. The party, including the Rev. A. C. Schofield (president) of the association, the Rector of Weston-super-Mare (the Rev. G. Porcher), and the secretary (Mr. G. Chamberlain, of Burnham-on-Sea), later met at the Paragon Cafe, High Street, where a good tea was served, after which business was dealt with. The Rev. R. T. Sydenham was elected a member, and it was gratifying to hear the secretary propose that 24 new performing members be admitted to the association, which shows that the art is gaining in popularity. The new members are from Winscombe (3), Worle (3), Uphill (1), Mark (6), Burnham-on-Sea (3), and Bleadon (8). The last-named village has recently had a new treble bell added to its peal, and they now have a good-toned ring of six, the work having been carried through by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.—The Rector of Bleadon (the Rev. Powys David) was made an honorary member of the association. Congressbury was chosen as the next place of meeting.—The balance sheet, which showed a creditable balance on the right side, was adopted.

Mr. Alec. Evans suggested that their president should act for another year. That gentleman agreed to do so, stating that his interest in ringing was keener than ever, as he had begun to ring again. It would certainly be an incentive to him to do his best. The indefatigable secretary (Mr. Chamberlain) was re-elected, after remarking that he had held office for the last ten years, and intended to resign. He was, however, persuaded to carry on for one more year.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector (the Rev. Porcher) for the use of the bells and in responding, the reverend gentleman said the more frequently they could have their meetings at Weston-super-Mare the more pleased he would be.

A special service at the Parish Church was then held, the Rector officiating, and giving a most appropriate address to the ringers, after which the bells were again set going.

**STEPPING-STONES.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Bibby, in his reply to my query, is in agreement with my argument, whether he intends to be or not. Firstly, he says it is obvious that he who can ring Surprise Minor will ring the Major extensious quicker than he who is only a Kent Treble Bob Minor ringer. He makes a distinction between a Spliced Minor ringer and a Surprise Minor ringer; I cannot see why. The chances are, that when a ringer is capable of ringing a number of spliced extents he will be far in advance of his Surprise brother; in fact, he may be splicing Surprise methods. If, when a ringer has mastered the 'Abbey Group,' page 32, 'Method Splicing,' he cannot ring London Surprise Minor, he ought to give up ringing.

In Mr. Bibby's suggestion for a course of study, he includes the elementary and advanced, but excludes the intermediate stage. Nine bands out of ten, capable of ringing Kent Treble Bob Minor, are not in a position to jump to Cambridge or London Surprise Minor, without outside help. Even those who do accomplish it have had to put in many hard practices and waste much time before they were successful. Does not 'Method Splicing' supply this intermediate stage?

Without giving any reason, Mr. Bibby states that the book is not the best stepping-stone, yet that stage which it undoubtedly leads up to, is. Further comment from me is unnecessary.

I thank Mr. Keeble for his very favourable remarks, and I think if he will study splicing carefully, learning methods by order of passing treble will be found the better way. Coursing is a very good guide, but has too much of 'follow my leader' about it. At the present moment, I am not conversant with a great number of Major methods, but should imagine there are some which are combinations of two or more methods, similar to the Minor methods, and if the time comes when two or more Major methods are introduced into one course, the order of passing treble will prove its superiority. Take Mr. Parker's eight method 720, for example (page 41, 'Method Splicing'), it would be a difficult matter to ring it, other than by the order of passing treble.—Yours, etc.

JOHN P. FIDLER.

**A WORD FOR THE COURSE BELL.**

Dear Sir,—To those of us who have been taught, and have taught by, the coursing method, Mr. Fidler's letter reads rather strangely. Surely the coursing method is the foundation of change ringing, and there does not seem to be a better way of starting off beginners than by giving them something to follow. Certainly ringers thus taught are more reliable, and take to different methods much quicker than those who simply learn the work of their own bell.

Good striking may not be obtained by this means alone, but repetition is greatly helped by this method. Then again, how are young conductors to be brought out if they have not acquired the art of coursing a bell themselves? They will not be able to put a strayer right by telling him his course bell, will they?—Yours truly,

J. E. BAKER.

**INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have read with much interest your article on 'Instruction of Beginners,' and also the letters commenting on it. I hope a book will be published on this subject; it would be greatly appreciated by such counties as Cumberland, where we are always having to teach new ringers to fill the gaps in our bands, which are often being depleted through members having to leave the districts to seek work and experience further afield.

There is another subject which I think the Central Council ought to take up, and that is getting more into touch with outlying counties. Of course, this would no doubt mean considerable expense, but if some Guild or Association would get together a band of ringers to tour these counties it would be greatly appreciated. We in Cumberland had some ringers touring the towers in the association recently, and I can assure them their visit was greatly appreciated, but their stay in the towers was rather short, and members of some of the belfries were consequently unable to meet them. Is it possible that a tour like the above could be arranged this year? It is well worth while visiting Cumberland to see the beautiful lake scenery. I hope to hear soon of some move being made in this direction. Yours truly,

T. HOGARTH.

**WHERE ASSOCIATIONS LOSE GROUND**

Sir,—With reference to your leading article of last week, you have touched an important point. I think associations lose a lot of ground in not allowing the instructor to keep on till a young band can ring the four standard methods. I hope, therefore, your leading article will be read by every ringer in England, and well studied by all officers of associations.

A. J. SKELDING.

**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.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, January 24th, for evensong, 960 London Surprise Minor: J. T. Tilt 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, F. W. Lupson 5, W. N. Park (conductor) 6.

**LAWTON, CHESHIRE.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Jan. 24th, for evening service, and in honour of the birth of a son on the same day to the wife of the ringer of the sixth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 minutes: R. Arrowsmith 1, G. Bidduph 2, J. Booth 3, E. Harper 4, J. Pierpoint 5, W. Longman 6, W. Rigby (conductor) 7, T. Arrowsmith 8.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Jan. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Amos (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, A. Rickell 4, H. Allen 5, Spencer Phillips 6, George Green (conductor) 7, Norman Boughtwood 8.

**GREAT BARDFIELD.**—On Sunday, Jan. 24th, for morning service, 720 of Spiced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Richardson 1, A. Piper 2, W. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, E. Townsend 5, J. Jennings (conductor) 6. Rung at the first attempt.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Jan. 24th, for evening service, 1,239 Stedman Caters: H. Folkard 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Culmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, W. R. Grimwood 5, J. Driver 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, H. Belcher 10.

**COLESHILL.**—On Sunday, Jan. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 42 mins., for morning service: F. Clayton (conductor) 1, R. Davis 2, E. Morriss 3, J. Fifield 4, T. Goldby 5, C. Dale 6, C. Davis 7, W. Simmonds 8.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, Jan. 3rd, for morning service, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Corke 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, Miss P. M. Moss 3, E. Hancock (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, P. E. Jones 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8.

**HORSHAM.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Jan. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: E. Waller 1, R. Dale 2, L. Paice 3, W. Chandler 4, S. Knight 5, J. Whitehead 6, S. Paice (first quarter as conductor) 7, E. Sturt 8.

**OLD LAKE.**—After being silent for several weeks, owing to the restoration of the church tower, which is now completed, 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor was rung on Sunday morning, in 25 minutes: P. Lakin 1, J. W. Lakin, sen., 2, F. Harwood 3, W. Small 4, S. W. Houghton 5, J. W. Lakin, jun. (conductor), 6.

**ODD AND EVEN PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I observe that you published in your last issue a five-part peal on the above lines. It is with regret that I must ask the composer, Mr. Parker, to withdraw his name from it.

In my book of Stedman peals, I have six constructed in this manner, viz., Nos. 60 to 65. I used them as the foundation in building up my peal No. 82. I enclose you No. 63 as typical.

I gave the six peals, with others, to Mr. Samuel Grove and the reason I have done nothing with them is because each has 40 singles. I saw they were capable of improvement, and I composed my peal with the two singles only, referred to above. This peal has been rung.

JOHN CARTER

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4 times repeated.

The seventh is undisturbed throughout the peal. The above is typical of peals Nos. 60 to 65, but one has the Singles all at 5, and another all at 5-6.

**NOTICES.**

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM** (Established 1672).—The fourth memorial dinner to the late W. D. Crofts will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, can now be obtained from the hon. secretary up to Jan. 29th, first post. Ringing at St. Mary's (10 bells) from 2.30 to 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. 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.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upchurch, where the bells have recently been rehung, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due, and can be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcome. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers invited. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the 'Coffee House,' Market Place, at 7 p.m. Will all members please make an effort to attend?—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed immediately by business meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Jan. 30th. St. Mary's bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available from 2.30. Tea at Carrick's Cafe, West Street (opposite the Town Hall), at 5 o'clock.—G. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells read at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting after tea.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Ledbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Church service 5.30 p.m.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Watford. —St. Mary's, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Ringing 4 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., in Old Free School. Business meeting after. Excursion train from London. Return fare 2s.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 12 noon. Divine service at 4 p.m. Preacher, Vicar of Thornaby (Rev. P. W. Worster, M.A.). Tea will be served in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., and a charge of 2s. per head will be made for same. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meadow Road, Leeds.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 2nd, St. Magnus on the 4th and 18th, \*St. Mary le Bow on the 9th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 11th (8 p.m.), St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st (6 p.m.), for service, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. **SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE. REPORTS TO HAND.** All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Room. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due. A good attendance is requested. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Feb. 3rd?—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (kindly supplied by the Vicar) and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me before Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held at Audley on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. All intending to be present please send word to me not later than Monday, Feb. 1st. A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Rotherham Parish Church (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting in the church at 4.30. General meeting in belfry at 6 p.m. Visitors please make their own arrangements for tea.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells at 3. Meeting at 6.—J. Norbury, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 2nd?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The postponed meeting at Seale is fixed for Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 4th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Cranford on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Will those wanting tea please inform me by Thursday, Feb. 4th?—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells at 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Feb. 2nd.—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The Annual Meeting of the above Branch will be held at Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The towers of St. Giles and St. Mary's open for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at St. Lawrence's at 5 p.m., address by the Rev. J. T. Mumford. Tea, business meeting, and smoker at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2/6 each. Members who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 1/- each.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Br. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Westbury, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5; short meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Topsham Feb. 13th. Service 4 o'clock. Tea free to members. Adjacent towers open. Further particulars from Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, and all members are asked to attend if possible. Ringing at All Hallows', Lombard Street, from 1.45 to 3.15 sharp, and at St. Clement Danes from 2 to 3.30. Service at the latter at 4 p.m., before which, at 3.45, a group photograph will be taken if circumstances permit. Tea in the Parish Room, tickets for which should be obtained in advance, followed by business meeting. Other meetings for February:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 1st and 15th, at 7.30; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 8th, at 7.30; and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 23rd, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Institute after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 9th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports to hand. A good muster is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due. Will secretaries of bands note and forward to district hon. secretary?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, and business to follow. Members will be entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens. Will members, other than the South and West, let me know by the 8th if they require tea?—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (10) available from 12 noon. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 10th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Institute (adjoining the church). Tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Those coming to tea please notify me by Monday, Feb. 8th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
 —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.  
 —F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.  
**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bourne-mouth, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

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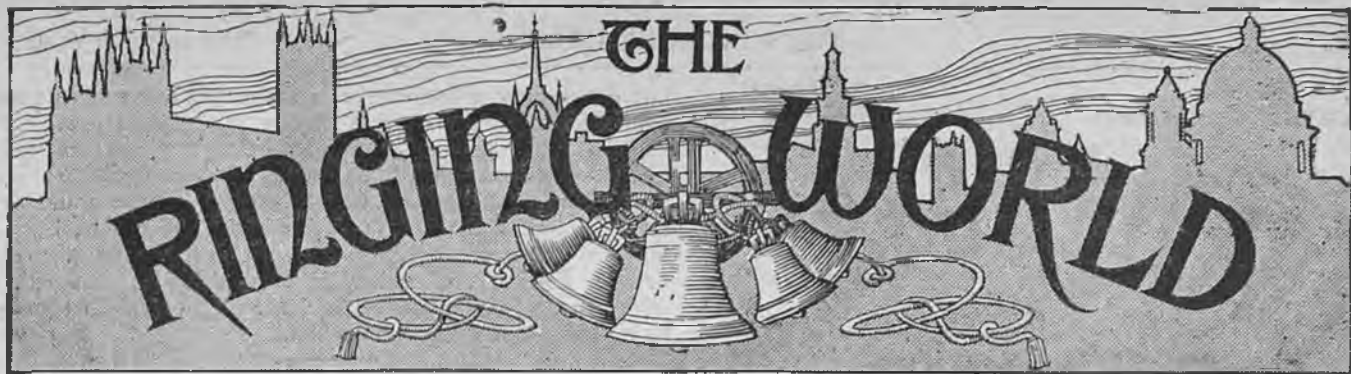
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Although the majority of our ringing associations are the product of the last half century, we have several societies in the country whose roots go deep into the past. The College Youths and the Royal Cumberlands in London, and St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, are among the oldest and best known of these ancient institutions, but in the provinces there are smaller societies with equally long traditions, among them notably the Painswick Youths, St. Stephen's Youths, Bristol, the Saffron Walden Society and the Sherwood Youths. The last named has, in recent years, taken a renewed lease of life, and, thanks largely to the enthusiasm of Mr. Albert Coppock and Mr. Fred Blood, of Nottingham, has been raised from a moribund condition to one of active and vigorous growth. The gathering which took place on Saturday showed the increasing interest which is being taken in the organisation, which dates from 1672, although, under a different title, namely, that of the Northern Youths, who gave two trebles to St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, nearly three hundred years ago, the society may have existed before that date.

The Sherwood Youths took a prominent part in building up the history of ringing in the northern midlands, and its most distinguished member was William Double-day Crofts, a Nottingham attorney, who lived in the eighteenth century, and whose competence as a ringer has been revealed by the manuscripts he left, showing his knowledge of composition and his ability as a ringer and conductor. He was actively engaged in the art at a time when ringing was confined to comparatively few centres, when intercommunication between men engaged in ringing was a matter of great difficulty, and travel was a thing not lightly to be undertaken. Crofts must have been a close student of the art of ringing, for he appears to have mastered many of the early problems, and that, too, without much, if any, outside assistance. He travelled widely over the district in connection with peal ringing, and in several instances he had a hand in opening a new peal of bells, having, doubtless, in some cases, exercised his influence in getting the work done.

Crofts was unquestionably an outstanding man in his day, and the decision of the present generation of Sherwood Youths to commemorate his memory, and keep it green, is highly to be commended. The efforts which have been made by the Nottingham men to discover the history of this 'light of other days' has been also an interesting task, and it is an example of what may be done by perseverance. There have been many men whose names have been well known in ringing history, and who deserve a niche in the Temple of ringing fame,

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but concerning whom there is little tangible record now available. Researches in this direction should provide a field of interesting work for amateur investigators, and would, when completed, be an invaluable acquisition for the future historian of the Exercise. There must be material available; the difficulty is to unearth it, but it was only perseverance that brought to light the story of W. D. Crofts, and a similar application in connection with other societies and individuals might lead to equally interesting and excellent results.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Treble	ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 8
*SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 3	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 9
JOHN PERRY ... .. 4	JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 11
JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES RICHARD LILLEY.

Ringers of treble, 6th and 8th belong to St. Chad's; 2nd and 9th to Wolverhampton; 3rd and 11th to Walsall; 4th to Brewood; 5th to Willenhall; 7th to Tettenhall; 10th to Bloxwich, and tenor to Birmingham. \* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor. ‡ Fiftieth peal of Stedman.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(S. NICOLAS SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6038 CHANGES;

*REGINALD RADFORD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM W. THORNE... .. 6
†FREDERICK RADFORD ... .. 2	GEORGE NICHOLS ... .. 7
EDWARD ETHERIDGE... .. 3	GEORGE TOMSETT ... .. 8
MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 9
CHARLES HAZELDEN... .. 5	GEORGE R. GIBBS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

\* First peal. † First ten-bell peal away from the treble.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR CRAVEN ... .. Treble	REV. E. S. POWELL ... .. 5
NORMAN SHORT ... .. 2	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... .. 6
REV. B. F. SHEPHERD ... .. 3	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 7
MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT ... 4	FRANCIS WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Rung in order to commemorate the appointment of the Rev. B. O. F. Heywood (Vicar of Leeds) to the Bishopric of Southwell; and arranged for the Rev. Everard S. Powell, Vicar of Holbaton, Devon, and president of the Devonshire Guild; and for Miss Molly Davenport, whose first peal it was, and who is the first lady to take part in a peal on these bells. First peal in the method on tower bells by the ringer of the third. The composition, rung for the first time, contains all the 7685's, 7584's, 7684's, 7586's and 7496's; with the 4th and 6th each 20 course ends in 6th's place, and the 2nd and 3rd never in that position. The ringers of 1, 3 and 8 are from Sheffield Cathedral; 2, 4 and 7 from Dore; and 5 from Eyam.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.	
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5
JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. 7
*B. E. BASSINGTHWAITE ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GRO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble	ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 6
*HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

R. BOULTON ... .. Treble	H. HILL ... .. 5
*G. WARRINGTON ... .. 2	S. DAWSON ... .. 6
W. BATES ... .. 3	H. LETTS ... .. 7
MISS FOULK ... .. 4	C. BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. WARRINGTON.

First peal on the new bells.

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

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	*FRED PRICE ... .. 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	*WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. F. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. C. SPENCER.

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TITUS BARLOW ... .. Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD ... .. 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 4	WILLIAM DICKENSON ... .. Tenor

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

LONDON SURPRISE RECORD.

As already notified, there is to be an attempt to-morrow at Warham, Sussex, for a record peal of London Surprise Major, the length being 14,144 changes, which is one lead more than the peal rung at King's Norton by St. Martin's Guild, on May 11th, 1903. The start is at 11 a.m.

Mr. George Williams writes: 'I am very pleased to see above attempt is to be under Sussex County Association, as it is at a Sussex tower. I wish my old colleagues success, but it would have looked more consistent if one or two peals recently rung in Sussex had been on similar conditions.'

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.	
FREDK. J. COLLUM, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... .. 5
FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 2	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	*LIONEL J. COLLUM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, January 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ARTHUR GODFREY ... .. Treble	GEORGE WHITING ... .. 5
WILLIAM WEEDON ... .. 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 6
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

Credit is due to the treble ringer, who is only 15 years of age, this being his first peal and first attempt. All the above are members of the local company.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY ... .. Treble	HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 5
ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... 2	*PERCY BRETT SMITH ... .. 6
†CYRIL BRETT SMITH ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 7
*TOM BRETT SMITH ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob on tower bells.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING ... .. Treble	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 7
*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by G. HOWARD. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble

Composed by B. THACKRAB. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells, and by all the band, except ringers of 5, 7 and 8.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On January 7th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1,728 London Surprise Major, in 59 mins.: F. G. Cole 1, W. G. Edwards 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. T. Tucker 5, D. C. Williams 6, F. Blondell 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSET.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Monday evening, January 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Bennett (first quarter) 1, H. Rowe 2, G. Cridland (first on an inside bell) 3, J. Gratton 4, A. Bryant (conductor) 5, N. Churley 6, A. Stevens 7.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT... ..Treble	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
*JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 7
†C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... ..Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

## FARNHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

J. W. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*JOHN READ... ..Treble	*HARRY KEMP ... .. 5
GEORGE UPSHALL ... .. 2	THOMAS UPSHALL ... .. 6
*CHARLES WELLS ... .. 3	RICHARD HASTED ... .. 7
*SIDNEY MEADOWS ... .. 4	ALBERT E. KING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HASTED.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Edward Clapshaw, the esteemed captain of the band, on attaining his 81st birthday on this date, he having been a ringer at this church for over 60 years. \* First peal. All the above are regular service ringers, and it is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band for upwards of 12 years.

## WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRANK DOWNHILL ... ..Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 5
SAMUEL HARRISON ... .. 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 6
WM. A. WOOLER ... .. 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 7
*FRANK WADSWORTH... .. 4	GEORGE HILL ... ..Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.  
\* First peal. Ringers of 2, 5, 6, 7 are from Bolsterstone; tenor from Penistone; and remainder belong to the local company.

## GODSTONE, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*JOHN R. HUMPHREYS ... ..Treble	JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 5
FRANK E. DARRY ... .. 2	†FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 6
GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 3	†WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.  
First peal in method on the bells. \* First peal on eight bells.  
† First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal of Double Norwich.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD BOB AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... ..Treble	ALBERT TALBOY ... .. 5
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 2	DAVID R. JAMES ... .. 6
ALLEN C. JONES ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
RICHARD EVANS ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. WRIGHT... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

This is the first peal of Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples ever rung; also the first peal of Triples ever rung without Singles, Bobs only being used. The methods were intermixed throughout.

## HOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... ..Treble	JOHN BROWN... .. 5
MISS MAY CLAYTON ... .. 2	FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. 6
JAMES HARRISON ... .. 3	JOHN WATSON ... .. 7
THOMAS CALDERBANK... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITZCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

## NUNEATON.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE... ..Treble	*JOHN THOMPSON... .. 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 2	ERNEST STONE ... .. 6
*WALTER MARTIN ... .. 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 7
WALTER HORTON ... .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by D. H. ARGYLE.

\* First peal in the method.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON... ..Treble	FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. 5
*HERBERT CHAMBERS ... .. 2	JOHN BROWN... .. 6
FRED CHAMBERS ... .. 3	JOHN WATSON ... .. 7
THOMAS WILSON ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

\* First peal in the method. This composition contains the 6th its extent right at nine course-ends, without the 2nd in 6th's. This is the 100th peal that Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Watson, the genial secretary of the Blackburn Branch, have rung together.

## BRENCHLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... ..Treble	HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 2	*LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3	†FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 7
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Arranged for L. J. Honess, of Wingham, Kent, who commenced ringing at the above tower.

## NORTH MYMS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... ..Treble	JOHN MALYAN ... .. 5
BEN JARMAN... .. 2	WILLIAM NASH ... .. 6
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 7
RICHARD E. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	LEONARD SHEPHERD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

First peal in method on the bells. The conductor's 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Nash. Mr. Nash has now rung all the bells round in this tower to a peal. It was also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Kentish.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Jan. 3rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson 1, T. Watson 2, G. Jackson 3, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 4, W. H. Dennison 5, J. Burrows 6.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 21 cwt.
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 6
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 5
WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 3	THOMAS R. BOTLER ... .. 7
† HAROLD EDWARDS ... .. 4	* EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal in the method, and first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of the sister-in-law of the ringer of the fifth.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR BOLTON ... .. Treble	CECIL ROBINSON ... .. 5
ALFRED COATES ... .. 2	ALBERT HUNTER ... .. 6
* MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 3	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 7
THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WALTER FENDALL ... .. Treble	PERCY HACKETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	LEONARD JOHNSON ... .. 6
BERTRAM PRICE ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
JOHN PRICE ... .. 4	GILBERT GUEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung for the 19th birthday of Mr. P. Hackett.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

* BARZILLAI HAWKINS ... Treble	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method.

REIGATE, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 3rd, for evening service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Pooley 1, A. Bashford 2, M. Northover 3, J. Foster 4, G. Hoad 5, H. Jordan 6, W. Claydon (conductor) 7, W. Whitehead 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Foster (secretary of the society), which took place at Teddington on Boxing Day.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, January 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

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

In seven different methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. G. SMITH ... .. Treble	J. SMY ... .. 4
W. SMITH ... .. 2	A. E. SMITH ... .. 5
A. A. LING ... .. 3	A. LING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Katharine,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT STOKES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... 4
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 5
WILLIAM LOUD ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

HORSELL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob alternately. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

* MISS FLORRIE E. WEYMAN Treble	MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 4
† MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... 2	* GDSM. E. J. BRAGG, GREN. G. 5
* MISS NANCIE DENYER ... 3	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R. E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R. E.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in four methods away from the treble, and rung in honour of her brother's 21st birthday.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

* CHARLES MOORE ... .. Treble	MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 4
R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 2	† DAVID SHATFORD ... .. 5
RONALD F. LAWRENCE ... 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal on six bells. † First peal in the method. This is the first peal ever rung on these bells by a local band, all of whom are Sunday Service ringers.

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret.

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.) in G.

MISS ENID FOSTER ... .. Treble	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 4
WALTER TERRY ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
WILLIAM J. BATEMAN ... 3	GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

This was specially arranged for ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd, it being their first peal. W. Terry and W. J. Bateman are local ringers at this church.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Jan. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

720 each of Cambridge, College Exercise, Double Court, New London, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

*M. WINDLEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST CLARK ... .. 4
†HARRY WARN ... .. 2	HERBERT DEVENISH ... .. 5
HARRY BRADLEY ... .. 3	EDWARD BUCKINGHAM... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BUCKINGHAM.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Bunbury) and Mrs. Bunbury.

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

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Court Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 2	JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 5
ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

First peal on the bells since they were overhauled by Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 27 cwt. (approx.)

FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ... Treble	*WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... 4
REGINALD S. COOK ... .. 2	ROBERT DARVILLE ... .. 5
PHILIP G. MORRIS ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. AYRE.

\* First peal of Minor, and first peal for 30 years. First peal on the bells, which date from 1600. Treble, 3rd and 4th belong to the local company; 5th hails from Twyford; 2nd from King's Langley, and tenor from Leverstock Green. 2nd and 4th were elected members of the Guild previous to the peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's without bobs.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lbs in F sharp.

*HUGH W. STEVENSON ... Treble	HERBERT C. ALBROW... .. 4
†JOHN SHUKER ... .. 2	MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER... 5
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal, aged 16 years. † First peal away from treble. First peal of Spliced Minor by all the band, on the bells, in the county, and for the Guild. This is believed to be the first peal of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor ever rung. Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

NORTHERPPES, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE TOWER OF ST. MARY,

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

Consisting of 42 extents called differently. Tenor size 20 in E.

CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 1-2	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3-4
ERNEST L. RISEBROW... .. 5-6	

Conducted by F. N. GOLDEN. Witness: SIDNEY J. POOLEY.

Birthday compliment to Mr. C. Pooley, captain of the local band.

[Other Peal Reports are unavoidably held over.]

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

NOTTINGHAM REPORT CRITICISED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I regret to criticise the Nottingham report in your issue of Jan. 22nd, but the inaccuracies call for a reply. First: If the report was written by the local secretary, let me say at once that he had no right to put forth a statement of accounts, at least before the accounts have been audited. Moreover, the figures are wrong. Secondly, he had no right to ask the local members for a 'grant to the secretary,' neither have they the power to make it. That is the business of the general committee and the whole association. There has been a series of attempts to force the hand of the committee for a grant of money to the branch 'for local funds'? It now resolves itself into a request for an allowance for the secretary. In plain English—a paid job. It may be worth it, but I incline to the view that if a man seeks office to serve his fellow men, he should do it for the honour, seeking what he can give to the cause, and not what he can get out of it.

Lastly, he states, 'Secretaries pay expenses out of their own pocket . . . and cannot afford it.' This is ridiculously untrue. No secretary is called upon to pay one penny out of his pocket. The whole expenses of the branch are defrayed and have never yet been questioned. I have before me at this moment a scrap of paper of one word: 'Expenses £1 3s,' with no details, although I know that this amount does not cover half the expenditure, for other bills are due. The fact that at the Nottingham mass meeting only 15 (fifteen) out of 200 turned up—and these from seven sections—shows that either the members are tired of being 'bored stiff,' or are satisfied with the management as it at present exists.

WILLIAM WILLSON,

Hon. Treasurer, M.C.A.

**RINGING STANDARDS.**

THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES.

With reference to the suggestion that the Central Council should formulate a series of standards of ringing attainment, the secretary of the Suffolk Guild writes to say that his Guild has had printed a number of certificates of proficiency, but that none have as yet been issued. They could, therefore, be used to certify the attainment of any standards laid down by the Council. The Guild Committee have suggested that the following achievements should entitle a member to a certificate, certifying the fact that it has been accomplished: (a) First 720; (b) first peal (5,040); (c) every first peal in a new method; (d) every 50th peal; (e) any 'name' peal; (f) any peal over 7,000.

He suggests that those interested in the matter should get their representatives on the Council to send in notices of a resolution without delay.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**

PEAL RINGING SLACKNESS.

A meeting of the Western Division was held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, January 16th, when there were present members from St. John's, Darlington; St. Ignatius, Sunderland; Newcastle Cathedral, Tanfield and Consett. In spite of other attractions and the wintry weather prevailing, a very enjoyable time was spent, and several methods were rung under the conductorship of Mr. Patterson and Mr. Sheraton, vice-presidents of the Eastern and Western Divisions respectively.

General regrets were expressed at the absence from the meeting of Mr. C. T. Brice, of Pulham, and hopes were expressed that he would soon be sufficiently recovered to visit them on a future date.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Wm. Story, one of the esteemed ex-presidents of the association, on having been made W.M. of the 'Hotspur' Lodge of Freemasons, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

There was a strong feeling among the members that a certain slackness was noticeable throughout the association in connection with peal ringing, and if any was attempted it was generally the favoured few who were selected. Obviously, writes our correspondent, the passing over of several deserving ringers is harmful, and against the best interests of the association.

Also a word in season to the local secretaries. It would be as well to remind them, when arranging their meetings, to get in touch with each other so that the gatherings would not clash, as was the case on this occasion.

The next meeting of the Western Division, of which due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World,' will be held at Consett.

At the close of the meeting, the Rector, Canon Jackson, D.D., was thanked for kindly granting the use of the bells, and thanks were also accorded to those members who looked after the arrangements.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel, City, on January 19th, when a good attendance was presided over by Mr. Vice-President J. H. Shepherd, in the unavoidable absence of the Presiding Ringing Master, Mr. Alderman Pritchett. The latter gentleman, in the exercise of his office, as acting judge in Herefordshire on that date, expressed his regret at being unable to be present, but it is understood that several persons who had perforce to make his acquaintance, in the course of the said duties, would have been quite ready to spare him, and probably consigned him, when commencing inwardly, to a place further even than Birmingham!

The members passed a hearty vote of congratulation to the alderman on having reached his 71st birthday, and wished him 'Many Happy Returns,' and a continuance of the robust health which he has fortunately enjoyed.

All officers were re-elected for the ensuing twelve months, as follows: President, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; vice-presidents, the Rev. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Messrs. W. H. Godden, John Carter, J. E. Shepherd, Wm. Kent and Thomas Russam; Presiding Ringing Master, Ald. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L.; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walter; trustees, Messrs. T. Russam and C. Dickens; auditors, Messrs. T. H. Reeves and Jonathan Preston; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

The balance sheet for 1925 was approved and adopted, and several new members were elected.

The Secretary reported that the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel had been booked for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, which would be held on Saturday, March 6th.

The next quarterly meeting will be held, with the Vicar's permission, at Rowley Regis.

**A DATE TOUCH.**

At Goldhanger, Essex, on January 23rd, a date touch of Minor (1,926 changes), consisting of 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 360 of College Exercise and 126 Plain Bob: J. D. Buckingham 1, S. J. White 2, H. B. Gardner 3, J. R. Owens 4, G. H. Neville (conductor) 5, A. Appleton 6. Longest length by the ringer of the 2nd; also by G. H. Neville as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Appleton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****FLOURISHING POSITION.**

The first meeting of the new year was held at Worksop on Saturday last, when members were present from Anston, Blyth, Barborough, Shireoaks, Mansfield, Handsworth, and the local company. By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon d'Arcy the bells of the Priory Church were at the disposal of ringers, and the methods rung during the day included Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Oxford, Kent, Violet, Duke of York and London Scholars' Pleasure. The Blyth ringers, who brought a full company, raised the bells in peal, and rang a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by A. Eastland. Tea was served at the Co-operative Cafe, and the business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. Hargreaves (Shireoaks).

The Secretary announced that Tuxford bells would shortly be rehung in a new iron frame, the 4th bell recast, and all the others cleaned and retuned. Thus one more ring of bells would be put in good order for the association, and for the Tuxford ringers, who have laboured hard in the past to ring the bells at all.

The next meeting is to be held at Ordsall, shortly after Easter, and will be advertised as usual in 'The Ringing World.'

The Hon. Sec. mentioned that the association was never in a better position than it was to-day, numerically and financially. Every six-bell tower except one was affiliated to the association, and the membership was over 200. One thing he would like to see carried out was that at least one representative should be sent to every meeting from each tower, to keep in touch with the association and extend that spirit of brotherhood that had existed amongst them for so many years. Whilst many association secretaries regretted that members' subscriptions came in badly, and ringers attended meetings who had not paid anything for a number of years in the shape of subscriptions, he was proud to say it was just the opposite in the North Notts Association. What he wanted to see was a better attendance at all their meetings to give the hon. secretary some encouragement to continue in office. While some of the meetings had been well attended, there were many that were not, but perhaps the weather had had something to do with it.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon d'Arcy for granting the use of the bells concluded the business.

Ringings was finished at 8.30 p.m. by a well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which three six-bell ringers took part in their first attempt of Major.

# John Taylor & Co.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Cyril Johnston, head of the Croydon Bell Foundry, has just returned to England after a trip to the U.S.A., where he attended the official opening of the great New York carillon.

Next week the Croydon Foundry are sending to Guelph, Ontario, a carillon of 23 bells, which will be fitted with an improved kind of keyboard. Instead of the old-fashioned clavier, it will have a board, similar to that of a piano, which is electrically controlled.

To-day is the anniversary of two peals of 12,000. At Bromley, Kent, on February 5th, 1783, a peal of 12,672 Bob Major was rung in 7 hours 48 minutes. The same date in 1683 witnessed the 12,041 Stedman Caters at Appleton, where, after a 13,054 in the same method had been rung at Cheltenham in the following May, a 15,041 was rung on the last day of the same year. It was at Appleton, too, that the existing record of 21,363 was put up in the year 1922.

The attempt to be made to-morrow for a record length of London Surprise recalls the interesting fact that it is the anniversary of the first peal rung in this method on handbells. This was at Romford on February 6th, 1904.

Exactly a hundred years to-morrow, the Society of Change Ringers of Bingley (Yorks) met in the tower of the parish church and rang during the day in three touches of 12 twelve-scores each, without a single breakdown or a false change, the extraordinary number of 36 twelve-scores, making a total of 8,640 changes. Thirty-six different methods were rung, among them many of the names we know to-day, but one there is which appears to be lost in oblivion—Symphony.

When St. Botolph's Bishopsgate, bells were opened on Feb. 7th, 1783, three peals were rung in the one day by three different bands, viz. 5,120 Oxford Treble Bob, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 5,216 Oxford Treble Bob. The neighbours didn't grumble in those days—at least, if they did, it didn't have much effect.

## COVENTRY BELLS.

HARMONICALLY TUNED BELLS BEST.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I heartily support Mr. A. Walker's letter in your last issue, it being wholly to the point. I never had the pleasure of hearing these bells, although I saw them many years ago in the tower. But from the evidence in support of the petition the case was hopeless, the witnesses as a whole 'giving the show away,' by their admissions as to tuning.

Personally, I am against old and historical bells being recast, if they are good; and no bell would be classed good in these days unless harmonically in tune with itself. That is why individual old bells are picked out up and down the country as of exceptional merit.

I will only mention one, the 11th at Exeter Cathedral, which the late Mr. J. W. Taylor described as an exceptionally fine bell, and could not be improved, and when asked why there was such difference in the weight of the tenor, replied: 'We had to put the extra metal to correspond with the extraordinary quality of the 9th' (now 11th). Therefore, if recasting is necessary to get the bell in true harmony with itself, undoubtedly it is the right thing.

I used to have the idea that if the top note was right, that was sufficient for change ringing, but after many years' experience on so many harmonically tuned bells, I come to the conclusion the better in tune the bells are the more enjoyable the ringing.

I find in Major ringing, when bells are well struck to time, every last blow of the backstroke is a perfect finish, if the bells are truly in tune; if they are not, you do not get that finish.

Therefore, I am with Mr. Walker, if bells can be improved let us assist in carrying it out.

West End, Hants.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## THE 'COVENTRY TRIAL.'

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—It was in the year 1870 and again in 1871 my father took my brother and I to hear and ring on St. Michael's bells. My father, who was a good musician, always carried a pitch pipe and a tuning fork, and I always remember him saying the bells were a perfect peal. I rang in a touch of Grandsire Triples, and the treble in a course of Caters. (I was nine years of age then.) In 1883 or 1884 I went with Mr. Thomas Holmes to Coventry, and he, too, always carried a tuning fork, and he said the bells were true to tune, and I say so now, but what were our representatives doing? Was there not one who could argue with Drs. Brazil and Starmer? I must agree with Mr. A. Walker that the modern tuning is the best. If you have a peal of handbells, one should know if they are in tune, and the same thing applies to our church bells. I have rung on some of the best and the worst bells in England, and know it. I wrote to Mr. Caldicott my version in good time. My old friend, the late Rowland Cartwright, and I were appointed to go and judge a new peal (I won't mention where), but we soon condemned them, and they had to be taken away. At the same time, we must give our representatives credit for doing their best. Mr. Dawe's letter is good, and should be appreciated.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN JAGGAR.

[Other Letters are held over.]



## THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

### CROFTS' COMMEMORATION AT NOTTINGHAM.

An interesting and enjoyable gathering took place at Nottingham on Saturday, when the Society of Sherwood Youths met for the fourth successive year to commemorate the memory of William Doubleday Crofts, one of Nottingham's most distinguished ringers of a century and a half ago. The Sherwood Youths established themselves 250 years ago, and although the society never really lapsed, there was a period when its activities reached a low ebb. Since the war, however, the Nottingham ringers have resuscitated the society, and in addition to the dinner which is now annually held, periodical meetings for ringing and social entertainment take place. The society is a useful adjunct to the Midland Counties Association, and in no sense a rival organisation for membership of the M.C.A. is a sine qua non of election to the Sherwood Youths.

Saturday's gathering brought together a company of between 70 and 80. Ringing was enjoyed by many at St. Mary's Church in the afternoon, and then the party assembled round the festive board at the Welbeck Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served. Mr. Albert Coppock (Master) presided, and among the company, which included many ladies, were the Mayor of Nottingham (Alderman Foulds), Canon Field (Vicar of St. Mary's), Mr. George Walker (Birmingham), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. H. F. Stubbs (representing Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. F. Blood (honorary secretary), Mr. E. C. Shepherd (honorary treasurer), Mr. F. W. Bailey (steward), Mr. W. E. White (Cotgrave), Messrs. A. Archer, W. Flinders, J. Ward (one of the original members of the Midland Counties Association), and W. Clifford (hon. members of the society), Mr. E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston), Mr. F. Spencer (Radcliffe), Mr. J. E. Hobbs (Greasley), Mr. J. Bailey (Long Eaton), Mr. A. Ward (Bottesford), Mr. A. C. Hickton (Sawley), Mr. G. Copeland (Eastwood), Mr. Collins (Loughborough), while the local towers well represented were St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nottingham, Beeston, Basford, etc. An excellent repast was served and much enjoyed, and the toast of 'The King' was honoured.

### WELCOME TO THE MAYOR.

The Master, as the Mayor had to leave early to attend another engagement, took the opportunity of welcoming his Worship. They of the Sherwood Youths, he said, with the tradition of Robin Hood and Little John behind them, looked on the Sheriff as their lawful prey last year, but this year they had angled for larger fish, and the Mayor had risen to the bait admirably (applause). He not only honoured them with his presence, but he came among them as an honorary member of the Midland Counties Association. In the course of his official duties, the Mayor came into contact with numerous small societies which existed for a variety of purposes, and which were working for the benefit of their members. He submitted that the Sherwood Youths was one of these societies. They could compare the Midland Counties Association, he continued, with a valve set, with Alderman R. B. Chambers as the detector valve, and if there was any money about he found the carrier wave (laughter). The branches they could take as amplifiers, but the Nottingham branch, using as it did the other society in conjunction, could be taken as a valve with two filaments in parallel, and was, therefore, the strongest of the association's branches. Their duty, he pointed out, was to clear the belfries of all undesirables, and to replace them with men and women who both recognised their duty to the church, and pursued their hobby with enthusiasm. Thus they found ringers taking their position in the church as sidesmen, choristers, organists, and churchwardens, while the number of ringing clergy grew larger every year. That was the first occasion on which they had not had a ringing parson with them at that annual gathering, although they could hardly exempt Canon Field, who had 'done a bit.' In that district, however, they had one or two very clever ringing parsons, in the Rev. C. J. Sturton, the Rev. A. D. Hill, who rang in the first parson's peal of Stedman Triples, and their old friend, Mr. Wilkinson, who must be now one of the greatest living authorities on the bells of Nottinghamshire. The Master then gave 'the Health of the Mayor,' which was honoured with enthusiasm.

The Mayor, in responding, said his term of office had revealed to him that there were in Nottingham societies of a most interesting and varied character, of which one heard little, but scarcely a week passed without him coming across something fresh, something which, before, he had not had the slightest idea existed. He did not know until that night that that society had for its main object the study and practice of campanology. He knew there was some association with that old Nottingham worthy, Mr. Doubleday Crofts. He gathered from their chairman that little was known of him outside his bell ringing operations. Had he been a clergyman they would probably have heard more about him, but being a solicitor he had so much to do for his clients that he had no time to write his own records. It was to be regretted that a man occupying such an interesting posi-

tion had not left some better record behind him. It was, however, very nice to have that dinner in his memory. It was a very creditable thing to keep alive the memory of this old gentleman of Sherwood, and he was glad to be there as representing the city to give every possible encouragement to their society (applause).

### BADGES FOR THE OFFICERS.

At the Master's request the Mayor then presented to the officers of the society silver gilt badges of office, which had been presented to the society by two of the members. The recipients were the Master (Mr. A. Coppock), the secretary (Mr. F. Blood), the treasurer (Mr. E. C. Shepherd), and the steward (Mr. F. Bailey).

The Mayor having taken his leave, the Master gave a review of the year. He said the membership of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association had reached the record figure of 205, and the membership of the Sherwood Youths was between 50 and 60. To a great extent that success was due to a gentleman named Blood (applause). There was one thing they must do, and that was to protect their secretary from attacks similar to those of which they had read in 'The Ringing World'; the integrity of the secretary was the integrity of them all, and it was for them to put up a bold front to deal with it. It might only be a small thing, but it might have grave consequences. Continuing, Mr. Coppock referred to the peal performances of the past year, and said the outstanding peal was that rung twelve months ago that day, a peal of London Surprise at Beeston, the first in the district by a local band, and easily the first for quality ever rung in that district. It had two unique records, in that it was the conductor's first peal in the method, and a greater one was that their old friend, William Clifford, was a participant in it, and thus rang his first peal of London at the age of 76 (applause). Turning from the oldest to the youngest member—Edward Gobey, jun., had rung his first peal during the year. Another peal of interest was the London Surprise at Long Eaton, while the peal at Grantham, credited to the Sherwood Youths only, was rung on the 150th anniversary of the first peal rung there by the Sherwood Youths, in which W. D. Crofts took part. Then there was the spliced peal of Grandsire and Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, one of the finest peals of Caters he had ever heard. Early last year the bells of St. Mary's were broadcast, and were heard as far away as Barcelona. Proceeding, the Chairman said they had with them as guests four veterans whom they were glad to welcome. They were Alf Archer, the only connecting link between the old society of Sherwood Youths and the new; Jack Ward, William Clifford, and old Billy Flinders, wielder of the oil can at St. Peter's (laughter and applause). During the year death had removed four of their members, Enoch Foster, Geo. Johnson, George Oldham and Joe Woolley. They had also lost the Bishop of Southwell, whose last act in a belfry was to unveil the board for the peal of London in the belfry at Beeston. 'They have passed from our midst,' said the Chairman, 'do not let them pass from our minds.'

A silent toast was drunk to their memory.

### RINGING IN AMERICA.

Mr. Cyril Johnston then proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' It was hardly necessary for him, he said, to repeat what had been said so many times before, that the ringers were now much more in alliance with the clergy and the officials of the church than they were in years gone by. To-day they had a considerable number of ringing clergy, and he was glad to know that their Vicar is a ringing clergyman (The Vicar: Was.) Mr. Johnston said he used the word 'is,' because 'once a ringer, always a ringer' (applause). He added that he had just come back from America. The last time he rang, before ringing that day, was in Boston, U.S.A. The Boston Guild mustered a band to meet him, and one man came 40 miles for the purpose. Among them was Dick Newton. There were five English ringers to meet him, and they were pleased to have another English ringer to come among them for a pull. It showed how strong the love for ringing was in those men who had stuck to it in face of great difficulties. They rang that night, about three weeks ago, the third 720 Kent Treble Bob ever rung in the United States. He went to a dinner later in the evening, and when the people there heard about this ringer they looked upon him as having just come from a party of lunatics (laughter), but they became interested, and still more interested when he told them they could ring 479,001,600 changes on twelve bells, and it was a bit of a shock to them when they learnt it would take about 37 years to ring them (laughter). Continuing, Mr. Johnston said the bells were rung in this country on other than ecclesiastical occasions—they rang on great State occasions. Long might it be so. Ringers were always willing to give up their work, and spend time, trouble and money to ring for special occasions, and he did not suppose bells had ever been rung so universally as on a certain November 11th, which they all remembered.

Canon Field, who responded, said it was the first dinner he had attended in Nottingham at which that toast was honoured. He reminded his hearers that that day was the anniversary of the martyrdom of King Charles, and said it was very little more than a hundred years ago that festivities of all sorts were prohibited on Jan. 30th. He was not one of those who could regard King Charles'

character without stain, but in responding to that toast it would be the greatest ingratitude not to recognise that King Charles might have saved his life if he had consented to sacrifice what he thought was his duty to the Church of England. Those who put King Charles to death would have viewed with absolute disfavour any such nefarious practice as that of ringing church bells. Proceeding, Canon Field spoke of the change which had come about in the atmosphere of the helpries, and the attitude of the ringers towards the church, its services, and its organisation, and he hoped that the spirit which now prevailed would continue to grow.

#### A PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING.

Mr. Walter Hunt was entrusted with the toast of 'William Doubleday Crofts and the Sherwood Youths.' He said, in reviving the memory of Crofts, a pioneer of change ringing over a hundred years ago, and in assembling as they did once a year in that manner, they were paying a tribute to his memory in the truest and sincerest form. They owed a debt of gratitude, he said, to their chairman, who had done so much to unravel the history of Mr. Crofts. On March 3rd, 1778—148 years ago—Mr. Wm. Doubleday Crofts and nine of his colleagues rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of over ten thousand changes, on St. Mary's bells, Nottingham. That might not be a great performance in view of the established records of the last 25 years, but it was a wonderful performance in those distant days. The resuscitation of the Sherwood Youths re-established the link with those far-off years, although the link had never really been severed, for they had with them that night one who was a member of the old society. The excellent manner in which the society had been put on its feet revealed that it had a bright and prosperous future before it. The society was secondary to that great organisation, the Midland Counties Association, and it was in no sense a rival, for, before any ringer could become a member of the Sherwood Youths, he must first become a member of the Midland Counties Association. The wealth and success of the M.C.A. was largely due to the enormous area which it had under its wing. It was governed by excellent officials, with their energetic president, Mr. Chambers, at their head, but he thought the time was ripe when each centre should control its own finances, and deal with its own affairs. Mr. Hunt urged that peal attempts should not be made by members on days appointed for meetings, for they should remember that meetings of the past had been the training grounds of those who are successful to-day.

When the toast had been honoured, Mr. Blood proposed the election of Mr. Cyril Johnston as a member of the Sherwood Youths. This was seconded by the Master, and carried with enthusiasm.—Mr. Johnston briefly acknowledged his election.

Mr. F. S. Price, in a pointed and telling speech, proposed 'The Ringing World.' 'Whatever ringers would do without "The Ringing World,"' he said, amid laughter, 'God above knows.' The paper deserved every ringer's support, for they could not possibly keep abreast of the times unless they read the paper. He knew of some helpries where they took only one copy; and that, he thought, was a very paltry thing to do (hear, hear). Ringers should give their whole-hearted support to the paper, which was doing its utmost for ringing (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith replied, and emphasised the point that it was up to the ringers themselves to secure a cheaper paper, if they wanted it, by showing they were willing to shoulder some of the financial responsibility. A cheaper paper could only be produced by a larger circulation, and if ringers would unite in showing that they were ready to ensure this larger circulation by taking practical action, there would be encouragement to give them what it was his great desire to see, a better journal at a lower price (applause).

Mr. W. E. White proposed 'The Visitors,' whom he welcomed, and especially thanked the ladies for their presence.

Mr. George Walker responded, and thanked the Sherwood Youths both for their hospitality and their entertainment. He had been delighted to meet and talk with their Rector. In him they had got the right man in the right place, and, he believed, if they handled him properly it would not be long before they had a peal of twelve in Nottingham (applause). Mr. Walker extended to the members of the Sherwood Youths the promise of a cordial welcome if they attended the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham on March 6th.

The musical programme was a feature of the evening, the principal vocal items being contributed by a quartet, Messrs. L. C. Pearce, A. Coppock, J. F. Adkin and J. Warren, whose splendid singing gave great delight to the company. Members of the party also gave songs and duets, and added greatly to the enjoyment of a pleasurable evening. Miss Winnie Gobey sang two songs, in very sweet voice, and Mr. Matthews provided the humorous element with some highly diverting contributions. Master Fred Blood played piano solos in masterly style, and the programme was completed by a course of Grandsire tapped on handbells by Miss Edith Gobey, a course of Caters rung double-handed, and, most weird and wonderful of all, a course of Duffield played on the saxophone by Mr. W. C. Hunt.

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the North and East District was held on Saturday, January 23rd, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, when upwards of 70 members put in an appearance. The bells were set going soon after 3 o'clock, most of the standard methods being rung. Quite a large number of members attended at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, to take advantage of the somewhat rare opportunity to have a pull on the ring of five pre-Reformation bells, and several 120's of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung. Service was held at 5.30, with an address by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Davies), who heartily welcomed the members of the association to St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

Subsequently an excellent tea was partaken of in the School House, Endell Street, and was followed by the business meeting. The chair was taken by the president (Mr. F. A. Milne), who was supported by Messrs. W. Pickworth (vice-president), N. A. Tomlinson (District Master), C. T. Coles, hon. secretary, and a large company of ringers, several of whom, it was noticed, had come from the neighbouring counties of Hertfordshire, Essex and Surrey—quite a pleasant and healthy sign of the good feeling existing amongst the associations.

The balance sheet, showing a credit of £18 0s. 8d., plus £73 13s. 8d. invested, was adopted, and fourteen new members were elected. The sum of £5 was voted towards the fund for providing two new bells at Isleworth, and the hope was expressed that it would soon be possible to say that the scheme was a success.

The whole of the district officers were re-elected.

A hearty and unanimous vote of congratulation was passed to the Ladies' Guild on their fine achievement in ringing a peal of Stedman Caters on January 20th at St. Clement Danes'. It was noted with satisfaction that the whole of the band were also members of this association. The congratulations of the meeting were briefly acknowledged by Miss P. A. Upsher, one of the band, on behalf of the Ladies' Guild.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the district at St. Mary's, Islington, if possible, on March 6th, whilst Southgate was chosen as the venue for the next district annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service; to the Rev. W. F. G. Sandwith (Rector of St. Bartholomew-the-Great) for allowing the members to ring at that church; to the organist; and to the several friends who had so ably assisted at the tea tables.—This was acknowledged by the Rev. W. H. Davies.

The bells were afterwards kept going until 9 o'clock, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise being amongst the methods rung.

#### SPLICED TRIPLES.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot in sending for publication the figures of the peal of Spliced Oxford and Grandsire Triples, rung at Bridgend, on January 27th, says: I would like to draw attention to the advantages of splicing touches and peals on this plan. If a stated method is rung in every lead in which a certain bell is in the hunt, the truth of a composition will be ensured. Thus it is possible to ring six or more methods if desired, and in this way the ringing can be made more intricate and interesting.

Further than this, I have discovered that peals can be obtained on this plan without singles, as shown in this composition, only bobs being used, so that all the changes are Triple Changes.

#### 5,040 SPLICED OXFORD AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567		Continued	
		723654	5
672534	1	627435	5
346257	2	546327	1
463257	2 *	275634	2
573246	1	532467	4
625473	1	675243	2
346725	1	276354	5
574263	1	372654	5
325674	1	543672	1
743625	1	375426	3
647532	5	473526	5
326754	2	324657	4

With 2, 3 or 4 in the hunt, ring Oxford; with 5, 6 or 7 in the hunt, ring Grandsire. Repeat 5 times, omitting sixth bob \* in parts 2, 4 and 6. First rung at Bridgend on January 27th, 1926, conducted by the composer, this being the first spliced peal rung in these methods.

Double Court may be rung instead of Oxford. With the 7th in the hunt, Double Grandsire, St. Clement's or College Single may be rung.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**

**THE FIRST PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS.**

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

From what I last wrote it is clear that we have no direct evidence as to what was rung in 1817 as Norwich Court Bob Maximus. We know definitely from 'The Clavis' that the peal of Court Bob Royal rung in 1769 was Double Norwich Royal, and that the Court Bob Major rung in Norwich during the latter part of the eighteenth century was Double Norwich Major. But we have no corresponding evidence about the twelve-bell peal. The first time that Norwich Court Bob Maximus was printed was in the first part of Shipway's 'Campanologia' in 1812. He gives a lead of the double variation, and tells his reader how to get from it the single and reverse variations. It is clear that he himself made the extensions from ten bells, and he knew nothing about anything that was practised at Norwich. He says that it has been confined to the double method, and that on eight bells only, and has not until late years been rung on ten bells. He is here referring to two peals rung in London in 1801, the first at Christ Church, Spitalfields, by a band selected from the three principal societies of ringers in the Metropolis, and on a tablet in that steeple it is stated to be the first ever rung in that intricate method. The 5,220 was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by a band of the Society of Cumberlands. Consequently by that statement they are the first and only society that has accomplished so arduous an undertaking. J. Noonan composed and called the first peal, George Gross, sen., the second. On the other hand, the Norwich Scholars knew nothing about Shipway's system of classifying methods into Single, Reverse and Double Variations. By 1827 the custom of calling the method Double Norwich was adopted by the Mancroft men, but the peals of Major they rang in 1815 and 1817 (which we know were in the double variation) were still called Norwich Court. Whatever the twelve-bell method was, it was produced by a Norwich man without outside help, and the evidence is clear that that man was Samuel Thurston.

Nearly forty years ago this point was raised in a very interesting way. The Ipswich men had already rung peals of Double Norwich Royal, and, in 1886, they began to practice Double Norwich Maximus. They were naturally anxious to know if, when they should ring a peal, it would be the first in the method. Mr. Percival Heywood (afterwards Sir Arthur) collected all the evidence in the matter at that time available, and wrote a series of articles in 'The Bell News' of January 26th, 1889, and following weeks. After reviewing the evidence he came to the conclusion that the Mancroft peal was undoubtedly Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus.

The evidence was purely circumstantial, and the Ipswich men were not satisfied. When at last they did succeed in scoring a 5,000 they claimed it as the first in the method. The reasons that influenced them were, I think, three. First, Jasper Snowdon, in his book, had left the matter undecided; second, the Mancroft peal is called Norwich Court Bob on the tablet, not Double Norwich Court Bob; and Norwich Court Bob is the title usually given to the single variation; and thirdly, and chiefly, by a piece of what they considered direct evidence. In October, 1879, five of their band paid a visit to Norwich, and when in the tower looking at the board with the late Mr. James Young, then Master of the Norwich Scholars, the question was asked: "Was it Double Norwich?" He replied, "No, it was a single method." Really, Young was simply guessing. He came to Norwich in 1856. More than one of the old ringers were living in 1896 who were members of the Mancroft company many years before Young, and who were sure that all memory of what was rung had faded away before 1856. It seems strange; for some of the 1817 band, Thomas Hurry for one, lived to be old men. The late Henry Dains remembered Hurry quite well. Yet Hubbard's silence about the method is significant, and it certainly was the tradition that there had been some unpleasantness about the peal, some jealousy or other: on account of which it was not even mentioned among the ringers. Some of them (presumably not any of those who rang in it) spoke of it contemptuously as 'Bob Major spoiled.' All this is hard to reconcile with the peal board, and the fact that eight years after it was rung the united ringers of St. Peter Mancroft presented Samuel Thurston with a jewel for his eminent services in composing the peal.

And yet I think there cannot be any shadow of doubt that the peal was well and truly rung, and that it was Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus. It is quite evident from the peal board, and from the nature of the case, that the ringers intended to ring the proper extension to twelve bells of Double Norwich Major and Royal, both of which had been regularly rung at Norwich since 1751.

Now, the construction of Court Bob is such that it has not one and one only obvious extension, as most of the standard methods, Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Grandsire, Stedman, etc., have. If you are extending Court Bob Minor to eight bells there are several extensions all of equal value. If you are extending Double Norwich Major to ten bells there are several extensions possible; and we know how regularly somebody writes to 'The Ringing World' to say that

Double Norwich Royal ought to be so and so, and not what is usually accepted. But once you have got both Double Norwich Major and Royal, this difficulty disappears. What you have to do is to get a twelve-bell method, which bears the same relation to Double Norwich Royal that Double Norwich Royal does to Double Norwich Major. And there is only one such method. When Shipway and Thurston extended the method they worked entirely independently, but I am sure they used the same argument, which amounts to this. In both the Major and the Royal Fourth's and Third's are made round the treble, as she is passing through 3-4. Therefore, similar fourth's and third's must be made in Maximus. In Major, sixth's and fifth's are made round the treble when she is passing through 5-6; in Royal eighth's and seventh's are made round the treble when she is passing through 7-8. Therefore, in Maximus, tenth's and ninth's must be made round the treble when she is passing through 9-10. Having got that you have got the method.

As for the suggestion that a single method was rung, that will not stand any examination at all. The Norwich men never rang any single Norwich Court on any number, nor did any other band till, in recent years, the Cambridge University Guild rang a peal of Single Norwich Major. Besides, the only Single Court methods known anywhere in 1817 were Shipway's, and they are definitely excluded by the wording of the peal board which says that there was 'very short dodging before and behind.' There is no dodging before in any of Shipway's single methods. Hubbard's so-called Single Norwich Maximus, which is printed in his 1876 edition, was a production of much later time.

But though we cannot allow the Ipswich claim to have rung the first peal of Double Norwich Maximus, we shall all agree that their performance was an exceedingly fine one, one that ranks high among the most famous peals in the history of the Exercise. On November 23rd, 1886, they rang their first peal of Double Norwich Royal, the fourth ever accomplished, and the first after the two I mentioned above. A week later they began to practise Double Norwich Maximus on handbells, single-handed; but it was not till 1888 that a full course was rung on the tower bells. The first touch was rung in October, 1893. Then followed many attempts for a peal, which was at last successful on November 28th, 1896, a good example of patience and perseverance rewarded. The following is the record of the performance from 'Campanology' of December 2nd, 1896:—

'The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.—The Norwich Diocesan Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths, Ipswich, Suffolk.—On Saturday, November 28th, 1896, in three hours and forty-seven minutes, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, 5,016 changes. Tenor 32 cwt.:

Stephen Cook .....	1	Robert Hawes .....	7
Edgar Pemberton .....	2	Henry Bowell .....	8
Isaac S. Alexander .....	3	James Motts .....	9
Albert Durrant .....	4	William Wood .....	10
William L. Catchpole .....	5	Robert Brundla .....	11
William Motts .....	6	Frederick Tillett .....	Tenor

Composed and conducted by James Motts.

This is the first peal in the method ever rung.'

Less than a month later, on December 12th, they rang a second peal, also 5,016, which was composed and conducted by William L. Catchpole.

To an outsider one of the most pleasing features of the Ipswich band was the harmony and co-operation which existed between Mr. Motts and Mr. Catchpole. The two men were about equal in skill and ability, and ambition. In too many cases this would have led to rivalry, jealousy and division. At Ipswich they worked together, taking turns with the conducting, and helping each other. This co-operation which lasted for forty years was, I think, the chief factor in the causes that put the Ipswich men for so many years at the very top of the twelve-bell bands in the country.

In after years two more peals of Double Norwich Maximus were rung at Ipswich, and these are all that have been accomplished. The method is not one that I should particularly advise a twelve-bell band to practise. Double Norwich Major is the most perfect method that can be got on eight bells. Double Norwich Royal is a good method, but by no means the best to be had on ten bells. And when you get to twelve bells the comparative scarcity of dodging makes the music too thin; although it has the advantage of keeping the tenors well together. The method would be very much improved, both from the point of music and interest in ringing, if you make Court Places in 5-6 as well as in 3-4 and 9-10.

**FAMILY RINGING.**

On Sunday morning, Jan. 24th, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lakin, jun., of Old Leake, was christened, the Rev. W. S. Brindley conducting the ceremony. After the service, Mr. J. W. Lakin, sen., and three of his sons and two daughters rang a touch on the church bells in honour of the event, the ringers being two of the child's aunts, two uncles, the father and grandfather.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****THE NEW SLEAFORD DISTRICT.**

About 40 ringers attended the annual meeting of the newly-formed Sleaford district at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The towers of the district were well represented, and many enthusiasts came from Lincoln, Spalding, Pinchbeck and Hough-on-the-Hill. Apologies were received from the Rev. H. L. James, Master of the Guild; Mr. J. R. Freeman, Branch Ringing Master; Mr. F. F. Linley and Mr. F. W. S. Butler, branch president and hon. secretary.

The ringing of Triples and Major alternately, in short touches, gave everybody a chance of a ring, and many got their first touch in Grandsire Triples, while a good course of Cambridge was much enjoyed.

A very appropriate service for ringers was conducted by the Rev. Chambers, curate-in-charge, assisted by Mr. N. E. Snow at the organ.

At the business meeting, after tea, Mr. Norman E. Snow was elected as president and chairman of the district. Many older London ringers will remember this gentleman's activity about 30 years ago.

Mr. Reginald Scott was elected as district hon. secretary; Flight-Sergt. F. A. Holden as District Ringing Master, and Mr. Walter H. Wood as the member to serve on the branch committee. Twenty old and new members paid their annual dues; and at the other meetings later on, the committee hope to make the acquaintance of many more.

A very old and respected member of the Guild, Mr. John T. Holmes, has been very ill, and it was the wish of all present that the hon. secretary should write and send him a few cheery words, as it was always his wish to see a district formed near his beloved tower of Heckington.

Ringing in the evening had to be cut down, owing to the shopkeepers in the market square, where the church stands, so a few tried their hand at double-handed ringing in front of a nice fire, and found it not a bad game either. F. A. H.

**GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 23rd, when members were present from Stow, Scotter, Briggs, Blyton, also the local company. The bells at the Parish Church were available, and kept going to the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Little Bob, Forward and Double Norwich.

The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Morris) gave an inspiring and helpful address at the service which was held.

Tea was served at Everatt's Cafe, when the ringers were joined by Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch; the Rev. Canon Morris, Vicar; the Rev. J. S. Walton, curate; and Mr. A. Stephenson, organist.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Vicar, and the officials for the year were elected as follows: President, the Rev. Canon Morris; secretary, Mr. H. Cooper; member to serve on the Northern Branch Committee, Mr. E. Dawber; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Morgan.

The towers chosen for meetings were: April, Blyton; May, Covingham; June, Broughton; July, Stow; August, Brigg; September, Kirtlington-Lindsey, the dates being left open.

Mr. F. F. Linley then spoke on the need for good striking, and urged the ringers to take up the higher methods.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the organist for his services, the tower was again visited, and further ringing took place.

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**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.**—On Sunday, Jan. 24th, for evening service, at St. John's, Wilton Road, Fimlico, S.W., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Channer 1, J. R. Gammon (conductor) 2, S. C. Noye 3, T. H. Taftender 4, J. L. Watkin 5, G. J. Harman 6, H. W. Hibbert 7, H. N. Platt 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', on Sunday, Jan. 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, S. W. Crabb 2, W. P. Roe 3, J. G. Nash 4, W. J. Ellis 5, J. A. Dart (conductor) 6, C. A. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, at St. Ann's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: A. Underwood 1, Miss M. Ringrose 2, F. E. Ringrose 3, W. E. Ringrose 4, J. G. Nash 5, A. E. Putland (conductor) 6.

**STAPLEHURST, KENT.**—On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): H. Thirkell 1, F. Pope 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, C. Baker 4, H. Baker 5, J. Head (conductor) 6, B. Baker 7, G. Chadwick (first quarter) 8.

**BATH.**—On Sunday, January 10th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Michael's, Twerton-on-Avon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: S. Roper 1, G. Temple 2, Miss Nora G. Williams 3, J. Austin (conductor) 4, H. W. Brown 5, H. Beckett 6, E. E. Davis 7, T. F. King 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, Jan. 10th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Austin 1, W. J. Dove 2, J. T. Hensman 3, E. Sibley 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturges 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, Jan. 10th, at the Parish Church of St. Barnabas, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Cottrell 1, H. C. Spencer (conductor) 2, W. J. Meers 3, J. W. Pemberton 4, G. F. Garrison 5, F. Price 6, W. Davies 7, G. F. Swann 8.

**MILTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Jan. 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Turner 1, C. Yates 2, P. Asplin 3, J. Townsend (conductor) 4, T. Tebbutt 5. Also a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Turner and J. Townsend, whose birthdays were on January 9th.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, January 10th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. C. Seager 1, Miss A. Brown 2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3, F. E. Tyler 4, P. C. Williams 5, H. W. Fussell 6, A. Burcombe 7, F. E. Tyler, jun., 8. Arranged for Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Dursley, and Mr. A. Burcombe, of Stinchcombe. The latter's first quarter-peal of Stedman.

**PULMER, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, January 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Basden 1, Miss P. Moss 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, F. Corke 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, Mrs. A. D. Barker 6. Also 288 Kent and Oxford Spliced.

**EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, January 3rd, for evening service, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, A. Saunders 2, J. Turner 3, J. Fleuty 4, F. Claydon 5, W. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. French 7, W. Scillitoe 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, January 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,287 Stedman Caters: A. V. Selby 1, F. V. H. Sinkins 2, P. L. Miles 3, J. A. Dart 4, C. W. Roberts 5, E. G. Locke 6, S. C. Reeve-Flaxman 7, R. Congreve-Pridgeon (conductor) 8, A. F. Harris 9, G. H. Harding 10.

**ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.**

The annual meeting of the above society was held on Tuesday, January 5th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Hobart E. Smith; Deputy Master, Robert H. Brundle; steeplekeeper, Frederick J. Tillet; treasurer, Chas. J. Sedgley; auditors, R. H. Brundle and W. P. Garrett; secretary, G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

The spire of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, fell on Feb. 11th, 1810. There were 22 people (mostly children) killed, and it is supposed that the accident happened in consequence of the bells having been rung while the spire was undergoing repair.

A Winchester Guild veteran, Mr. E. Clapshaw, who has been a ringer at Farnham for over sixty years, has just celebrated his 81st birthday. He still enjoys a turn at the rope end, and is keenly interested in the art.

**NOTICES.**

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**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Rotherham Parish Church (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting in the church at 4.30. General meeting in belfry at 6 p.m. Visitors please make their own arrangements for tea.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 52, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells at 3. Meeting at 6.—J. Norbury, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The postponed meeting at Seale is fixed for Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 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.**—Reading Branch.—The Annual Meeting of the above Branch will be held at Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The towers of St. Giles and St. Mary's open for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at St. Lawrence's at 5 p.m., address by the Rev. J. T. Mumford. Tea, business meeting, and smoker at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bourne-mouth, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. **SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE. REPORTS TO HAND.** All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Room. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due. A good attendance is requested.—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (kindly supplied by the Vicar) and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly advise me by Tuesday, Feb. 9th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be at Lytham, St. John's and St. Peter's, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6), 2.30 to 4.30; All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4.15. Cathedral (10), 6.30 to 9. Service St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea, Spread Eagle Hotel, 5.30. Please notify me not later than Feb. 10th.—A. Gwynne, District Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 5 p.m. Visitors please notify Mr. W. Hibbert, East Ilsley, by Tuesday, Feb. 9th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A new treble bell has recently been hung in the tower of Bleadon Parish Church, near Weston-super-Mare, making a peal of six. The dedication ceremony will be performed on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 3 p.m., by the Master Ringer (Rev. E. C. Lock, Vicar of West Pennard). Collection for bell fund. Bells available after the service. Tea at 1s. at Queen's Arms, near church. Please inform Rector, Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare, of numbers coming on or before Feb. 11th.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS—Nottingham**—(Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 5. Meeting in the Manchester Hall at 8 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at Ransom's Restaurant. Short business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Swanmore (6). Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, the 9th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Motcombe on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 (Preacher, Rev. E. C. King, Vicar). Tea at 5 (6d. for members), to be followed by a short business meeting. Towers available: Motcombe (6), Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury (6), St. Peter's, Shaftesbury (6). I shall be much obliged if all who wish for tea will let me know not later than Feb. 9th.—R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8). Business meeting 4.30. Bells open from 3 o'clock onwards.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Beddington. Will those intending to be at the tea please inform Mr. A. J. Trappitt, of 57, Mellows Road, Wallington, as soon as possible, so that the necessary arrangements may be made? The business meeting will include that relating to the Central District, as well as that usually transacted at the annual general meeting.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, and all members are asked to attend if possible. Ringing at All Hallows', Lombard Street, from 1.45 to 3.15 sharp, and at St. Clement Danes from 2 to 3.30. Service at the latter at 4 p.m., before which, at 3.45, a group photograph will be taken if circumstances permit. Tea in the Parish Room, tickets for which should be obtained in advance, followed by business meeting. Other meetings for February:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 1st and 15th, at 7.30; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 8th, at 7.30; and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 23rd, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Institute after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 9th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports to hand. A good muster is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due. Will secretaries of bands note and forward to district hon. secretary?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch. — A meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, and business to follow. Members will be entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens. Will members, other than the South and West, let me know by the 8th if they require tea?—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (10) available from 12 noon. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 10th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Institute (adjoining the church). Tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Those coming to tea please notify me by Monday, Feb. 8th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch. — Meeting at Topsham Feb. 13th. Service 4 o'clock. Tea free to members. Adjacent towers open. Further particulars from Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available. Those who desire tea should apply to Mr. Robert Thickett, Station Road, Horbury.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 18th, \*St. Mary le Bow on the 9th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 11th (8 p.m.), St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st (6 p.m.), for service; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are now due; reports to hand. A hot-pot will be provided for all those sending in not later than Feb. 17th to Mr. Alfred Fox, 11, Back Church Street, Newchurch-in-Rossendale, near Manchester. — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Nelson, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Vale of White Horse Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing before and after meeting. Intending visitors to tea please notify me by Feb. 16th.—G. A. Webley, Hon. Sec., Southampton St., Faringdon.

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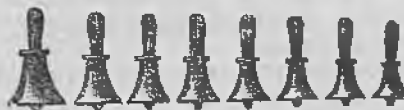
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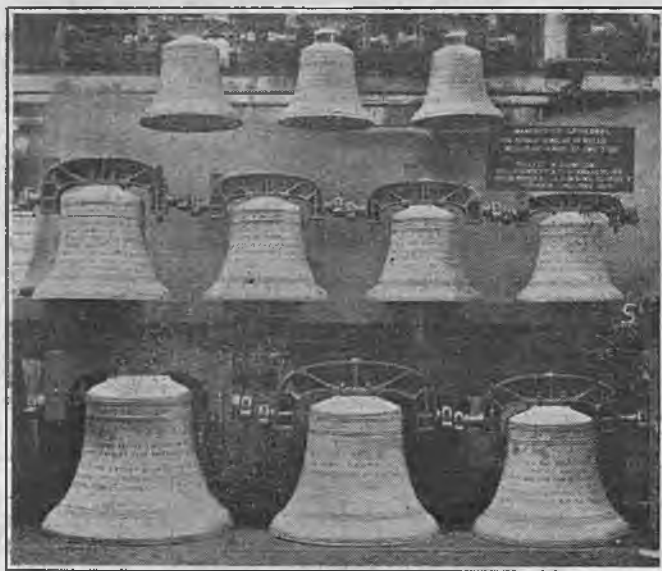
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### ORGANISED PEAL RINGING.

A question which has more than merely local interest was referred to in the report of the Western Division of the Durham and Newcastle Association, which appeared in our last issue. Comment was made that there was a noticeable slackness in peal ringing throughout the Association, and that, what peals were rung, were generally shared by a favoured few, the passing over of deserving ringers being harmful and against the best interests of the Association. What happens in the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan area and its effect upon the Association is best known to its members, but in a wider aspect much of the same kind of thing exists in many associations. A study of the report of any society will show that peal ringing is not general among members, and an analysis of the peal ringing activities of some of the leading associations indicates that, even where the annual list of peals makes a good showing, the proportion of members taking part averages only from 25 to 30 per cent for the year, and where, of course, the number of peals are few, the percentage is considerably less.

Peal ringing is not, and ought not to be, the be-all and end-all of our art—there are other claims upon the energies of ringers which should come first—but peal ringing does mark to some degree the standard and efficiency of the band or association. Peal ringing, however, is very much the result of individual effort and organisation; it is seldom an undertaking initiated or organised by an association as part of a policy of furthering the art. Associations encourage peal ringing inasmuch as they give permanent record to such performances in their archives—albeit sometimes at the personal cost of the performers—but it is seldom one hears of an officially organised peal. It may be, perhaps, that the present method of leaving peal ringing to private enterprise is the best course, but it has got the drawback which was mentioned in the Durham and Newcastle Association, that deserving ringers sometimes find no opportunity of getting into a peal. It is individual 'push,' or somebody else's convenience, which more often than not gets a man his place in his first peal. There are many conductors ready to give a man a chance when he asks for it, but conductors are rare who make a practice of inviting 'deserving' men to come and try their hand, purely for these men's encouragement. It is not all due to selfishness. It is only natural that he who organises a peal should get the best-trying and most reliable men he can lay his hands upon; he does not always want to be schooling the inexperienced—and who can blame him? And yet there is the other side to be considered. In our view it is up to the associations themselves to organise peals for their members, just as they organise meetings—it should be

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part of that larger educational policy which we have so constantly advocated, for there is no finer training in the ringing of a method or greater encouragement to a man to aspire to higher things in the art than to enable him to ring a peal. Associations cannot do this unless they have the support of their best conductors, but we feel sure that all the leaders in this department would periodically put their services willingly at the disposal of the association for their less fortunate brethren if the question were properly approached and dealt with on some systematic plan.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

LLANDAFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes*

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY PAGE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK LASBURY ... .. 6
*FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 7
GEORGE LARGE ... .. 3	TOM PAGE ... .. 8
GEORGE CROSS ... .. 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 9
SIDNEY DAVE ... .. 5	WILLIAM BOLTON... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

\* First peal of Kent Royal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the three brothers Page.

GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wednesday, February 3, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ROBERT ANDERSON ... .. Treble	JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 6
ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON... .. 3	JOHN FOREMAN ... .. 8
JOHN F. BIRD ... .. 4	ADAM DEAS ... .. 9
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5	JOSEPH E. KEEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Norman Guthbertson Fleck, a ringer at the above church; also for Mrs. Fleck, his mother, and Mr. Martin Dodsworth, a sidesman at this church.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, January 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

THOMAS HURD ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. ALDERSEA ... .. 5
WILLIAM FITCHFORD ... .. 2	†JOSEPH SIMISTER ... .. 6
THOMAS HILDITCH ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
ALBERT VAUGHAN ... .. 4	*A. FIRKIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FITCHFORD.

\* First peal. † First peal inside.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, January 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE-MARTYR,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY ... .. Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... .. 3	JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... .. 7
ROBERT WALKER... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect, after the funeral of Elizabeth Naisby, a zealous church worker, and wife of Mr. Thomas H. Naisby, a service ringer at this church.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

FREDE. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 6
*WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL... .. 7
FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.  
\* First peal in the method.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN H. GARISIDE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
†ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 6
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... .. 7
HARRY FRANCE ... .. 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble	HARRY PARKER ... .. 5
THOMAS HURD ... .. 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN... .. 6
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
FREDERICK CRAWLEY ... .. 4	G. WILLIAM BIDDULPH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

Rung in honour of the arrival on the 24th inst. of a son and heir to Mr. W. Longman, secretary of the above tower.

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

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 2	ARTHUR MARTIN... .. 6
*ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First Surprise peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES P. CHALK ... .. Treble	†ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5
LIONEL H. PAGE... .. 2	*STANLEY W. BAYBUTT ... 6
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD... .. 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN,  
Conducted by HENRY T. WILSON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' The ringer of the 2nd was elected a non-resident life member of the above association before starting the peal. All the above band are Sunday Service ringers at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, Essex, and of the Essex Association, and are all non-resident life members of the Kent Association. This peal, by the late Edgar Wightman, is now rung for the first time. The band wish to thank the Rector of Gravesend for the use of the bells.

LONDON.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. Treble	*DANIEL COOPER... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	*WILLIAM ESSERY ... .. 6
RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 3	AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 7
HARRY H. MANCE ... .. 4	HARRY MANCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

\* First peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	PERCY H. DOICK... .. 5
ALBERT FIEST ... .. 2	JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 6
RAYMOND WOOD ... .. 3	JOHN COOK ... .. 7
PETER CHARMAN... .. 4	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by HY. JOHNSON.

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 6
*FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

First peal of Surprise on the bells. \* First peal of London.

EPSOM, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lbs in F sharp.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 6
*MISS FRED A. ORR... .. 3	*FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 7
†ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... .. 4	†CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. \* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JOHN HAYES... .. 5
FREDERICK EVANS ... .. 2	WILLIAM JONES ... .. 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 3	WALTER THOMAS... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

NORWICH.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEFULCHRE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE CLAXTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	†WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

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

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 2	REDDEN HALL ... .. 6
SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 3	CYRIL WINWOOD ... .. 7
BENJAMIN GOUGE ... .. 4	*JAMES N. REED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

\* First peal. Quarterly peal for the above Guild, and rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Griffiths, aged 95, a member of the above church, and who was the first person baptised in the church in the year 1830. He was the oldest miner in England.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

AMOS COOPER ... .. Treble	THOS. HILL, SEN. ... .. 5
WM. HILL ... .. 2	CHAS. TYLER ... .. 6
*THOS. HILL, JUN. ... .. 3	EDWIN J. TYLER ... .. 7
EDGAR MARLOW ... .. 4	OLIVER BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. TYLER.

All the ringers are employes of Edward Elwell, Ltd., of Wednesbury Forge, whose family built and partly endowed the church over 50 years ago. \* First peal.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5888 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2	WALTER BARRETT ... .. 6
*WILLIAM ELDRIDGE ... .. 3	LEWIS LOVE... .. 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE ... .. 4	CHARLES CUTTING ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
VICARS' SIX-PART.

HUBERT JONES ... .. Treble	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... .. 5
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 6
JESSE GILLET ... .. 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 4	THOMAS HAWKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rang with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Walter B. Wood, chairman of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;**  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

PHILIP A. COARD... .. Treble	GEORGE ADES ... .. 5
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 6
GEORGE H. SHCKER ... .. 3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 7
JOHN C. JAY... .. 4	HENRY STALHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Great credit is due to Mr. P. A. Coard for the able way he rang throughout the peal. He is in his 77th year, and it was his first attempt for a peal of Stedman.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BOND ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Treble	WALTER T. BENNETT ... .. 5
ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... .. 2	*WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... .. 3	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 7
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. 4	JOHN CLARK ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NODDS ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... .. 2	EDWIN PIKE ... .. 6
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
RICHARD DEAL ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. HOLDEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... .. 5
MISS MARIE CROSS ... .. 2	HARRY TUCKER ... .. 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 3	HENRY SIMMONDS ... .. 7
MISS VERA ROBINSON... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BUCKLEY. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

JOHN BRAMS ... .. Treble	JOHN H. WHITE... .. 5
LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 2	*GEORGE COOK ... .. 6
JOHN HOYLE ... .. 3	ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal of Superlative with a bob bell. † First Surprise peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE ... .. Treble	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.* 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM NYE ... .. 7
GEORGE M. EASTMAN... .. 4	EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. BENNETT, R.M.

CHESTER.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES SWINDLEY... .. Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 6
HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.

Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., the president of the North Wales Association, and Messrs. A. E. Pegler and D. P. Roberts. Also to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilde.

GILMORTON, Near LUTTERWORTH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM COPE ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	ALFRED G. GRANT ... .. 6
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 7
RICHARD J. JACKSON ... .. 4	GEORGE BROUGHTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Mr. R. J. Jackson was elected a member of the above association before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. Also to Mr. C. H. Belton, of Barwell.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S SIX-PART No. 2.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY... .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 2	JOHN CURTIS ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... .. 3	ERNEST W. BRADSMORE ... .. 7
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 4	WILLIAM BROOKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

\* First peal of Triples. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains all the 6-7's, 7-4's and 4-6's at back stroke.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIRE ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 7
HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. WONNACOTT ... .. 5
ERNEST W. MARSH ... .. 2	THOMAS A. MAYERS ... .. 6
REGINALD J. BEER ... .. 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... .. 7
HAROLD ASHTON ... .. 4	*WILLIAM PRICE... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells for over 20 years.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of College Single and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT HODGES... .. Treble	ALFRED BAKER ... .. 4
CHARLES TUMBER ... .. 2	EDWARD W. TUMBER ... .. 5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM NYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

This is R. Hodges' and A. Baker's first 5040, R. Hodges being elected a member previous to starting.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST NAYLOR ... .. Treble	†GEORGE LOVE ... .. 4
†WILLIAM LOVE ... .. 2	†BENJAMIN HAMMOND ... .. 5
†FREDERICK R. WILBY ... .. 3	BERT GOGLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN HAMMOND.

\* First peal. † First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor.

HOLMER, HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 29, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT H. DOWNES... .. Treble	†WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 4
†WILLIAM J. DOWNES ... .. 2	*WILLIAM DOGGAN ... .. 5
†FRANK DOWNES... .. 3	CHAS. EDWARDS... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal away from the treble. Local ringers on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. The ringer of the 4th kindly took a rope through illness of one of the local men. First peal of Minor on the bells.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

JOHN W. HOPKINS ... .. Treble	JOSEPH CADE ... .. 4
JOHN A. MOULT ... .. 2	HORACE MOULT ... .. 5
JOHN H. DEAN ... .. 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. W. RANDE.

First peal by the ringer of the treble, who is over 70 years of age. He was elected a member of the association prior to the start. First peal of Minor by all; also on the bells. The tenor is supposed to be 400 years old.

CROYLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Abbey,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

JOSEPH LANDON ... .. Treble	HORACE M. DAY... .. 4
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL ... .. 3	WILLIAM TILLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. Holland, the sexton, for getting the bells ready; also for entertaining them to tea after the peal. Rung on the Rector's 50th birthday.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER STAPLES ... .. Treble	FRANK DEWEY ... .. 4
JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 5
JOHN T. BROWN ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

LITTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 2, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM T. WEBBER ... .. Treble	HERBERT W. PEARCE ... .. 4
REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
FRED A. TARGETT ... .. 3	THOMAS SNELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT W. PEARCE.

First peal as conductor.

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HERBERT NEWBURY ... .. Treble	RALPH HARRIS ... .. 4
MISS ALICE V. LAMPITT ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... .. 5
MISS ROSALIE JOHNSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal. † Proposed a member before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Alice Victoria Lampitt and Miss Rosalie Johnson.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Canterbury Pleasure, Colledge Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED BLACKLIDGE ... .. Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... .. 4
THOMAS STOTT ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
JOHN R. SCOTT ... .. 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

\* First peal in seven methods. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. John Greaves, of Brindle, and Miss Neild, of Acerrington; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Greaves, churchwarden of the above church for 51 years.

WYBUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**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 15 cwt.

HORACE J. SMITH ... .. Treble	HARRY PARKER ... .. 4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* 50th peal. First peal on the bells.

[Other Peal Reports are unavoidably held over.]

**MR. TROLLOPE'S CONVERSION.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—On December 11th last, you printed a long article by Mr. Trollope, entitled 'History—as written by Mr. Drake,' in which he attempted to prove, with much sarcasm, the absurdity of my contention, that besides Plain Changes and Cross Peals, there were also, 'Bob Methods—methods which were all dodging, or as nearly so as possible.'

On January 15th, he now turns quite round, and publishes the actual proof of what I said, by giving the figures for the first method on eight bells in 'The School of Recreation,' viz., Imperial Bob.

On December 11th he writes, 'The first Cross Peals pretty obviously were variations of Plain Changes'; and on January 15th, 'Imperial Bob is an interesting example of a Cross Peal being made out of and on the lines of the older Plain Changes.' It would be interesting to see how he is going to prove these doubtful statements. In any case, Imperial Bob is not a Cross Peal at all.

One is always glad to find anyone giving up the error of their ways, but it would have been, to say the least, more graceful if Mr. Trollope had acknowledged the fact that I had already drawn attention to what he seems to claim as his own discovery.

I must thank Mr. Trollope for pointing out (what I had forgotten) that 'The School of Recreation' tells us that these Bob Methods were the product of the London School of Ringers in those days, it being, in that book, opposed to Grandsire Bob, the Bob Method of the provinces (in which we note that the town of Cambridge is, perhaps pointedly, omitted).

What, however, emerges from both our accounts, is that a Bob Method is one that is noticeable for its dodges; either in an extra pair of columns, or for its being nearly all dodges; as opposed to the incessant place-making of Plain Changes, or to the unrelieved hunting of Cross Peals. To attempt to identify a Bob Method by places, as Mr. Trollope proposes to do in future, is shown from his own researches to be contrary to history, misleading to use, and false to write.

HERBERT DRAKE.

**RINGING IN AMERICA.**

The visit to America of Mr. Cyril Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry, in connection with the official opening of New York's great carillon, resulted in some ringing being done by the Boston Guild. A party was got together to meet him at Watertown, Massachusetts, and on the back six bells of the Perkins Institute for the Blind, on January 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by Joseph Goodhead 1, Cyril F. Johnston 2, William Bashford 3, Richard Newton 4, Rowland G. Henson (late of Doncaster) 5, Reginald A. (Tony) Price (conductor) 6.

Mr. S. W. Sturgis motored 36 miles from Groton Schools to ring with Mr. Johnston, but as only seven met, kindly stood out while the 720 was rung.

Very little ringing is now done in the Boston district, as the ringers are very scattered.

**DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

On Saturday, Jan. 23rd, the annual meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Arksey. The meeting should have been held at Doncaster, but owing to the fact that the bells of St. George's Church cannot be rung, Arksey was chosen as the venue. The beautiful light ring of eight bells of Arksey Church was utilised at intervals during the afternoon and evening, touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung. There was a representative gathering of members, about 30 being present from all parts of the district. Choral evensong was conducted in the church by the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Fraser), and the bell ringers' hymn was sung to the tune, 'Belfry Praise.'

Tea was provided by the local band, and was partaken of in the Schoolroom, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting, which followed tea, three new members were elected, and Mr. G. Clarke, of the Arksey band, was re-elected Ringing Master, to serve another three years.

The secretary's report for 1925 and the balance sheet were considered satisfactory. The secretary was instructed to make arrangements for the annual outing, to be held on the last Saturday in June, the venue being York.

It was suggested that the proposed great rally of South Yorkshire ringers should be held at Rotherham.

Adwick-le-Street was chosen as the next place of meeting.

**RAYNE RINGERS.**

On Saturday, January 9th, the All Saints' Guild of Ringers, Rayne, Essex, held their third annual supper in the Old Schoolroom. The Rector and Mr. H. Hance, churchwarden, were present, and thanked the ringers for their good services.

Mr. H. Redgwell was elected leader for the year, and the question of providing a set of handbells was discussed, the Rector promising to bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

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**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF RINGING.**

The annual meeting of the Stockport Branch was held at Stockport (St. Mary's) on Saturday, January 30th. The church, being situated in the Market Place, and the day being market day, it would be hardly fair to say that further pandemonium was let loose at 3 p.m., when the early arrivals commenced to ring, but the miscellaneous collection of quack doctors, cheap-jacks and other vendors, who had taken up position immediately under the tower, might not agree.

A short committee meeting was held at 4 p.m., and fixed the meetings of the year as follows:—Rosthorpe, May 15th; Chapel-en-le-Whith, July 3rd; Bowdon, September 18th; and Ashton (St. Peter's), November 27th. It was recommended that the meetings, in future, be arranged at the last meeting of the year, as had been suggested by the Crewe Branch.

The usual service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. G. Calthrop), who also gave the address, and the presence of a choir of twenty boys was much appreciated. Those who state that ringers are not musical have never attended a meeting of this branch. It is a common practice for a certain section to get the organist to play for them after service; very rarely, if ever, is a refusal given, and, on this occasion, every stop was well tried out.

Under the supervision of Mrs. W. Gordon, a splendid tea was provided in the Schoolroom, to which fifty members and friends sat down. The twenty choir boys were also provided with tea, all under a cost of £2, which speaks well for those in charge. During the course of the tea, Mr. E. W. Elwell, Guild secretary, put in a belated but welcome appearance.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. P. Fidler) presented his annual report. The general condition of affairs remained about the same as for previous years. Five meetings had been held during the past year, with an average attendance of thirty. Six peals had been rung, ranging from Doubles to Major. There was, however, vast room for improvement.—All officers were re-elected to the respective posts.

After due consideration, it was resolved that the following resolution be sent to the General Committee: 'That the Central Council be asked, through diocesan or other channels, to draw the attention of Rural Deans, when they have no technical or practical knowledge of bells, to appoint as their deputy, for the purpose of inspecting bells and belfries, an official of the ringing organisation in whose area the tower to be inspected stands, who has the requisite knowledge.'

The places and dates of the meetings fixed by the committee were confirmed, and it was resolved their recommendation be adopted.—Eight new members were elected.

It was reported that the bells of Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, were to be recast and rebung in a new frame, the contract having been let to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.—It was decided to open a subscription list in aid of the restoration fund.

As a means of trying to improve the standard of ringing, the hon. secretary was instructed to ascertain whether the bells of each tower would be placed at the disposal of the branch for the purpose of combined practices, one evening per month, and to try and arrange such practices.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the business. Further ringing took place, the bells of St. George's, Heaviley, and St. Thomas', Norbury, being also available.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Rochester district was held at Upchurch on Saturday, January 30th. The peal of six at this church has recently been rebung in a new steel frame by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich. Nearly 50 members attended, which, taking into consideration the weather and the limited transport to such an out-of-the-way place, was very satisfactory. The bells were going from 3 till 5, when the association service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, during which a collection, in aid of the local Bell Restoration Fund, realised 10s. 6d.

Tea followed in the Convalescent Home adjoining, and it was very different to a convalescent group that sat down.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. Twelve new members were elected, and Cliffe-at-Hoo was chosen as the next meeting place, on Saturday, April 24th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all concerned in making the arrangements for such an excellent meeting, and the Vicar suitably responded.

Minor methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung, and the bells were lowered at 8.30 on a very successful meeting.

**HASTINGS.**—On Monday, January 11th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. Groome 1, Miss G. Clift 2, W. Franks 3, J. Livermore 4, S. Driver 5, J. Downing 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, E. Prior 8. First quarter for A. Groome and E. Prior. W. Franks is from Battle. Miss Clift and A. Levett are from All Saints', Hastings. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Driver.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We hear that there is prospect of an attempt in the near future to set up a new tower bell record, and that on the famous bells of Leeds, Kent, where James Barham and his merry men (13 of them, it is recorded) once rang a 40,320 of Bob Major, certain enthusiasts will go for something over 22,000 of Stedman Caters.

The death has taken place suddenly of Mr. William Lomas, one of Sheffield's oldest ringers. He had been connected with the belfry at the Cathedral for over 50 years.

A peal of Bob Major rung at Silverdale, Staffs, on January 23rd, was claimed in our issue of January 29th as the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. Mr. C. H. Page, of Stoke-on-Trent, writes to say that a peal in that method was rung on the bells by the Stoke Association on May 27th, 1909.

As recorded in our peal columns, the St. Mary's, Prittlewell, Essex, band visited Gravesend on Saturday, January 30th, and rang a good peal of Double Norwich Major for the Kent County Association, they being all non-resident life members of the latter. It would be interesting to know if such a peal has previously been rung, in which a band all from one tower go into another county and ring a peal as members of the county association whose area they are visiting.

Mr. P. C. Williams has, much to the regret of the members, resigned the secretaryship of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The vacancy has been filled by the election of Mr. C. H. Jennings, who has had previous experience of office as secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

For the first time for over 20 years a peal has been rung at St. Mary's Church, Plympton, Devon, and the ringers found that the bells badly need rehangings.

Mr. John Carter's wonderful creation, the ringing machine, is now in the Campanological Exhibit, at the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, and is to be found on Second Floor, 'E' Centre Gallery, Science.

Last Saturday the first peal on the bells was scored at Wyburnbury, Cheshire. These bells were cast in 1791 by J. Rudhall, of Gloucester, and were rehung 26 years ago by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tower is a landmark for miles around, as it is known as the Wyburnbury 'Lighthouse.'

Mr. G. M. Eastman, who took part at short notice, to fill a gap, in a peal of Kent Treble Bob, at Tunstall, Kent, had not rung a peal for nearly twelve years, and his only previous practice in Major ringing was one plain course. He is congratulated by the band on the capable and masterly manner in which he rang, and thanked for obliging them at the last moment.

About a hundred years ago they used to 'do things' at Oldham, where, in these days, there is a peal of twelve bells packed into the tower in three tiers. On February 12th, 1821, a peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung there in 7 hrs. 26 mins., and on Feb. 15th, 1825, a peal of 9,999 Grandsire Major was rung. There were also other long peals rung about that time.

The first 7,000 of Grandsire Cinques was rung at Cornhill on February 14th, 1731. The same day is the anniversary of the 13,001 in the same method, rung at Painswick in the year 1920.

There has been a lot of Stedman Caters rung on the famous bells of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, but the first peal in the method was rung there on February 15th, 1834.

St. Martin's Youths rang a 14,224 of Bob Major at Aston on February 16th, 1789. Probably they were unaware of the 14,480 which had been rung at Oldham five years before, for it seems strange they should have stopped short of the existing record for the sake of less than three courses. But then, there was no 'Ringing World' in those days.

Ninety years ago next Wednesday, which, by the way, in that year was Ash Wednesday, Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire, and in the conflagration the peal of twelve bells was lost.

A round ten thousand of Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch on February 18th, 1777. On the same date in 1822 the first peal of what we now call New Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Huddersfield.

The bells of Croyland Abbey were to have been broadcast on Sunday night, but soon after they started to ring, the transmission ceased, and it was ascertained that a land line had been deliberately cut. When these bells were broadcast on a previous occasion an unsuccessful attempt was made to stop them by the same means, but the culprit severed the wrong wire.

## MUFFLED RINGING FOR CENTENARIAN.

On Wednesday evening, February 3rd, at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 minutes: H. Parkin 1, Miss G. Clift 2, W. H. Easton 3, S. Driver 4, H. Rapley 5, J. Downing 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, J. Livermore 8. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Slade, who passed away in her 103rd year, and whose funeral had taken place earlier in the day.



**THE ATTEMPT ON LONDON SURPRISE RECORD.****A BREAKDOWN IN THE FOURTEENTH COURSE.**

The attempt to beat the London Surprise Major record on Saturday was unsuccessful. As our readers are aware, a band, under the auspices of the Sussex County Association, was to endeavour to ring the Rev. H. Law James' composition of 14,144, at Warnham, a tower where, in the past, a number of long lengths in various methods have been rung and where, thirty or more years ago, the local band were so favoured that they were able to ring at almost any hour of the day or night without complaint from the parishioners. The same spirit prevails there to-day, apparently, and there was considerable local interest in the attempt which was made on Saturday to beat the 14,112 of London rung at King's Norton, Worcestershire, by the St. Martin's Guild on May 11th, 1903.

The band which Mr. A. H. Pulling has got round him is one now well in practice in the method, and there was every hope that they would pull off the attempt. When the company arrived on the scene they found Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham, who had come to act as witness for St. Martin's Guild, awaiting them. He had been there since 7 a.m., so we imagine he had travelled all night. He brought with him St. Martin's Guild's best wishes for the success of the attempt. The ringers took their places as follows: J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere) 1, J. A. Cole (Godalming) 2, W. T. Beeson (Walton-on-Thames) 3, O. Sippetts (Crawley) 4, G. Steere (Guildford) 5, C. Dobbie (Teddington) 6, G. Gilbert (Aldershot) 7, A. H. Pulling, conductor (Guildford), 8. The bells went into changes at 11.10 a.m. In the fourth course a 'treble-bob-7-8-man' wanted to come down too soon, but was soon put right. From that point to the 14th course there was some excellent ringing, but then someone went astray. The trip was got over, but a shift had occurred, and 'stand' was called in the 15th course.

Mr. Harry Withers had been seated in the church during the ringing recording the course ends as they came up, and his quick ear had caught the error, and when he went up to the ringing chamber, after the bells had stopped, was able to tell the ringers which pair of bells had turned over, and thus confirmed the conductor's observations. London Surprise with the tenors parted is not easy stuff to pick out, but Mr. Withers had got it down in black and white! What an ear!

After an interval for refreshment a start was made for the part of the peal with the tenors parted. But the interest was to some extent gone, and in tenth course a shift again took place. The conductor, however, let the bells run on to the fourteenth course to see exactly what happened on the first occasion, and when that was settled, the bells were stopped. It is evidence of the spirit which prevails at Warnham that the band were informed before the second start that if they got to the end of the portion with the tenors parted, and cared to go on in an attempt to complete the full length, 'it would be all right,' although that would have meant ringing until nearly eleven o'clock!

During the ringing visitors from Brighton and London came on the scene. Some stepped until the evening and enjoyed, with those of the peal band who remained, touches in various Surprise methods. Everyone spent a pleasant time, and the band look forward to another attempt at a future date.

The conductor has no illusions since this attempt about the fact that it is 'a different story' to pick up a trip in London Surprise when the tenors are parted, compared with the task when they are together. The band would like to thank all those who sent their good wishes for success—one by telegram—and especially Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, who sent a most encouraging message from the Guild. They also desire to thank the Warnham church authorities and the local band, and especially Mr. Walter Charman, who had everything ready, and to whom they are much indebted for the preparations made.

**A REPLY TO MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I must thank Mr. Williams for his good wishes for the peal on Saturday last, but his other remark was quite unnecessary, and a little unkind, and would have been better left unsaid. It hurt some of my friends' feelings. Mr. Williams must be quite aware that we do not mind what association we ring under, but it is not always convenient for men who only ring occasional peals to pay out railway fare, and, in addition, 5s. for an association fee for an afternoon trip, even if it is only 'once for all.' I may say it is a pleasure for me personally to ring peals for the Sussex Association, as I am a Sussex man by birth.—Yours, etc.,  
A. H. PULLING.

**GRAMOPHONE RECORDS.**

Mr. H. F. Cooper writes that three leads of Grandsire Triples were taken from the back eight of the old peal of ten at St. Mary's Church (now the Cathedral), Chelmsford, by Mr. Judge, of the Market House, Chelmsford, in 1912. Six leads, also a course, proved too long for the barrel record, but three leads were a success. He adds that he is not sure if Mr. Judge still has the record.

**COVENTRY BELLS.****'TIN CAN' TYPE.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—On reviewing the evidence for and against the retention of these bells, one cannot help being struck at the predominance of the 'Simpson' tuning theorists. No one else was supposed to know anything or to have any ear for music except Dr. Starmer, and our newest critic, Dr. Brazil, who seems to have suddenly sprung into prominence as an authority on bells. While we are all ready to acknowledge their ability as musical critics, we must not lose sight of the fact that they are not ringers, and, therefore, in my opinion, should not be allowed to sit in judgment on matters of such vital importance affecting ringers.

No wonder, when a bell hanging job is required to be done, the incumbent and church authorities often do not know whether they are standing on their heads or their heels, when they are told by these so-called bell experts that their bells are badly out of tune (some of them being, perhaps, a few vibrations per second out), and in the end allow themselves to be talked over, and perhaps sanction the breaking up and recasting of what may be a priceless peal of beautiful old bells, in order to replace them by a 'Simpson' tuned peal of 'noisy howlers' which can only be heard to advantage about a mile or more away, while the people who live in the vicinity are punished by the howling noise they make. Is it any wonder, under such circumstances, that some people object to the ringing of church bells? I think it is quite time these self-styled experts were told to mind their own business, and not interfere with matters they know very little about.

It is all very well to bamboozle and hoodwink the public with fractions and a few vibrations per second, and all that kind of talk, but an experienced musical ringer knows a good bell when he hears one, quite as well, or even better, than some of those critics who are not ringers.

What would these musical experts say if two eminent ringers were consulted to determine the fate of a grand old church organ in defiance of the opinions of skilled organists? This, I contend, is exactly the position of the Coventry decision.

A Simpson tuned bell is always a thin bell, and when it is rung, gives out a note which savours very much of the 'tin can' type, because it has been robbed of the amount of metal necessary to produce a good, bold, rich note. I can assure the bell founders that the outcry against the Simpson tuning of our church bells is far more general among ringers throughout the country than perhaps they imagine, for they are beginning to recognise that it is slowly but surely killing our beloved art, and I appeal to all ringers and lovers of church bells to do their utmost to stop this wicked vandalism and wholesale destruction of our lovely old bells.

E. BARNETT, Senr.

**MODERN BELL TUNING.**

Dear Sir,—Mr. Walker's letter seems to suffer from 'indeterminate undertones,' inasmuch as some of your readers construe its purport as they would it should be. He refers, however, to St. Clement's bells; may I, therefore, make a few remarks? Though the various founders were, two or three years ago, more than willing to melt them down, they are still as cast in 1693. They went to Whitechapel simply to be adjusted in the modern tuning machine, of which we heard at Coventry. But strangely enough their overtones are now more pronounced, so that some of my Simpsonian friends almost mark them for their own. The bells, however, have the major-thirds and the flat seventh lun-note, and so far have not started 'howling,' so one trusts that everyone is satisfied.

Personally, I think that modern work is over-clappered, and the balance of tone disturbed thereby, whether the bells are Simpson or old style.—Yours faithfully,  
E. ALEX. YOUNG.

**SIMPSON TUNING.**

Sir,—Mr. Walker asked those who had new peals to express an opinion. Holy Trinity, Guildford is a peal with four bells recast and the others retuned. Those of us who remember the old bells—a good old peal, lovely tenor—will willingly admit we have gained by having them recast. It is worth going miles to hear this peal ringing in Bristol Surprise. Of course, it is my tower, so people may say I am not in a position to judge.

I have in mind a peal of eight by each of the three principal founders, all practically the same weight, but, to my ear, different peals altogether. Now which are we to say is the true Simpson tuning? If our bells are Simpson tuned, then personally I am in favour of modern tuning, but, to speak candidly, I would sooner listen to some of the old peals, even if some of the bells are vile, than to some of the present day 'howlers.'—Yours, etc.,  
A. H. PULLING.

In the reports of the peals at Chislehurst and Bromley the conductors' names were transposed. The Chislehurst peal was conducted by Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., and the Bromley peal by Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

SINGLE, DOUBLE AND REVERSE METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The first recognition of the fact that some methods can exist in three variations, Single, Double and Reverse, occurs in Stedman's 'Tintinnologia' (1668). He is describing Doubles and Singles on four bells, i.e., Plain Bob Minimus. He goes on: 'With one hunt this peal may be rang six wayes (viz.), three wayes in hunting it up at the beginning of each peal, and three other wayes by hunting it down; the three wayes in hunting it up differs only in the making the extreame changes; in one of the three wayes you must make an extreame change every time the hunt comes before the bells to lead. Another way is to make an extreame every time the hunt comes behind. And the third way is to make an extreame every time the hunt comes before and behind the bells.'

So far as Plain Bob and Grandsire are concerned the Exercise early recognised these variations, and they were all practised during the early part of the eighteenth century, not only on six and eight bells, but also on ten and twelve. Benjamin Annable seems to have had a liking for Double Bob and Double Grandsire, and when he was supreme among the College Youths that society rang several peals in these variations. The first peal of Double Bob Major was at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, on January 14th, 1726. This was only eight months after the first peal of Bob Major, which was rung at St. Bride's at the other end of Fleet Street, on April 26th, 1725. James Barham called the first peal of Reverse Bob Major at Harrietsham in Kent on March 23rd, 1751. The first peal of Double Grandsire Caters was rung by the College Youths in 1732, and four years later the same society rang the first peal of Double Grandsire Cinques. Altogether the College Youths rang in these early days six peals of Double Bob Major, one of Royal, and one of Maximus; two peals of Real Double Bob Maximus; two peals of Reverse Bob Major; two of Royal and one of Maximus; two peals of Double Grandsire Caters and one of Cinques, and one peal of Reverse Grandsire Caters.

Towards the end of the eighteenth century the practice of the Double and Reverse variations died out. In recent years one or two peals of Double Bob Major had been rung, but Reverse Bob is quite obsolete, except for a solitary peal that Mr. Edwin Barnett called a year or two ago in Kent.

As to what are the proper Single and Double variations of Plain Bob and Grandsire there never has been, and never could be, any doubt. The single variation has the place made when the treble is leading; the reverse variation has the place made when the treble is behind; the double variation has both places. But when you get to the more complex methods a great deal of doubt and disagreement has arisen as to what are the correct single and reverse variations. William Shipway was a man with a very methodical brain, and he it was who first tried to establish this classification as a general law for all methods. The system he adopted was a thoroughly scientific one, but it has never been entirely accepted by subsequent writers and leading men of the Exercise; and the definitions of Single, Double and Reverse methods, at present officially adopted, although founded on his system and mainly the same, differ in one important point.

If you examine the lead of any plain method you will find that the path of the treble divides it into four triangles.

One of the chief rules in the construction of a regular method is that if you fold the lead along the line CD then the places made in CDEF must fall on those made in ABCD. This is what we call the 'Law of Symmetry,' and the reason for it will appear later.

According to the official definition, a Double Method is one in which the arrangement of the places in all four triangles is exactly alike, and if the places are alike it follows, of course, that all the hunting, dodging and other work are alike.

A method in which places are made above the treble only is a Single Method.

A method in which places are made both above and below the treble (but which is not a double method) is a Compound Method.

To get the Reverse variation of a Single Method transfer the places from ARD to ACD.

To get the Reverse variation of a Compound Method transfer the places in ABD to ACD, and those in ACD to ABD.

If you have a skeleton course of a Single or of a Compound Method, and you hold it up in front of a looking-glass, what you will see there is the skeleton course of the reverse variation. If you do this with a double method you will find that the mirror will give you the same thing as the original.

Shipway's idea of a double method was one in which the places made in DEF are the same as those made in ACD, and the places made in CDE are the same as those made in ABD. A good many methods, which we should now call unsymmetrical compound methods, he ranks as double methods.

To get the Single variation he substituted continuous plain hunt-

ing for all the work below the treble; and to get the Reverse variation he substituted continuous plain hunting for all the work above the treble.

In his last edition, Hubbard copied Shipway's idea of a double method. When he wrote his first edition it is clear he was not acquainted with Shipway's book, and he makes no attempt to give any Single or Reverse variations of any method other than Double Bob. I think, too, it is extremely likely that later on he did not get his idea of a double method directly from Shipway, but through other people. What he calls a single method is one in which you ring the full method while the treble is going up, and all the bells plain hunt when the treble is coming down. Bannister simply copied Hubbard.

Sir Arthur Heywood's idea of the Single variation of Double Norwich was that the places in fourth's and third's should be retained, while those in sixth's and fifth's should be omitted. In Reverse Norwich the places in sixth's and fifth's should be retained, and those in fourth's and third's omitted.

Shipway prints a method which he calls Double Court Bob Major. It was his own composition, and he held (not without some reason) that it is the correct extension to eight bells of Double Court Minor. In it he makes Court places in 3-4, when the treble is going up, and in 5-6, when she is coming down. According to Heywood the first half lead would be Single Norwich, and the second half lead Reverse Norwich.

In the forthcoming Central Council Collection of Plain Major methods no method that is not symmetrical is printed, and consequently this one is omitted. But, if you make the places in 3-4, both with the treble ascending and descending, you have a really good method, which is included under the name of Shipway's Court Bob.

In estimating the value of Sir Arthur Heywood's opinion we must remember that he was writing solely from the point of view of Double Norwich. Shipway and Hubbard both had a system that could be applied generally to methods. It will hardly be doubted that the latter is the correct way to deal with the matter.

But both Shipway and Hubbard, in working out their systems, lost sight of the importance of the Law of Symmetry.

Now, I should not like to say at this time of day that no unsymmetrical method is ever worth ringing, but the experience of the Exercise is that this is a rule that generally should be kept. In practical ringing you can tell a symmetrical method by noticing that there are two places in the plain course where the work is reversed, where you begin to do backwards what you have already done forwards. These places we call the turning places of the methods. In London Surprise they are second's and centre fifth's; in Cambridge and Superlative second's and seventh's; in Double Norwich the whole pulls before and behind in full work; in Bob Major second's and the full lead when the treble is behind, and so on.

One of the greatest defects of an unsymmetrical method is that it is very liable to internal falseness, which does not show at the lead ends.

A notable instance of this is a method which Hubbard prints, and which he calls Yorkshire Court. It was his own composition, and is constructed by making the fourth's and third's of Double Norwich when the treble is going up, and second's place when she is leading. All the bells plain hunt when the treble is going down. This method was widely practised on six bells, and was included in many peals of Minor, no one suspecting its falseness. But one day Mr. J. J. Parker pointed out that no true 720 was possible in the method, and all those peals were brought to naught.

If you take Yorkshire Court Major and turn it into a symmetrical method by making the places in 3-4 when the treble is descending as well as ascending, you have a first-rate method. This was what we rang at Willesden in 1924, under the name of Winchester Bob.

The following example will show you how Yorkshire Court Minor and other unsymmetrical methods can run false internally, without showing at the lead ends:—

123456	154632
214365	516423
241356	561432
423165	A 654123
243615	564213
426351	652431
449631	625341
645213	263514
A 654123	236154
561432	321645
516342	312465
153624	134256
156342	132465

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Thomas's Church, Moorside, Oldham, on Wednesday, February 3rd, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1,926 changes) was rung in 1 hour and 16 minutes: J. Lees 1, H. Barlow 2, Miss C. Thorp 3, A. Clegg 4, C. Platt 5, T. Chapman 6, B. Thorp (composer and conductor) 7, J. Cox 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Cox, of Oldham.

### THE LADIES' GUILD. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT.

Saturday last was an important occasion in the history of the Northamptonshire District of the Ladies' Guild, when the members had the pleasure of welcoming the general secretary of the Guild to their meeting at Cranford. A large number of members attended to show their appreciation of Miss Parker's visit, and the meeting was also extremely well supported by members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The Guild service was conducted at 4 o'clock by the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, who also gave an address, the lesson being read by Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

After tea a hearty welcome to Miss Parker from the whole company was expressed by the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, and in responding this Mr. Wilford added congratulations on the ladies' peal of Stedman Caters. Miss Parker, in replying, expressed her pleasure in finding the Northamptonshire District of the Guild so well supported by gentlemen, and said that she was also very pleased to meet so many members.

The general secretary took the chair at the business meeting which followed, when eight new ringing members and one honorary member were elected.

The bells were rung in various Minor methods during the afternoon and evening, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise being rung by the Ladies' Guild.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

#### GOOD GATHERING AT INGATESTONE.

A meeting for the South-Eastern Division was held at Ingatestone on Saturday, Feb. 6th. After ringing during the afternoon, a service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Pemberton), Mr. C. E. Howard, Master of the Association, reading the lesson.

A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Room by the Rector. Forty-five members, representing twelve different towers, were present, including Mr. C. H. Howard, Mr. W. H. Dyson (secretary of the Northern Division), Mr. E. J. Butler (secretary of the South-Western Division), and Dr. Spencer Phillips from Great Baddow.

At the business meeting, over which Mr. Geo. Green (District Master) presided, four new members and two probationary members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Waltham, in May, and a bye-meeting at Galleywood, when the restoration work there is finished.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for making the association so welcome, and to the organist for helping with the service. A welcome such as they had received, he said, brought the ringers in closer touch with the clergy, and enabled them to carry on their work with a feeling that they were doing a work for the church.

Fryering tower was open for ringing during the evening, and several members proceeded there, while others returned to Ingatestone tower and brought round touches on the handbells.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Grimsby on Saturday, January 30th. Members attended from Ulesby, Bigby, Barrow, Burton-on-Stather, and the local members, St. James's bells (8) and St. Andrew's (8) were open to the members both afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar of St. James's (Canon A. A. Markham), who also gave an address. Tea was served in the Church House, 23 members sitting down, the catering by Mrs. Long being much appreciated.

The business meeting followed, when the Rev. H. T. Parry was re-elected president, Mr. E. I. Mingay secretary, Mr. C. W. Taylor to serve on the General Committee, Mr. G. Blanchard ringing master, and Mr. J. Bray deputy ringing master.

Two new members were elected, and two members were re-elected. The Secretary read his report for 1925, and places and dates of meetings were chosen: Ulesby June 5th, Barrow July 3rd, Elsham July 31st, Scunthorpe August 21st, Burton October 23rd.

The President referred to the great loss the district had sustained through the death of the Rev. H. C. Frith, the late Vicar of Elsham, who only recently had removed to the living of Hemingford Abbots, Hunts. He had done a great work in Elsham for the art of change ringing, he himself being a ringer and an honorary member of the branch.—Canon H. A. Markham also paid a tribute to the deceased gentleman, and members showed their respect by standing in silence.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for the excellent address were carried, and also to the caterers for such an excellent tea, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Members then adjourned to St. James's and St. Andrew's towers for more ringing. The methods rung were Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Bob Doubles and Kent Treble Bob.

### DEATH OF MR. EDWARD SNOWDON. MEMBER OF FAMOUS RINGING FAMILY.

The death occurred on January 28th, at Embsey, of Mr. Edward Snowdon, brother of Mr. Jasper Snowdon, and the last surviving and youngest son of the late Rev. John Snowdon, who was Vicar of Ilkley from 1842 till his death in 1878. The present Ilkley Vicarage was built in 1848, and Edward Snowdon was the first child to be born there, on August 14th, 1849. He was educated at Rossall School. Along with his more famous brothers in the bellringing world, Jasper Whitfield and William Snowdon, he was, for many years, a regular bellringer at the Parish Church. He married, in 1885, Ellen (eldest daughter of the late Mr. Richard Armitage, of Highfield, Ilkley), who survives him, along with three daughters. His only son, Jasper Whitfield (named after his uncle) was killed in action near Basra in Mesopotamia, whilst serving with the Worcester Regiment, on February 17th, 1917, in his 21st year. A tablet to his memory, the gift of his uncle, the late Dr. Edward Armitage, was unveiled in the Parish Church within the last year.

The greater part of the late Mr. Edward Snowdon's business career was with Messrs. Lister and Co., Ltd., of Manningham Mills, Bradford, and in latter years he had resided at Embsey.

The funeral took place at Ilkley Cemetery on Monday, February 1st. The mourners were Mrs. Snowdon (widow), Miss Olive Snowdon (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Graham (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. Carter-Squire (sister), Miss Agnes Carter-Squire and Mrs. Eurich (nieces), Mr. John Carter-Squire and Major B. H. Archer (nephews), Others present included Mrs. Symes and Mrs. Harrison (Ilkley), Professor Stuart (Leeds), Mr. and Mrs. Corns (Embsey), Mr. and Mrs. Tom Philip, Messrs. Tom and Fred Dean and Mrs. Isaac Dean and others. The service was conducted by Canon Haymer, assisted by Rev. Lister, Vicar of Embsey.

### A UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT.

#### WEDNESBURY FIRM'S EMPLOYEES' PEAL.

Except it be a firm of bell founders or a big corporation like a railway company, there are few concerns which possess a complete band of change ringers. One such, however, is Messrs. Edward Elwell, Ltd., of Wednesbury Forge, and a company of employes rang a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday week. The peal took place at St. Paul's Church, which the Elwell family partly endowed over fifty years ago, and it is a remarkable fact that the ringers, without exception, were all born within a stone's throw of the church, were baptised there, were all taught in its Sunday School, and prepared for Confirmation by its clergy. Between them they have 177 years' service with the firm of Elwell, an average of over 22 years each.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned that it was not only a works' peal, but also a parochial officers' peal, as the ringers have held, or are holding, practically every position in the parish it is possible for laymen to hold, including the offices of churchwarden, vice-chairman of Parochial Council, Sunday School teachers, superintendents and secretary, vergers, sidesmen, choristers, lay preacher, leaders of Young Men's Club, leader and secretary of Bible Class, etc.

The peal has only been secured after seven years of perseverance. First the hand of death removed one of the company; then, after teaching another, other hindrances arose, but by dint of the 'never say die' spirit, and after several unsuccessful attempts, the peal is now an accomplished fact. It is claimed to be unique in the annals of campanology.

### GOSFORTH RINGER'S DEATH.

A muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on February 3rd, as a memorial tribute to Mr. Norman Cuthbertson Fleck, a regular ringer at this church for 18 years. He was buried earlier in the day, and after the funeral a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave. He will be sadly missed from the belfry by his sorrowing comrades. The deceased was 34 years of age, and died as the result of being 'gassed' in the war. He leaves a widow and son and daughter, with whom much sympathy is felt.

Mr. Fleck's mother died exactly a week before her son and the peal was a last tribute of respect to her, and also to Mr. Martin Dods-worth, for many years a sidesman of All Saints' Church, who died recently.

### A PROMISING YOUNG BAND IN IRELAND.

At Bray (Ireland) on Tuesday, January 19th, 720 Bob Minor, on the front six: F. Lane 1, G. R. Heatley 2, A. R. Mackenzie 3, R. H. Simpson 4, G. Lindoff (conductor) 5, J. B. Tough 6, W. F. Simpson 7, W. Smith 8.

This is the first 720 by all except ringers of 5 and 8. There is at this tower a young band, under the leadership of Mr. J. B. Tough, who are making promising progress.

It was at Bray that the first Surprise peal ever rung out of England was accomplished. This was a peal of Superlative by St. Martin's Guild rung in the year 1901.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**MR. P. C. WILLIAMS RETIRES FROM BRISTOL BRANCH SECRETARYSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, January 30th, at St. Peter's (City), Bristol. St. Peter's is one of the oldest churches in Bristol, and the tower dates from the eleventh century. It appears, however, that another church stood on this site, dating about 600.

The weather was anything but pleasant for the meeting, and no doubt affected the attendance. There was good practice on the eight bells (especially for the learners) in Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major, under the conductorship of Mr. Jack Brown. The association form of service was conducted in the church by the Rector (Rev. C. Dobson), the singing being led by the organist and choir. The Rector gave a thoughtful address.

Tea was held in the Parish Hall, 44 members sitting down. Miss N. Williams (Bath) and Messrs. F. Green and C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes) were welcome visitors, although the two latter had to leave early.

The business meeting followed, at which the Chairman (Mr. J. Gould) said he had visited several of the many towers in the Branch. He quoted some of the articles in 'The Ringing World,' which he referred to as good educational work, and he hoped in the future more time would be given to teaching the more advanced methods in the country districts. He found in the summer that some of the ringers gave up their ringing practice for cricket and gardening.

The Secretary's report gave a satisfactory account of the year's working, and was adopted.—The balance sheet, which showed a balance on the right side of over £16, was received with acclamation and passed.

It was resolved to vote £5 towards the members' expenses in attending the annual meeting of the association at Painswick on Easter Monday. The quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: Highbury on April 24th, Almondsbury on July 24th, Abbots Leigh on October 30th, and the annual (if possible) at Christ Church, or, failing Christ Church, St. Phillip's, Bristol, on January 29th.

The next monthly meetings were arranged: St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on February 27th, and Winterborne on March 27th.

The Chairman, Mr. J. Gould, was re-elected, and thanked for his past services. Mr. J. G. Jefferies was re-elected on the Management Committee. Mr. P. Williams was proposed for re-election as hon. secretary and treasurer, but declined to be re-elected, and the members could not again induce him to accept office. He stated he had now acted as their secretary and treasurer for the past five years. It was a very large branch, and took up a great amount of time; in fact he could not give the necessary time to it. This was regretted very much indeed by all the members, and Mr. C. H. Jennings was then proposed and seconded, and general satisfaction was expressed when he decided to accept the office.

Mr. Jennings moved, and Mr. F. Leaker seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be passed and placed on record to Mr. P. Williams for the great service he had rendered to the branch and the Guild in general, Mr. Leaker remarking that the branch was in a better position to-day than it ever was, thanks to Mr. Williams and the assistance that had been given him by Mrs. and Miss Williams (loud applause). Indeed, too much praise could not be given to him for the amount of time and work he put in on behalf of his fellow-members.

In conclusion, the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for taking the service, and for the use of the Parish Hall, and to the organist, blower and the choir.

The members then repaired to St. Nicholas' Church, where the grand ring of 10 was placed at the disposal of the members, and, under the conductorship of Mr. W. A. Cave, some nice touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were brought round.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****BURTON-ON-TRENT BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Burton Branch was held at St. Paul's Church, Burton, on Saturday, January 23rd. There was a good attendance, over thirty members being present, and eight new members being elected.

The present general officers were nominated en bloc, and a vote of confidence in them was unanimously passed.

The district officers for the forthcoming year were elected as follows:—Mr. W. W. Worthington vice-president, and Messrs. E. W. Beadmoore, A. J. Moore and R. H. Dove (local hon. secretary) committee.

A meeting was arranged to be held at Measham on February 20th, and the best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Rev. and Hon. S. G. W. Maitland (Vicar of St. Paul's) for his presence in the belfry, and also for the use of the bells.—The latter was carried with applause, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

**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.

**CLIPPING BARNET.**—On Sunday, Feb. 7th, for evensong, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Casley 2, W. Taiting 3, F. Chandler 4, R. Roffey 5, F. A. Milne 6, H. J. Eldred (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—For evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original: B. Elliott 1, R. Overy 2, F. Bowden (conductor) 3, J. H. B. Hesse 4, J. McDermott 5, G. Goodchild 6, F. White 7, W. Eldridge 8.

**LONDON, W.**—On Sunday, January 31st, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,257 Stedman Caters: G. W. Frayne 1, H. G. Miles (conductor) 2, P. L. Miles 3, E. G. Locke 4, F. V. H. Sinks 5, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 6, A. Cutmore 7, W. E. Judd 8, C. H. Dobbie 9, C. W. Roberts 10.

**TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.**—For morning service, on January 31st, 720 Stedman Doubles; Miss C. Fields 1, Rev. A. C. Moule 2, Miss K. Willers 3, F. Haynes 4, A. Wilson (conductor) 5. Arranged for Miss Fields, of St. Neots.

**DORE, SHEFFIELD.**—On Sunday, January 24th, for Mattins, and as a welcome to the Rev. E. S. Powell, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 48 mins.: Everard Davenport 1, Norman Short 2, Ronald Johnson 3, Miss Molly Davenport 4, Arthur S. Robinson 5, J. E. Lewis Cockey 6, W. J. Thyng 7, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble—aged 13, and first quarter on an inside bell by the ringer of the third—aged 15.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOUCESTER.**—On Sunday evening, January 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: P. S. A. Aston 1, C. Grimes 2, F. Jones 3, B. Timms 4, N. Brion 5, J. Gardner 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hiatt 8.

**DEPTFORD.**—On Sunday, January 24th, at St. John's, Deptford, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, P. Bacon 2, J. Crowder 3, H. Norgata 4, E. B. Crowder 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

**MARKET HARBOROUGH.**—On Sunday morning, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 48 mins.: F. Clark 1, R. March 2, F. Pearcey 3, Fred Wallington 4, Frank Wallington 5, J. Chester 6, W. Wallington 7, A. Manning (conductor) 8.

**FRINDSBURY.**—On Sunday evening, Jan. 24th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 43 mins.: R. Payne 1, T. Beaumont 2, P. C. Springham 3, S. T. Jarrett 4, W. Evans 5, W. S. Beaumont 6, C. Winsor 7, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 8.—On Sunday evening, January 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: Mrs. E. A. G. Allen 1, W. S. Beaumont (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, R. Payne 3, P. C. Springham 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, S. T. Jarrett 6, T. Beaumont 7, C. Winsor 8. First quarter-peal by Mrs. Allen, also first in the tower in which a lady has taken part.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, January 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, R. Kynaston 3, R. T. Evans 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. G. Thompson, for 16 years a ringer at St. Oswald's Church.

**SPliced OXFORD AND GRANDSIRE.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The figures of the Spliced Oxford and Grandsire Triples, as published, are not quite in correct order. The row 463257\* was printed as the third row instead of the sixth in the composition. Also the footnote to the peal should read: First peal of Triples ever rung without Singles 'or Special Calls.' Correct Order.

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Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

**NOTICES.**

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 38th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 6th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, February 27th. 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.**—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be at Lytham, St. John's and St. Peter's, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6), 2.30 to 4.30; All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4.15. Cathedral (10), 6.30 to 9. Service St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea, Spread Eagle Hotel, 5.30.—A. Gwynne, District Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 5 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A new treble bell has recently been hung in the tower of Bleadon Parish Church, near Weston-super-Mare, making a peal of six. The dedication ceremony will be performed on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 3 p.m., by the Master Ringer (Rev. E. C. Lock, Vicar of West Pennard). Collection for bell fund. Bells available after the service. Tea at 1s. at Queen's Arms, near church.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS**—Nottingham — (Established 1672). — A meeting of the above will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 5. Meeting in the Manchester Hall at 8 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, and all members are asked to attend if possible. Ringing at All Hallows', Lombard Street, from 1.45 to 3.15 sharp, and at St. Clement Danes from 2 to 3.30. Service at the latter at 4 p.m., before which, at 3.45, a group photograph will be taken if circumstances permit. Tea in the Parish Room, tickets for which should be obtained in advance, followed by business meeting.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at Ransom's Restaurant. Short business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Swanmore (6). Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Motcombe on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 (Preacher, Rev. E. C. King, Vicar). Tea at 5 (6d. for members), to be followed by a short business meeting. Towers available: Motcombe (6), Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury (6), St. Peter's, Shaftesbury (6).—R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8). Business meeting 4.30. Bells open from 3 o'clock onwards.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Beddington. Will those intending to be at the tea please inform Mr. A. J. Trappitt, of 57, Mellows Road, Wallington, as soon as possible, so that the necessary arrangements may be made? The business meeting will include that relating to the Central District, as well as that usually transacted at the annual general meeting.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Institute after service, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports to hand. A good muster is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1926 are now due. Will secretaries of hands note and forward to district hon. secretary?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch. — Meeting at Topsham Feb. 13th. Service 4 o'clock. Tea free to members. Adjacent towers open.—Further particulars from Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, and business to follow. Members will be entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (10) available from 12 noon. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Institute (adjoining the church). Tea 1s. 6d. per head.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available. Those who desire tea should apply to Mr. Robert Thickett, Station Road, Horbury.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Baldock, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m.—E. W. Day, Dist. Sec., 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgnorth, on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Bells available: St. Leonard's (8), St. Mary's (6). Short Service at St. Mary's Church 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., Castle Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Election of Officers for 1926. All ringers welcome.—W. Haywood, District Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 18th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st (6 p.m.), for service; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William I. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are now due; reports to hand. A hot-pot will be provided for all those sending in not later than Feb. 17th to Mr. Alfred Fox, 11, Back Church Street, Newchurch-in-Rossendale, near Manchester.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Nelson, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, meeting at 5.30. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Vale of White Horse Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing before and after meeting. Intending visitors to tea please notify me by Feb. 16th.—G. A. Webley, Hon. ec., Southampton St., Faringdon.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.15, at the Corner House, for those only notifying me by Wednesday, Feb. 17th.—A. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Bromyard.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held at Angmering, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the Vicar and Churchwardens. Those intending to be present kindly advise me by the 16th inst.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Measham, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Requests for tea (1/- per head) to be sent to the Rev. J. R. King, Measham Vicarage, as early as possible. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Hon. Dist. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunster, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Towers open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea in the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Feb. 16th.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., Park Street, Minehead.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Next quarterly meeting at Freshwater, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., provided by the President in Parish Hall for those who notify me before Tuesday, 23rd.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dist. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Kelvedon, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. The ringers' service will be held in the church at 4.15 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards. Members are reminded that their subscriptions for 1926 are now due. A hearty welcome given to all ringers.—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec., High Street, Braintree, Essex.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford, on Feb. 27th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open for ringing: All Saints' before tea, both after. Service at 5, address by the Vicar of All Saints'. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant, Fore Street, 1/-, business after. All will be heartily welcomed, members or otherwise.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby. Bells available 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C: Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Will all ringing friends please note new address of F. Alleway is: 13, Athelstone Road, Wealdstone, Harrow.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

Secretaries of Associations are reminded that subscriptions to the Central Council are now due, and should be sent to the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. E. Alex Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E. 6.

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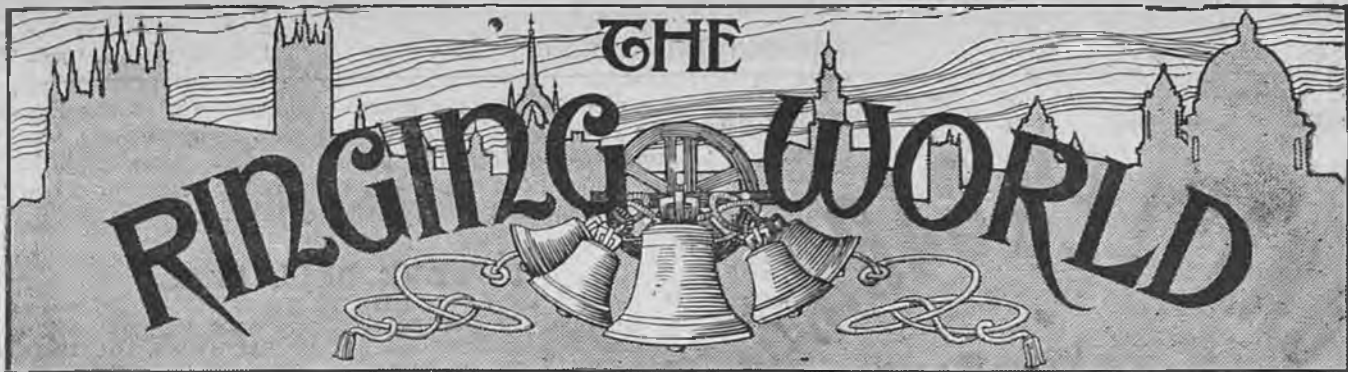
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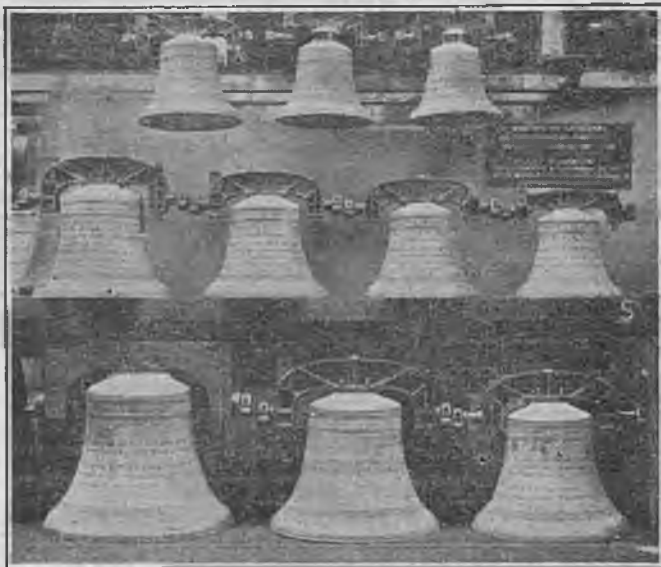
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Among the towers in this country there are many where the ringers do not come much into the limelight of peal ringing, but where the ringers nevertheless make good and substantial progress by steady and sustained effort. Their work is done on practice nights and for Sunday services, and, in the case of some six-bell towers especially, a marvellous proficiency in method ringing is exhibited. The details published elsewhere in this issue show what some of these bands accomplished in the past years, and among them the first place is undoubtedly taken by the men of South Anston, Notts, who rang one hundred and three Minor extents in one hundred and three methods. This surely must be a record! A few methods were rung twice, and the total, which so exactly corresponded with the number of seven hundred and twenties, was made up by ringing some of the extents by method-splicing. This enterprising band was among the first to introduce this system into their ringing, for they practised it soon after it was put forward by the Rev. H. Law James. Another company who, while ringing fewer methods, rang even more 720's in the year, was the band at Bucknall, Staffs, who completed one hundred and eight extents in nineteen different methods. The Leytonstone company, who for many years have been among the most expert 'practitioners' on six bells, also had a proud record. Other companies can doubtless claim to have done well, and they also have the satisfaction of knowing that their work is as commendable as some of that which receives a wider notice.

But there are other bands, ringers on eight as well as on six, who might ask themselves if they have done as well as they could have done with more whole-hearted effort. What the Exercise suffers from to-day is the indifference of so many of those who call themselves ringers. Here and there throughout the country we have notable examples of a genuine enthusiasm for progress, but for the most part ringers are content to carry on in a style which just keeps the breath in the art in their district, but respiration is so feeble as to be almost invisible. This is revealed in many directions—in the attendance at meetings, in peal ringing, in the slackness with which service ringing is maintained. There are notable exceptions, of course, but it is nothing unusual to find meetings with only ten or fifteen per cent. of the members present. Peal ringing is confined principally to the activities of a more or less limited number of bands—we doubt if fifteen per cent. of the ringers affiliated to the associations of this country ring a peal a year—and efficient service ringing at a large number of towers is

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conspicuous by its absence. The progress of the Exercise is made by the keenness of a comparatively small minority—would that it were otherwise. Despite all that the associations are doing, there is big scope for driving out this spirit of apathy and indifference.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL.**  
PAINSWICK.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.  
On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5100 CHANGES;**

THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. Treble	HERBERT BISHOP ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 8
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 9
CHARLES GARDINER ... .. 4	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 10
ALBERT BOND ... .. 5	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... .. 11
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6	THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the peal of 13,001 on Feb. 4th, 1920.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**  
BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, February 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
BRIGHTON VERSION. Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HART ... .. Treble	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS ... .. 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
GEORGE SMART ... .. 3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 8
JOHN CAPP ... .. 4	ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 9
CHARLES PALMER ... .. 5	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.  
The first peal ever rung in the method.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
On Thursday, February 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5640 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 6
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 7
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... .. 3	E. GEORGE TREW ... .. 8
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

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

The thanks of the band are due to the ringer of the treble for filling a gap caused by the defection of one of the band, and also for filling it so well.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, February 11, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20½ cwt.

*FRANK JENNINGS ... .. Treble	†GEORGE JENNINGS ... .. 6
†LEONARD BANCE ... .. 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... .. 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 3	FREDERICK C. COLLINS ... .. 8
‡JOHN LEE ... .. 4	†JOHN GALVER ... .. 9
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5	†HERBERT H. PRATT ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. J. TRAPPIST.

\* First peal. † First peal on ten. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters.

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**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5177 CHANGES;*

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN... .. 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 2	GEORGE BULL ... .. 7
HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 8
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 9
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5	GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DBXTER. Conducted by MAURICE SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The ringers wish to thank Mr. George Bull for filling a vacancy at the last minute, caused by the sudden illness of one of the band.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, February 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.*

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 7½ cwt.

STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. Treble	*ALFRED G. WRATTEN ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 2	SERGT. D. J. BOUCHER ... .. 6
*RICHARD BIRCH ... .. 3	HARRY PARKS ... .. 7
ARCHIE C. KAY ... .. 4	FRANK SLINGSBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKS.

\* First peal of Stedman. Ringer of the 6th is from Shrewsbury. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. A. Baker.

PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,*

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT GREENHALGH ... Treble	HAROLD JONES ... .. 5
TITUS BARLOW ... .. 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 6
HARRY SMALE ... .. 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. STEELE ... .. 4	*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

\*First peal. Mr. H. Smale belongs to Harlow Common, Essex, and was elected a member previous to the peal.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.*

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY PRING ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT... .. 5
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6
RICHARD CLARE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS... .. 4	WALTER FARLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

This, the first peal of Stedman on the bells, was rung for the above association by request. The band expressed their complete satisfaction with this splendid new peal.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.*

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. Treble	HAROLD J. HAYZELL ... .. 5
CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 2	GEORGE CRISP ... .. 6
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is the first peal in the method by the Ely Association, and by all the hand on tower bells, and was rung without previous practice. Also the first peal in the method on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM... .. 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
*WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 3	*WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	*HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WASEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. 5
BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 2	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. 6
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7
JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 4	GEORGE MAYERS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged and rung as a compliment to F. J. Howchin on his 59th birthday.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,*

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... .. Treble	*JOB GREENWOOD ... .. 5
FRED HUTTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 6
HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 3	*VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 7
THOMAS SENIOR... .. 4	*MILLIGAN HARRISON... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

\* First peal in the method.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,*

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK SLINGSBY ... .. Treble	D. J. BOUCHER, K.S.L.I... 5
STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. 2	†ALFRED G. WRATTON ... 6
RICHARD J. BIRCH ... .. 3	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 7
*STANLEY R. MOWL ... .. 4	ARCHIE S. VINCENT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. G. WRATTON.

\* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. Prebble, one of the local ringers.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD SHAW ... .. Treble	JOHN ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... .. 2	GEORGE HILL ... .. 6
HARRY BOWER ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITTS ... .. 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 4	FRED HODGSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

**ANOTHER VETERAN BULWELL RINGER DEAD.**

The ringers of Bulwell, Nottingham, have lost yet another veteran—the fourth since the bells were augmented to eight four years ago. It is a pathetic circumstance that the four should have passed away, one in each year. All of them had given between 30 and 40 years' service in the belfry. They were William Spencer, Enoch Foster, George Tyers, and now William Wadley. The parishioners of Bulwell, as well as the ringers, feel they have sustained a great loss by the death of the stalwarts, whose places it will not be easy to fill.

**BIRSTALL, YORKS.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	JOSEPH KELLETT... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... .. 2	SAM GIBSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3	EDWARD CROWTHER ... .. 7
EDWARD CRABTREE ... .. 4	HERBERT PEEL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by J. BROADLEY.  
Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. Herbert Peel and Mrs. Peal. Treble ringer hails from Bradford; 2nd and 8th from Batley; the rest are local men.

**GOUDHURST, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 6
WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.  
This is believed to be the first Surprise peal on the bells.

**TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

GEORGE PINCOIT... .. Treble	GEORGE POWNELL ... .. 5
ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 2	*THOMAS ALLRED ... .. 6
HENRY SMITH ... .. 3	HARRY ALLRED ... .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.  
Rung as a memorial peal to the late James and Robert Allred.  
\* First peal of Major.

**GILLINGHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES NORRIS ... .. Treble	VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E. ... 5
FRANK BELSEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... .. 3	THOMAS BRAUNTON ... .. 7
*PHILLIP SPRINGHAM ... .. 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. HAIGH.  
\* First peal in method.

**SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL ... Treble	*SYDNEY SADLER... .. 5
†MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 2	*GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
STANLEY ROBINSON ... .. 3	*HARRY LINDSAY... .. 7
*RALPH UMFBLEY ... .. 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.  
\* First peal in method. † First peal in the method on tower bells.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. B. Kendall, and to Miss E. Simpson, daughter of the conductor.

**'SILENT' SPLICED SURPRISE.**

On Monday, Feb. 8th, at St. John-the-Baptists' Church, Leytonstone, in 27 mins., a non-conducted 720 of Spliced Surprise Minor (Beverley, Durham and Surfleet) by the following: A. Prior 1, G. L. Joyce 2, W. H. Theobald 3, W. Miller 4, E. D. Smith 5, J. Moule 6. This is the first to be so rung. Witnessed by Messrs. P. H. Avey, H. Molton, E. T. Butler (Essex Association), and A. Reeve (Wanstead).

**ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, February 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*CHARLIE DENYER ... Treble	*WILLIAM DENYER ... .. 5
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 2	*ALBERT J. CROUCHER ... 6
*MISS ADDIE A. FISHER ... 3	*GDSM. E. J. BRAGG, G.G. ... 7
MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 4	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.  
Rung by entirely local band. \* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor. It is also claimed to be the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major ever rung in the Guild by a local band, and believed to be the first in the method for 29 years, the inst having been rung at Soberton on September 20th, 1897.

**WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, February 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BROOKS ... Treble	*RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. 5
*GEORGE L. GOFTON ... .. 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 6
JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 3	†STEPHEN W. STRATFORD... 7
†WILLIAM L. GOFTON... .. 4	†R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES E. GOFTON.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of esteem and respect on the occasion of the funeral of the late Rev. Edw. Smith, M.A., who was Vicar of this parish for a period of 30 years. \* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. George L. Gofton is the third son of R. Alder Gofton.

**LONDON.**

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN, N.W.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 3040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD C. E. LANKESTER Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 3	GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 4	PERCIVAL W. NORTON ... Treble

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

**BRENCHLEY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, February 10, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... .. Treble	†HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
JARVIS L. HARRIS ... .. 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 4	*PERCY HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal of Triples on the bells; also a birthday compliment to J. L. Harris. Thanks are due to Mr. Pitman for kindly accepting a rope at the last moment.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.**

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, February 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... Treble	*SIDNEY TONELL... .. 5
*ALFRED COATS ... .. 2	ALBERT HUNTER ... .. 6
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 7
THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 4	JOHN W. PASSMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

\* First peal in the method.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 1	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 5
ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

ANSTLEY, Near LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 1	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD... .. 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... .. 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 4	JOHN GRANT... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Belton, daughter of Mr. C. R. Bellon of Barwell; also in honour of St. Valentine's Day. The conductor's 25th peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY... .. 1	GEORGE WILSON ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6
* FREDERICK J. SMITH... .. 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7
JAMES C. RUMSEY ... .. 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 1	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 5
† VICTOR WHITE ... .. 2	* JOSEPH H. COX ... .. 6
WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
THOMAS GREENHALGH ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. 1	JOHN SANDERSON... .. 5
JOHN BROWN ... .. 2	THOMAS WILSON... .. 6
WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON... .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 4	JAMES HARRISON... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON.

The ringer of the 3rd hails from Ambleside; 2nd and tenor from Houghton. Rung on the eve of the Blackburn 'Bishopric Sunday,' on which day effort was made throughout the Manchester Diocese to raise the remaining portion of the £75,000 necessary to establish the Bishopric.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Waugh 1, G. Perry 2, G. Carter 3, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 4, C. Morss 5, W. S. Carter 6, W. Clark 7, J. Rann, jun., 8. First quarter-peal by J. Waugh, who is only 14 years of age.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 32.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 1	JESSE SCREEN ... .. 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 2	ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 6
SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 7
* JOSEPH HOPSON ... .. 4	REUBEN HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

\* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON

DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 1	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 5
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE GREEN ... .. 1	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 5
EDWARD F. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 2	JOHN WOOD ... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of W. J. Nevard.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

* BENJAMIN DALTON ... .. 1	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 6
JOHN PERRY ... .. 3	ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 4	JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung on the Eve of St. Valentine's Day, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. F. Mitchell, wife of the ringer of the sixth.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 1	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 6
JOHN LAWSON ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. DIXON... .. 7
REV. C. C. MARSHALL ... .. 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. Bolland and Mr. W. Lomas, by officers of the association, Mr. J. Lawson has just completed 50 years as a ringer.

BISPHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 4th, 720 Oxford Single Bob: G. Parkinson 1, A. Parkinson 2, G. Dewhurst 3, R. Benson 4, J. Jackson 5, C. Sharples (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except conductor; also first on the bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*R. COURT ... .. Treble	S. BAKER ... .. 4
W. MIDDLETON... .. 2	W. CONIBERE ... .. 3
N. BALL ... .. 3	*T. ROBERTS... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. CONIBERE.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the Rev. E. P. Stanley, who has been Rector of this parish 41 years.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings.

*RICHARD ROCKALL ... .. Treble	GEORGE HOWARD ... .. 4
JOHN M. GRAY ... .. 2	J. WILFRED SHARP ... .. 5
JAMES W. HAYNES ... .. 3	*JOSEPH LAITSBURY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. WILFRED SHARP.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the sexton, Mr. S. Birch, who was 80 on February 2nd. \* First peal and first attempt, both of whom belong to the local band.

GREAT WOLFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being 5 six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 32 six-scores of Grandsire in 18 different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE HIATT ... .. Treble	WALTER LARGE ... .. 4
HORACE TERRY ... .. 2	FRANK SMITH ... .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	FRANK EDGINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of City Delight, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. 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 SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal as conductor. \* 50th peal.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 1-2	*FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 5-6
*JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3-4	†EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7-8
WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Miss Bibby's first peal 'in hand.' \* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Little Bob Royal in the county. First peal of Royal 'in hand' by the Guild with a resident band.

[Other Peal Reports are unavoidably held over.]

**COVENTRY BELLS.**

MR. W. W. STARMER'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS CHANGE RINGING.

Mr. William Wooding Starmer, F.R.A.M., who was one of the expert witnesses called in support of the petition for recasting Coventry bells, takes exception to the comment, which we made in one of our leading articles, that he has in the past shown antipathy to the art of change ringing. Mr. Starmer informs us that he has never written or said anything from which this could be inferred. We are glad, therefore, to be able to correct this mistaken impression of Mr. Starmer's attitude towards bells rung in English fashion.

Delivering the second of a series of six lectures at the University of Birmingham on Wednesday in last week, Mr. Starmer dealt with English bell music, explaining that change ringing was a mathematical problem involving no musical considerations. It was a science and an art possessing a language of its own, and, he said: 'In change ringing, bringing the bell from one 'set' position to the others demands skill and judgment so that the successive 'striking' shall be regular and even. An expert band of ringers secures perfect precision in the 'striking.' This, together with the full tone of the bell in whole swing, the ever-changing notes, the continuity and the mingling of sounds, constitutes the indescribable charm of good change ringing. In many ways the succession of sounds, has little real musical significance, but the indefinite rhythmic tonal progression is ever most fascinating.'

Mr. Starmer also referred to famous ringing societies and their histories, some of the great achievements in peal ringing, and old belfry rhymes and rules.

**OUR FAMOUS BELLS IN JEOPARDY.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your recent article, 'How Coventry Bells were lost,' should be taken to heart by all members of the various ringing societies and associations throughout the length and breadth of these islands. Scientific change ringing on church bells will become as dead as the dodo if ringers do not wake up to the true position of affairs. Commercialism has entered the field cap-a-pied, be it disguised as campanological experts or exponents of the 'terrace' and 'quint' makes no difference; it is there to supplant change ringers by a soulless carillon machine. Now, ringers, ask yourselves, each one of you, 'What am I doing to prevent this?' It is of no consequence if, at your general and other meetings, you simply pass pious opinions against the vandals, and then as meekly enter the like in your minute book. This will not avail one iota to arrest the march that vandalism has already made, and will continue to make if we do not see to it, and that right soon. It is imperative that representative ringing societies should take active steps to educate the public generally, and church people in particular, in regard to what is at stake. Apparently, at present, any Tom, Dick or Harry can come along and throw to the four winds of heaven the pious intentions of the donors of our famous and beautiful bells, taking only into account present fads and fancies, drilled into their heads by the insistent warblings of the aforesaid experts.

The great responsibility of the possession of any famous peal in regard to its upkeep as a priceless gift to the church, through the piety of our ancestors, has recently become a negligible quantity, and goes with the bells into the melting-pot. How long is this to be tolerated? Nothing can be advanced against melting down bells that have become fractured or so badly worn as to be unfit for their original use, but even then they can, and in some cases, are preserved as good examples of a by-gone founder's art. Be this as it may, the case under review strikes an alarm, and we must come to attention, using our greatest endeavours to prevent any repetition in regard to our remaining famous bells, to preserve them from their would-be destroyers, preserving them as far as possible in their entirety for those that are to come and take our places.

We must bear in mind that 'Simpson tuning,' so-called, is only a stalking horse, the real issue following closely in its shadows is a carillon, played upon by multitudinous wires—exit bell ropes and scientific bell ringers. What appears to be a phantasy to-day may become a reality to-morrow if we ringers take this challenge lying down, turning our ringing ropes into objects of pity and the bells into a roaring mass of inarticulate vibrations, with the horrid 'howl' of the tierce (or minor third) thrown in as a companion to the work of the vandals.

The line of least resistance must be dropped, and a live substitute found in propagandist work. It may be uphill for a time to get out of our present lethargic state. Our detractors are using all their efforts to effect their purpose, so be up and doing, interview members of Diocesan Advisory Committees, join Parish Church Councils, do your duty as staunch Churchmen, feeling and accepting the responsibility that your predecessors have left to you for safe keeping, and so help to arrest the canker which, if not stopped, will surely pursue its deadly course. Simpson tuning has the same relation to bells as water to milk, both are weakened in their constituent parts, more or

less as the case may be. Now we know, this being an age of discovery, why the old people used to call a milk seller who added water to his milk so as to increase quantity, not quality—'Simpson'—Yours truly,

CLOCHES DE L'ARCHE.

[Other Letters are unavoidably held over.]

### SOUTH ANSTON RINGERS' REMARKABLE FEAT.

103 MINOR EXTENTS IN 103 METHODS.

The company at St. James' Church, South Anston, had a fairly successful year during 1925, considering sickness amongst the ringing members, and sickness near the church, which caused them to stop ringing for a time. They rang altogether 103 720's in 103 methods, as follows: Spliced 720's of Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston; Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh. 720's of Duke of York, London Surprise, Primrose Surprise were rung twice, and the following were rung once: Violet, College Exercise, Ordsall Delight, Snowdrop, Old Primrose, Palm Sunday, Easter Morning, Burton, London, Sandall, Kingston, New London Pleasure, Kent, Trinity, Duke of Norfolk, Mirfield, Morning Star, Overton, Grove, Woodbine, Tanner's Pleasure, Tulip (Old), Royston Delight, College Bob 4th. Norwich, Wragby, Willesden, Morning Exercise, Middlewood, London Victory, City Delight, Braintree, Hull Delight, Kent Delight, Neasden, St. Oswald, Old Oxford Modernised, Duke of Clarence, Baden Powell, Elstow, Evening Star, Wath and Pontefract Treble Bob; Worcester, Chichester, Lancashire, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth, York, Durham, Cambridge, Norfolk, Norwich, Lord Roberts, Annable's London, Nethersale, Kitchener, Hull, Bourne, Cuncaster, Canterbury, Westminster and Ebor Surprise. Extents in the following methods were rung during 1925 for the first time by the company: Marigold, Foxglove, Daffodil, Hyacinth, Fuchsia, Shamrock, Bluebell, Taxal, Bogodone, Ludlow Castle, Warwick Castle, Berkeley Castle, Pevensy Castle, Dunedin Castle, Ely Castle, Leasowe Castle, Gonway Castle, Carnarvon Castle, Evesham Abbey, Tewkesbury Abbey, Crowland Abbey, Canterbury Abbey, Waltham Abbey and Burslem Abbey Treble Bob; Hexham, Surfleet, Bacup, Bamboorough, Kentish Delight, Woodcock's Victory, York Minster Surprise. The total number of changes was 74,160 rung by the following: Edgar P. Stenton, 85 720's; Gordon Turner, 102, conducted 82; Henry Stenton, 95, conducted 4; Francis Stenton, 81; Chas. Fowler, 97, conducted 13; William Platts, 62; Samuel Smith, 3; Herbert Turner, 83, conducted 2. Visitors: J. E.

Causar (Tickhill), 4, conducted 1; Chas. Levern (Killamarsh), 1, conducted 1; Herbert Haigh (Worksop), 5.

Gordon Turner, who has rung 102 and conducted 82 of the 720's, is only 15 years of age, and this is not the least remarkable fact in a wonderful performance.

At St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, during the year 1925, 108 720's of Minor were rung as follows: London, 19; Burslem, 12; Bucknall, 10; Milton, 8; Biddulph, 2; Cambridge, 14. Wells, 3; No. 17, 3; College P., 7; College Ex., 7; College S., 1. Duke of York, 2; Woodbine, 1; Violet, 10; Oxford and Kent, 3; Oxford, 2; Oxford Bob, 1; Plain Bob, 3.

### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The annual general meeting was held on Saturday, January 30th, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, about 40 members being present. Ringing on the famous peal of twelve took place, and all the officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master; Mr. J. Sparrow, secretary; Mr. J. W. Cornford, treasurer; Mr. C. Matthews, senior steward; Mr. T. Bevan, junior steward; Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy, trustees; and Messrs. W. Norton and E. Bevan, auditors.

The balance sheet for 1925 was presented, and passed, and several new members were made.

A resolution was passed that there be held some kind of social gathering during the early part of the summer, and a committee has been formed to make the necessary arrangements, particulars of which will be announced later.

### LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Seale on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Owing to the weather the party only numbered 20, and represented three towers, Seale, Aldershot and Guildford. There was ringing on the six bells during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Rev. R. S. Arrowsmith. Tea was served in the Parish Room, where the Rector said a few words of welcome.

At the business meeting, Miss Melville, of Guildford, and Mrs. Rogers, of Aldershot, were elected members.

The next meeting was fixed for April 24th, at Cliddingfold. The tower was re-visited, and the following methods rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Harold J. Poole has become a member of the Leicester Police Force, and policemen-ringers, who are a numerous body, have thus received a valuable recruit.

The first peal of the Brighton Variation of London Surprise Royal is recorded this week, and it is interesting to recall that it was exactly twenty-five years ago next Monday that in the same tower (St. Peter's) the first peal of Bristol Surprise was rung.

Oxford University Guild was founded on Feb. 20th, 1872.

To-morrow is the anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Kettering in 1729.

A peal of 6,720 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Epsom, Surrey, on February 21st, 1802.

On Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 1783, a peal of 5,152 Cambridge Surprise was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths (there were two societies of College Youths in those days) at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, being deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistancan Art as so intricate a method was never practised by any other set of men whatever; indeed the same people (except one) did ring a peal in this same method, and at the same place on Sunday, January 30th, 1780, they being then London Youths, but as this was rung with the tenors together it proved false on the new discoveries which happened about this time, and was the cause of their ringing another peal.

J. E. Lilley, son of the towerkeeper at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, although only just 18 years old, has rung five twelve-bell peals, including two Stedman Cinques, one each of Grandsire Cinques, Bob Maximus and Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

For the sixth year in succession the record peal of 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick, in 1920, has been commemorated by a peal in the same method. This surely must be a record in its way. And the band on this occasion included a King, a Prince and a Bishop!

An untimely interruption by an outsider put an end to a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday at Llangollen, which was attempted as a sixtieth birthday compliment to a highly-respected member of the North Wales Association, Mr. Thomas Cathrall, of Wrexham. The chagrin of the ringers may be imagined, as some of them had come 30 and 40 miles for the peal. They had to get what consolation they could from ringing a quarter-peal.

'I received the copy of "Spliced Methods," and a fine book it is; many thanks,' writes a correspondent. He's right, it is a fine book, and should be in the hands of every ringer.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Thornaby-on-Tees, on Saturday, January 30th. By the great kindness of the Vicar of Thornaby, the audit was conducted in the Vicar's study in the morning by Mr. F. Barker and Mr. J. Sinclair. The bells of the Parish Church of St. Paul were available for ringing from noon onward, and were extensively used during the day. Service was held at 4 p.m., when the Vicar of Thornaby (the Rev. P. W. Worster) preached a kindly and encouraging sermon, which was much appreciated by the congregation. Tea was served in the neighbouring Parish Hall, and was immediately followed by the business meeting.

The president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) was in the chair, supported by some thirty members.

The following resolution was moved by the president: 'That this meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers desires to place on record its sense of the great loss which it has sustained by the death of Mr. George B. Bolland, who joined the association in the second year of its history, and had been a vice-president for 42 years.' George Bolland, said the President, was rightly looked upon as the 'father of the association,' and no one commanded the respect and affection of the members more than he did. His interest in six-bell methods, and his keen advocacy of that branch of ringing, did much to lead to the truer acknowledgment of Minor ringing by the Exercise, and his wide experience and extensive knowledge were always at the service of any one who sought his assistance. No one did more than he did, by his work and strong personality, to build up the association, whose destinies he so long helped to direct, and the memory of his genial, robust Yorkshire character will ever be an inspiration to those who follow him.

On being re-elected as general secretary of the association for the ensuing three years, Mr. P. J. Johnson thanked the members for their confidence.—The auditors' report and the balance sheet were passed, on the motion of Mr. F. Barker, seconded by Mr. J. W. Addison, while the report of the general committee was passed, on the motion of Mr. J. H. Blakiston, seconded by Mr. Reyor.

Five new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens of Thornaby and to the local company, responded to by Mr. J. W. Addison, brought the meeting to a close.



## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### GROWING AND PROSPEROUS.

Those who, like the present Master, recollect the old St. James's Society twenty-five or thirty years ago, when by lack of interest it almost died of inanition, and who were present on Saturday at the annual meeting of the London County Association, into which the old society has developed, must have been more than gratified at the progress which is being maintained. From a nearly moribund condition it has developed into a live society, with a rapidly growing membership, and activities extending not merely to peal ringing, but to the important work of keeping the bells going in several London towers for Sunday Service ringing. For this state of affairs the association has largely to thank the energies of Mr. T. H. Taffender, who, first as secretary and since in the office of Master, has worked untiringly to rebuild the fortunes of the society.

Two towers were open for ringing on Saturday afternoon, and early arrivals in the Metropolis visited All Hallows', Lombard Street—one of London's hidden churches—where the ten bells, now so rarely heard, were utilised for an hour or so. Here Mr. Joe Rayner, steeplekeeper at St. Andrew's, Holborn, now past his 90th year, was present. Although not now able to take a rope, he climbed the lofty steeple. That very morning he had been the subject of an interesting article in one of the great London dailies. To an interviewer who visited him in his workshop, behind his house in Clerkenwell, he said, 'I've been making and mending clocks since 1843, when my first job was to carry a clock away from Clerkenwell Church.' 'I can still do anything with a clock,' he said and proudly exhibited some of the work which had just left his clever old hands. When asked how trade was, he had nothing to grumble at, for although the English clock trade was 'done' since the war, old firms he had dealt with kept sending him work. And so this fine old English craftsman goes on with an almost boyish heart, delighting in his work, and in the bells, to which he has been devoted for nearly three-quarters of a century. His birthday is the first of January, and for almost fifty years without a break he 'rang in' his anniversary, with the new year.

The other bells available were those of St. Clement Danes', the headquarters of the society. Here, too, a group photograph was taken, and a service was held. This latter was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford), who is chaplain of the association, and the singing was led by the organ and choir. The preacher was the Rev. Gordon Ponsonby, Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, whose text was the words in Zechariah xiv. 20, 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses "Holiness unto the Lord."' He spoke of the memories of sorrow and joy called up by the bells, and emphasised that above all was the memory of the glory of God. He referred to some of the historical bells of the early centuries, and urging ringers to carry out their work with holiness unto the Lord, bade them go forth with fresh resolution to carry on their tasks, in every detail of life, to God's glory and in His service.

Over a hundred members and visitors sat down to tea at St. Clement's Hall as the guests of the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford and Mrs. Bickford, whose cordial welcome and generous hospitality were warmly appreciated by the visitors. Mrs. Bickford personally superintended the serving of the repast, and, before leaving the hall, said she had been delighted to see them all, and wished success to the society. Ringing, she said, was a wonderful thing—it was even more wonderful than the parsons (laughter)—it brought the people into church, and it spoke for God. She wished them success in their noble work and their wonderful science.

### ENCOURAGING PROGRESS.

The chair at the business meeting was occupied by the Master, who was supported by the chaplain, the hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Keighley), the assistant secretary (Mr. Newman), the trustees (Mr. E. Alex Young, who is also hon. treasurer, and Mr. J. George), and the district officers. There were a number of provincial members present.

The number of elections were ratified, and several new members (some of them now growing old in the Exercise) were elected.

The Secretary presented an encouraging report, which was accepted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. He said the fortnightly practice at St. Clement Danes' had been well supported, but there had been no revival of the practice at St. Botolph's (which was dropped on account of repairs to the tower). Against this, however, they had instituted a monthly practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, and a quarterly practice at St. John's, Wilton Road. The bi-monthly meetings of the districts had been uniformly successful, and particularly encouraging was the progress made by the Northern district. Some time ago this district gave them anxiety, but their efforts had been rewarded, thanks to the energetic manner in which the Master (Mr. Ailway) and the secretary (Mr. Bottrill) had worked. The year had been one of the most successful in the history of the association and the balance in hand was a record. The association had taken its share in the agitation to secure cheaper railway travelling facilities for ringers, and although this agitation had not been successful,

no doubt it would be revived again later on. During the year the association had rung 22 peals, as follows: Grandsire Triples, 3; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 9; Caters, 2; Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Royal, 1; Maximus, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Royal, 1. Eight members had rung their first peal. The balance in hand, including the sum invested in savings certificates, was £39 18s. 8d., an increase of £5 9s. 3d. over last year, but of this sum £1 10s. was earmarked for the writing up of twelve peals in the new peal book.

The auditors presented the balance sheet, which was adopted.

Mr. James George said the record of the muffled peal of Kent Maximus rung at Bow, for the death of Queen Alexandra, had been sent to the King, and had been acknowledged. Mr. George added that he had been very pleased to ring the tenor to that peal, and he wished to thank the band, and especially the 11th man, who had helped him to do it.

### A PRESENTATION.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who stated he joined the St. James's Society nearly fifty years ago, said when, some time ago, the question of providing a new peal book for the society was raised, their untiring and excellent Master, in the diplomatic, ingenious and clever manner in which he conducted everything connected with that association, approached him and said they were in 'a pretty pickle,' as they wanted the peal book, and it was going to cost a lot. He (Mr. Dawe) suggested changing the subject (laughter), and the subject was changed (laughter), but when Mr. Taffender was gone, he (the speaker) rang up Mr. Young, who, in his usual generously-hearted manner, at once agreed to share with him the cost of the new book (applause). He had great pleasure in presenting the book to the society, on behalf of Mr. Young and himself, and he hoped it would be possible for the peal of Maximus at Bow to appear on the first page. He was not in the peal, but he heard it, and congratulated their 'aged brother,' Mr. George, on the way he rang the tenor on his 72nd birthday (applause).

Mr. Young said it was only the old societies who retained the practice of entering peals in volumes, and he was glad that they continued to do so. They all knew what a pleasure it was to look at the ancient peal books of the old societies, and these books were justly treasured. They (the London County Association) had a most interesting first book—the others were, perhaps, not so interesting to them of the present day, but they would become more interesting as the years went by, and probably in a hundred years' time ringers would look at this new book with great interest. He was very happy to be associated in the presentation (applause).

Mr. T. W. Taffender proposed, and Mr. George seconded, that the gift be accepted with hearty thanks to the donors, Mr. Dawe and Mr. Young.

Mr. Joseph Waghorn, senr., in supporting the motion, as 'grandfather' of the society, said he had been a member for just over 60 years. He said the association not only accepted the generous and splendid gift, but would cherish it, and he hoped his own name would appear in it—he did not think he was too old (applause).

Mr. W. H. Fussell, on behalf of the older members, added thanks to the donors, and the Master also voiced the gratitude of the association.—The resolution was then put, and carried by acclamation, and acknowledged by Mr. Dawe.

The new peal book is a handsome volume bound in red leather, and inscribed, 'London County Association, late the St. James's Society (established 1824). Master, Thomas H. Taffender; hon. secretary, Arthur H. Keighley; treasurer, E. Alexander Young. The gift of Francis E. Dawe and E. Alexander Young, 1925. Peal Book, vol. 4.'

The Master announced that the offertory at the service amounted to 30s., and the Rector left its disposition to the members. It was suggested that it would be appropriate to ask the Rector to apply it to the fund for the choir boys' entertainment, and this was unanimously agreed to.—The Rector, in thanking the members, said it was a most excellent idea, and was thoroughly appreciated by him, as it would be by the choir boys.

### MASTER RE-ELECTED.

The election of officers followed, and in vacating the chair Mr. Taffender thanked the members for their support during the year. He said he was honoured to see so many of the old members around him. He thanked the chaplain and Mrs. Bickford for the welcome they had given the association.

Mr. A. D. Barker proposed the re-election of Mr. Taffender, and referred, in eulogistic terms, to the work which Mr. Taffender had done for the association.—The motion was seconded in several places, and speeches in support were made by Mr. Dawe and Mr. George, and the resolution was then carried with enthusiasm.

Mr. Taffender returned to the chair, amid applause, and in acknowledging his re-election referred to the great assistance he had received from the hon. secretary. He added that there was more good-fellowship amongst the members than there used to be (hear, hear), and he thought the jealousy that used to exist among London ringers was dying out (applause). They were all working for one

and there was no reason why they should not do it with good feeling (applause).

Mr. Keighley was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. E. A. Young, hon. treasurer. Messrs. F. E. Dawe and J. George were appointed trustees, Mr. R. Newman was re-appointed senior assistant secretary, and Mr. T. W. Taffender, junior assistant secretary.

Mr. Chorloy was appointed senior steward, and, after a contest, Mr. T. Wyatt was elected junior steward.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chaplain and Mrs. Bickford for the arrangements made for the convenience of the members, for the service, for the tea, and for the use of the hall.—This was acknowledged by the Rector, who referred to the fact that they were indebted to the organist, who had given up another engagement in order to assist them at the service.

We understand that the group photograph was entirely successful. Orders should be sent to the hon. secretary.

### A NEW ROYAL METHOD.

#### BRIGHTON VERSION OF LONDON SURPRISE.

As will be seen in the peal columns this week, a peal of Royal, the first in the method, has been rung at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Brighton, and named 'London Surprise Royal (Brighton Version).'

The reason for giving the method this name is the fact that, so far as the author (Mr. George Baker) can find out, it is the nearest possible approach to what London Surprise Royal ought to be.

The method is true. It contains all the features of London Surprise Major, including central fifth's.

The mathematical progression is not what it should be, owing to the pivot bell alterations at the 5th and 37th changes, and to the fact that there are two slow 4th's places, instead of slow 8th's, one on either side of the treble's whole pull behind. With these slight differences, which are necessary to bring up the correct lead head, the method is London Surprise, pure and simple, and all the band taking part in the peal agree that it is the most difficult Royal method they have yet attempted.

Appended is a lead of the method—

123456789x  
213547698x  
12537496x8  
2157394x68  
251379x486  
5231974x68  
521379x486  
2831974x68  
52391476x8  
532941678x  
35921476x8  
395241678x  
932546187x  
92345681x7  
294365187x  
24963581x7  
4269385x17  
4623958x71  
643259x817  
6342958x71  
36249857x1  
326489751x  
23469857x1  
243965871x  
429368517x  
49263815x7  
946283517x  
96482315x7  
6984213x57  
889412x375  
8648213x57  
846912x375  
48619x2735  
8416x97253  
84619x2735  
4816x97253  
418x692735  
1486x29375  
41682x3957  
146283x597

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GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, for evensong, on the occasion of the 'Caleb Lovejoy' anniversary, 1,275 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: R. Radford 1, E. Radford 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, Mrs. Hazelden 4, C. Hazelden 5, G. J. Nichols 6, W. W. Thorne 7, G. Tomsett (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor) 8, S. Radford 9, G. B. Gibbs 10.

### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DR. A. B. CARPENTER. SURREY ASSOCIATION TABLET AT BEDDINGTON.

The annual meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Beddington on Saturday. Although the meeting had been previously fixed to take place at Croydon, the venue was specially altered in order that the memorial to the late Ringing Master might be unveiled. The original intention had been to provide one of a ring of bells at St. James' Church, Croydon, but owing to the war it was found impossible to carry this into effect, and the memorial, therefore, takes the form of a polished marble tablet fixed on the wall in the ringing chamber at Beddington, where the late Master had enjoyed so much of his ringing. The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council) journeyed specially from Crowthorne in order to unveil the tablet, the ceremony taking place in the ringing chamber in the presence of the Rector of Beddington, his two churchwardens, and many members of the association. The tablet bears the following inscription:—

In thankful memory of ARTHUR BRISTOWE CARPENTER, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.S., a foundation member 1880, honorary secretary 1883-1892, and first Ringing Master 1912-13 of the Surrey Association of Change Ringers, by whom this tablet is erected.

In this tower on 8th February, 1913, he rang his last peal, Stedman Caters, and was called by the Great Physician to Higher Service, 15th October, 1913.

Following this, the Rector of Beddington unveiled a peal board recording a peal which was rung on the occasion of the death of Mr. Charles Gordon, who had been a ringer at the tower for over fifty years.

Subsequently a short service took place in the church, at which Canon Coleridge gave the address, in which he dwelt specially upon the high character of the late Dr. Carpenter, and his influence in the ringing Exercise.

Tea was provided in the Parish Hall, when a vote of thanks was passed to Canon Coleridge for coming to perform the unveiling.—Canon Coleridge, replying in characteristic terms, said it gave him great pleasure to accede to the request to come to Beddington, and urged the younger members of the association to follow the example set by their late Ringing Master, and strive to strike their bells in perfect time. He said he was sorry he could not remain to the business meeting, as he had a long journey to make on the Southern Railway.

Mr. James Drewett occupied the chair at the general meeting, when the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and the accounts of the branches and the general fund were passed. The next annual meeting was fixed to take place at Reigate. It was decided that in future the members should pay the full cost of the tea at the meetings, both branch and general, as the funds of the association were being depleted, and this would be one way of economising.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for arranging for the service and to the churchwardens and organist, concluded the meeting.

### HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The meeting of the Western District, held at Hemel Hempstead, was quite an enjoyable one. Members and friends attended from Apsley, Tring, Luton, Berkhamsted, Harpenden, Wigginton, and the local tower. The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and the methods rung were Grandsire Doubles (for the beginners), Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. A short service, conducted by the curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, was much appreciated.

Tea, generously provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Robson, was partaken in St. Mary's Hall, presided over by the Rev. H. B. Tyrerwhitt-Drake, Vicar of Wigginton, who subsequently took the chair at the business meeting.—The Curate welcomed the ringers, on behalf of the Vicar, who hoped the ringers would have a good time, though regretting his inability to be present.

Seven new members were elected, all from Apsley—a very promising sign. Northchurch was selected for the next place of meeting, the date to be left to the hon. secretary, but to be before Easter if possible.

It was decided to attempt a quarterly peal at Hemel Hempstead on February 20th, the band and conductor being duly arranged.

On the motion of the chairman, the usual votes of thanks were passed: To the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the splendid tea provided, and to the curate for the very nice service.

Before closing, the chairman reminded the members that the hon. secretary would be very pleased to receive subscriptions long since due. After this, the tower was again visited, and ringing indulged in until the bells were lowered at 7.45, thus bringing another very pleasant meeting to a close.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

REV. W. C. PEARSON'S ENVIABLE COLLECTION OF BOOKS.—STEDMAN AND THE 'TINTINNALOGIA.'

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Some weeks ago I gave in these notes a slight sketch of the various books on ringing that have been published from time to time. This brought me a very interesting letter from the Rev. W. C. Pearson, from which I take the following: He writes: 'You will, perhaps, be interested to know that the "Tintinnalogia" formerly belonging to Mr. Lukis is in my possession, and it is not quite so scarce as you suppose; as I have heard of two other copies, and doubtless there is also one in the British Museum. In his "Church Bells of Devon," Mr. Ellacombe says a 2nd edition was published in 1671, but I know of no copy being now in existence.

'I have a nice, clean and perfect copy of Stedman's "Campanalogia" published in 1677, and I see you refer to one at St. Albas. P. Sadler, of Norwich, also has an imperfect copy. In 1677, J. White published "a Rich Cabinet with a variety of Inventions," in which is an article on ringing, cribbed more or less from Stedman's "Tintinnalogia." White also published the same article about 1700, under the title of "Tintinnalogia." I have an imperfect copy of this, and a good copy of the former.

"The School of Recreation" was first published in 1684. You mention a copy dated 1701, and I have heard of another dated 1732. So apparently it went through three editions, but I have not been fortunate enough to pick up any of them at present. The "Campanalogia," by J. D. and C. M., went through five editions, 1702, 1705, 1733, 1753, 1766, the last corrected by J. Monk, and reprinted by H. Reeves. I have copies of all these five editions, and was glad to learn that J. D. is John Doleman. But what about C. M.? There was a Charles Marsh, a Union Scholar, in 1717, but I have no evidence that he was the man. I have copies of the 1788 "Clavis," one of the so-called 2nd edition, and three of the third. But I don't quite know what to say about these later editions. The letter-press is identical in all respects, and from the same type by the same printer, J. Raw, of Ipswich. But one little page says "Printed for R. S. Kirley, Paternoster Row," and the other "Printed for Youngman, Hurry, Rees, Orme, and Browne, by J. Raw, Ipswich." Both are without date, though one is said to have been printed in 1798. One of my copies has some advertisements attached, and on the head of the first page of this is the date, "December, 1819."

I have two copies of Shipway's book, 1816, one of which is in its original paper boards, with rough uncut edges. I have the 1st and 4th editions of Hubbard's book, 1845 and 1876. I have J. W. Snowden's copy of B. Thackrah's book, inside of which he has made the following note: "Amongst W. Harrison's papers I find the following note:

Dewsbury, Feb. 9/66.

Gentlemen,

You are requested to attend the funeral of B. Thackrah on Sunday next at 2 o'clock. As many as can attend will oblige.

Yours, etc.,

Ro. S. Thackrah,

J. C. Spiking.

J. W. S., August 8th, 1881. Is this the author of this book?"

I have two copies of Sottan's book, one of which was formerly J. W. Snowden's, and contains a photo of the author, published in 1887; and I have a copy of Bannister's, published in 1874. Also the "Bell News" reprints, and the later book by Snowden, etc., Powell's "Stedman Triples," and Thompson's "Grandsire." Also I have all the county volumes that have been published of bell inscriptions, etc., but possibly you are not interested in the archaeological side.

I thought you might like to know where some of the old ringing books are.

Mr. Pearson is to be congratulated—and envied. It is certain that there is no other collection that in any way approaches his in completeness and value. Especially was I interested to know what had become of Mr. Lukis' copy of the 'Tintinnalogia.' This is undoubtedly the rarest and most valuable of all ringing books. I was told that it had completely disappeared, that after being used for the 'Bell News' reprint it had gone, no one knew where. From another source I was informed that it had got into the British Museum. Recently, so I understand, a gentleman—not a ringer—picked up a copy of the 'Campanalogia' on a secondhand bookstall in Farringdon Road. That is the sort of luck that you read about, but which never comes your own way, though you may, as I do, turn over hundreds of old books during the course of a twelvemonth. Quite frequently, in the Charing Cross Road, I come across copies of the archaeological books on bells, but the prices are always very high.

The 'Tintinnalogia' is the book that Mr. Drake has lately tried to show was not written by Stedman. The tale he asks us to believe is as follows: 'Before 1666 there were several books on ringing, some printed and some not. In that year came the great fire of London, and burnt them all up, or practically all. The ringers of the day searched around in other towns for what fragments remained, col-

lected them, and printed them in one book. According to law, every book, before being published, had to be licensed, and the names of the printer and the person or persons responsible for what was in the book had to appear on the title page. The London ringers went down to Cambridge and asked Fabian Stedman if he would lend his name for that purpose, which he did; and that was all he had to do with it.'

Now you will see that this tale rests on several pretty cool assumptions, any one of which failing the whole thing comes to naught. If there were no books before 1666, then there is an end of the matter; and we may be quite sure that there were no such books. First, because neither in writing nor in tradition is there the slightest trace of any such thing; and second, because the writer of the 'Tintinnalogia' distinctly states that his reason for writing that book was that the rules of ringing existed only in oral instruction. 'I thought it,' he says in his preface which takes the form of a dedication to the noble Society of Colledge-Youths. 'I thought it worth a Dayes labour to write something on this Art or Science, that the Rules thereof might not be lost or obscured to some, as the Chronicles before William the Conqueror, being given only by Tradition from Father to Son.' Oh, but, says Mr. Drake, this is not really the proper preface to the 'Tintinnalogia.' It really belongs to an older book, and the later men simply reprinted it as it stood. You are to believe that in the eighteenth century there were ringers clever enough to write elaborate and careful treatises on ringing, and yet so stupid that they could not write a proper preface, but must needs borrow one, which, placed where they placed it, simply told a lie.

Well, having collected these fragments of the books which never existed, our mythical London ringers go all the way to Cambridge to get Stedman's help. Why to Stedman? Because, says Mr. Drake, he was a Government official, and had influence. Was he so, indeed? I cannot, of course, prove that Stedman was not a Government official, or even a Cabinet Minister, but if it were so, it is strange that not a hint of it should have come down to us, but has been revealed to Mr. Drake alone in these latter years.

Tradition says that Stedman was a Cambridge printer, and from his writings we gather that like the average printer of the time he was a man of considerable literary attainment—a studious man, and a thinker, rather than a man of action. In any case, why should the London men go to Cambridge? Why not apply for a license in their own names? But, says Mr. Drake, Stedman could not have written the book because his Principle does not appear in it. Is it not more likely that it did not appear because he had not yet composed it? Mr. Drake says the book is evidently a composite production. I say that it is most certainly the work of one man, and that a man who possessed the kind of brain which is very rare in any class of society, and practically non-existent among ringers, Stedman was of the sort of thinker that you will find in the older universities, and seldom elsewhere, the sort of man who, when he has the advantages of proper training, writes on such things as philosophy, higher mathematics, and such abstract things. I am not surprised that the Norwich men, who knew his 'Campanalogia' well, thought that he was a University don. The Exercise has had all along a succession of brilliant and clever men, but never another like Stedman. If Shipway or Jasper Snowden had lived in the eighteenth century, either, no doubt, could have written an excellent text book on Plain Changes and Early Cross Peals. Probably it would have been quite as useful a book as the 'Tintinnalogia,' but it certainly would not have been the same. It will take better arguments than Mr. Drake's before we shall consent to displace Fabian Stedman from his position as our earliest and, in some respects, our greatest author.

Some time ago, Mr. Drake made another excursion into historical writing. When his facts were challenged his explanation was that part was somehow written by his pen without his intention, part was a joke he had omitted to label, and part was a 'theory.' Will he tell us to which of these three categories this latest of his belongs?

## FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.

At Heptonstall, Yorks, on Sunday, Feb. 7th, to commemorate the completion of 50 years of faithful service by Mr. J. Robertshaw, and also to celebrate the renovation of the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from 'Shipway'), for afternoon service, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from 'The Clavis'), for evening service, in 47 mins.: W. Spencer 1, A. Ingham 2, J. Robertshaw 3, T. Robertshaw 4, J. A. Robertshaw 5, L. Greenwood 6, F. Robertshaw (conductor) 7, R. Nowell 8.

## RINGING AT 81.

At St. Mary's Church, Eastbourne, in honour of the 81st birthday of Mr. T. Lewis, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. M. Hobbs 1, E. Gower 2, F. G. Waymark 3, C. Lewis 4, E. Bray 5, T. Lewis 6, B. Hobbs (conductor) 7, E. Savage 8. Also a 504 Stedman Triples.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ROTHERHAM.**

On Saturday, Feb. 6th, members of the above society, to the number of 50, from Anston, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Dore, Eckington, Handsworth, Norton, Rawmarsh, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints', St. Marie's and Ranmoor, Sheffield, Tickhill, Wath and Worksop, paid a visit to Rotherham. The very representative gathering took full advantage of the time the bells were available for ringing, from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m., some very good ringing from Bob Minor to London Surprise and Cambridge Royal showing that the 'hand' of the bell founder has made a great improvement on the original maiden peal of ten. Visitors were left to make their own arrangements for tea, with the result that the bells were continually kept going, and it is hoped that, where refreshment facilities are ample, other towers will follow the example of Rotherham.

Mr. G. Lewis (president of the society) occupied the chair at the business meeting, which was held in the spacious ringing chamber, and astounded the majority of those present when he announced the very sudden death of Mr. William Lomas, a much-respected member of the society, and whose connection with Sheffield Cathedral extended over 50 years.

It was decided to accept the invitation of St. Marie's to hold the annual meeting there in May, and, if possible, in conjunction with Sheffield Cathedral.

A review of certain alterations to the rules was given to the hon. secretary, confirmation of which will be sought at the annual meeting.

The members present unanimously agreed to accept the invitation of the Yorkshire Association (Southern Division) to hold a joint meeting in June in co-operation with the Barnsley and District and Doncaster and District Societies, and the place selected will be advertised in due course.

Rotherham, being easy of access, resulted in a very successful meeting, and a suitable vote of thanks was accorded for the very efficient arrangements made for ringing.

**ODD AND EVEN PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. John Carter's letter in your recent issue regarding my five-part peal of Stedman is, to say the least, surprising. It is most remarkable, considering his knowledge of what has been done in the method, for him to now claim a composition which was published over 18 years ago.

Reference to the 'Bell News' of August 17th, 1907, will show that it contains the identical composition called by Mr. Hibbert, with some remarks beginning as follows: 'The following peal of Stedman Triples, although not a good one for ringing purposes, will, I venture to believe, be of interest to all students of Stedman. Its most noticeable feature is that, although produced with forty singles only, the observation bell is undisturbed throughout, which quality has, I think, only been previously obtained on Mr. Lancashire's plan.'

Then there is a description of how the courses are built up with truth, and the various means of joining them.

This was passed without comment by the Exercise, and I know that Mr. Carter's attention was drawn to the peal by a mutual friend. One can hardly believe that I am now being asked to withdraw my name after this lapse of time.

Although the scope for composition with these courses is very limited, I should not think of claiming all the peals got from them, yet, according to Mr. Carter, all the peals he mentions as being in his book should be credited to me, and I am sure, realising the misapprehension under which he has written, he will be the first to acknowledge me as the discoverer of this plan.

It is pleasing to note that this plan helped Mr. Carter to get the odd and even peal with two singles. This is of entirely different construction, for it may be safely said that a peal of Stedman Triples with the 7th undisturbed and two singles only, has not been, and is never likely to be, discovered.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

**NEWBURY RINGER'S DEATH.**

At Newbury, Berks, on Saturday, January 23rd, the death took place of Mr. William A. Dormer, formerly of Reading. Deceased was a regular ringer at St. Nicholas' Church for the past six years. He died on Monday evening, January 25th, at the early age of 35 years. A touch of 350 Grandsire Triples was rung at Newbury by W. Adkins, jun., 1, C. Poole 2, C. Pearce 3, W. H. Dymont 4, E. Smith 5, E. Cracker 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, T. Thorne 8. The bells were rung fully muffled as a token of respect.

The funeral took place on Thursday, January 29th, at St. Giles', Reading, and the Newbury ringers again rang a 350 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. W. Curtis, with the bells half-muffled.

**DEATH OF SHEFFIELD'S OLDEST RINGER.****LAST LINK SEVERED WITH DISTANT PAST.**

Sheffield has suffered a profound loss by the death of its oldest ringer, in the person of William Lomas, which took place with dramatic suddenness on Friday, Feb. 5th, after a very brief illness.

Deceased was at his usual post and took part in the service ringing at the Cathedral on the previous Sunday, but, not feeling well the following day, he decided to have a few days' rest. He, however, was not confined to his bed until Thursday, when pneumonia set in, and the end came swiftly but peacefully the following morning.

The interment took place at Burngreave Cemetery on Wednesday, Feb. 10th, which would have been his 71st birthday.

The coffin was borne to the grave by six of his fellow ringers at the Cathedral (Messrs. J. Thorpe, H. Thorpe, F. Ward, S. F. Palmer, G. Holmes and J. Holman), and at the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside on the hand-bells by Messrs. C. Harrison, G. Lewis, P. Johnson and W. Bugar.

The service was conducted by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, M. A. (precentor), hon. member of the Cathedral company, assisted by the Rev. W. F. Sykes, curate.

In addition to the family mourners, and the members of the Cathedral company, there were also present Messrs. P. Johnson, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association; F. Willey, vice-president; G. Lewis, president of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society; C. Harrison, hon. secretary; R. Harrison, H. Hurst (St. Marie's), W. Biggin, T. Lee (Norton), etc.

A large number of beautiful wreaths were sent by friends, including one from the Cathedral company, the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society, and the employes of Messrs. W. Turner and Sons, with whom deceased had been employed for a great many years.

A peal of Sledman Cinques, with the bells half-muffled, was attempted in the evening, but owing to a miscall the bells were run round, after two hours' ringing.

Being of a somewhat retiring disposition, Mr. Lomas was never one of the great men in the limelight, and his great knowledge of ringing was not generally known to others than those with whom he came into immediate contact.

He was a member of the old school, being a grandson of the late William Booth, one of the pioneers of Sheffield ringing fame, whilst his father was also one of the old Sheffield stalwarts. The family connection with ringing dates back 120 years.

Although not an ardent peal ringer, he was a great advocate of Stedman Cinques, of which he had rung some thirty peals, many of which were his own composition.

Always a safe conductor, he followed the late Charles Henry Hattersley as leader of the Cathedral company, and it was not until quite recently that he was compelled, through advancing years, to give way to the younger generation.

In addition to his services as a ringer he was a staunch Churchman, and a devout attendant at the Sunday services.

Thus passes away the last link with the old founders of Sheffield ringing history, who, although gone, will never be forgotten.

**CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL BAND'S SECRETARY.****RETIREMENT OF MR. A. A. ANDREWS.**

Owing to advancing years, Mr. A. A. Andrews, of Canterbury, has given up the secretaryship of the Cathedral company, a position which he has held since 1882. Mr. Andrews is a native of Canterbury, having been born in St. Dunstan's parish in 1851, and has resided at his present address in New Street, St. Dunstan's, for 52 years. As a lad of 14 he was apprenticed to Mr. Henry Ovenden, builder of St. Dunstan's—he was already in the church choir—and as Mr. Ovenden was then secretary of the old Cathedral band of ringers, Mr. Andrews found among his early duties the care of the bells and ropes. He continued this work until 1869, when, through the death of Mr. Samuel White, a vacancy occurred in the Cathedral band, and he was enrolled as a regular member.

Mr. Andrews' record in connection with change ringing and church work generally is a remarkable one. He has taken part in the New Year peal in the belfry of Canterbury Cathedral for 53 years without a break, he has rung in the peals for the enthronement of four Archbishops—Taft, Benson, Temple and Davidson—and served under five Deans—Alford, Payne-Smith, Farrar, Wace and Bell. In addition, he has sung in St. Dunstan's Church choir for 60 years.

**BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.**

At Llangollen, Denbighshire, on Saturday, February 13th, Thurstaun's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 44 mins.: S. Meadows 1, E. V. Rodenlurst 2, T. Cathall 3, W. Cathall 4, W. S. Higginson 5, A. J. Hughes 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, T. Davies 8. Rung for the North Wales Association as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Cathall, of Wrexham, on the eve of his 60th birthday, after a peal attempt had been unsuccessful, owing to an interruption.

**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.**—At St. Saviour's, Southwark, before evensong, on Sunday, February 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Walden (churchwarden) 1, H. Langdon 2, C. Bray 3, G. Radford 4, E. D. Lillywhite (conductor) 5, C. F. Winney 6, H. R. Newton 7, W. H. Seabrook 8. First quarter by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 4th.

**PORTISHEAD.**—On February 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: Miss B. Stadden (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss G. Stadden (first inside) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 4, J. Nisbet 5, — Colburn 6, W. Gillingham 7, J. Thomas 8.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Sunday, January 24th, at St. Chad's Church (on the back eight), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins., for evening service: J. Griffiths 1, J. E. Lilley 2, C. Leo 3, Jim Evans 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, R. R. Pole 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, John Evans 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. E. Lilley.

**HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. J. Tricker, jun., 1, P. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellington 3, J. B. Kent 4, S. Stillwell 5, J. Milner (conductor) 6, C. J. Tricker, sen., 7, C. Gash 8.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, January 10th, for evening service, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, R. Thompson 4, A. Cutmore 5, H. Belcher 6, F. Skerington 7, A. Harding 8, H. Folkard 9, A. W. Coles 10.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, January 3rd, for morning service, at the Church of St. Leonard, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 minutes: H. W. Smith 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss E. Chapman 3, E. E. Bish 4, J. Lee 5, J. L. Watkin 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

**MITCHAM.**—On Sunday, Jan. 3rd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Tourle 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss E. Hardcastle 3, Miss F. E. Orr (conductor) 4, S. King 5, A. Calver 6, W. S. Smith 7, J. Lott 8.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex, on Tuesday, January 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), in 58 mins.: A. R. Glascock 1, E. G. Tomlinson 2, N. A. Tomlinson 3, D. Link 4, H. J. Eldred 5, J. E. Miller 6, S. Wade 7, H. Miller 8, J. Armstrong (conductor) 9, A. G. Crane 10. This was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Miss Dorothy Ethel Barker, interred at Southgate on this date, who was one of the donors of the two trebles added to the peal at Southgate in the year 1920. She was the daughter of the late churchwarden, Mr. A. R. Barker.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**OVER, CAMBS.**—On Monday, February 1st, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Robinson 1, W. Ginn, jun., (first inside), 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. — On Monday, February 8th, a 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Ginn 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in a Surprise method by the Over society, on the bells, and by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 5th.

**STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.**—On February 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: S. Pethwick 1, R. Hicks 2, E. Pardon (conductor) 3, H. Hill 4, B. Phillips 5, C. Robbins 6, F. Davis 7, W. Richings 8. Tenor 30 cwt. First quarter by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th, and first quarter as conductor. All the above belong to the Stow band of ringers except B. Phillips, of Bourton-on-the-Water.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE.**—On Friday evening, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original was rung at the Parish Church (St. John's): J. Blackmore 1, W. Popham 2, L. Tanner 3, J. R. Jones 4, H. Minifie 5, E. Parker (conductor) 6, W. Pitman 7, F. Stuckey 8.

**BRAUGHING, HERTS.**—On Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 55 mins.: A. Drage 1, H. Drage 2, A. Clark 3, W. Clemence 4, H. Wright 5, A. Barley (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 6, W. Smith 7, W. K. North (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all.

**FULMER, BUCKS.**—On Monday, January 25th, 720 of London Surprise Minor: J. Harrison 1, Miss P. Moss 2, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 3, F. Corke 4, H. Wingrove 5, C. C. Mayne 6. The first 720 in the method by all, also believed to be the first rung in South Bucks.

**NOTICES.**

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 38th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 6th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, February 27th. 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.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are now due; reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Nelson, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, meeting at 5.30. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Vale of White Horse Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing before and after meeting.—G. A. Webley, Hon. Sec., Southampton Street, Faringdon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Measham, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Requests for tea (1/- per head) to be sent to the Rev. J. R. King, Measham Vicarage, as early as possible. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Hon. Dist. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.15, at the Corner House.—A. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredbury, Bromyard.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held at Angmering, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the Vicar and Churchwardens.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st (6 p.m.), for service; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunster, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Towers open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea in the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., Park Street, Minehead.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at Kelvedon, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. The ringers' service will be held in the church at 4.15 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards. Members are reminded that their subscriptions for 1926 are now due. A hearty welcome given to all ringers.—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec., High Street, Braintree, Essex.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford, on Feb. 27th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open for ringing: All Saints' before tea, both after. Service at 5, address by the Vicar of All Saints'. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant, Fore Street, 1/-, business after. All will be heartily welcomed, members or otherwise.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby. Bells available 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sandiacre on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 1s. 3d. each. Will those requiring tea advise Mr. J. Hall, 19, Steven's Road, Sandiacre, by Feb. 25th? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Subscriptions can be paid after meeting.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges' Road, Ashford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Isle of Wight District.—Next quarterly meeting at Freshwater, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., provided by the President in Parish Hall for those who notify me before Tuesday, 23rd.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dist. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided. A good meeting is hoped for. All friends are welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 24th inst.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney, on Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Feathers Hotel, Lydney. All ringers who intend to be present must let the Hon. Sec. know by Thursday, Feb. 25th, at the latest.—Oliver Thomas, 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Gloucestershire.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — A meeting will be held at All Souls' Church (not St. John's, Farnworth), on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Upper Street, Islington, on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Holly Bush Hotel at 6 p.m., usual terms to those who advise me by March 3rd.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Two framed peal cards will be unveiled at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting after unveiling. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—In accordance with Rule 7, all nominations for general hon. officers, viz., president, treasurer, secretary, must reach me on or before March 8th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**RIPON.**—At the Cathedral, on Monday, January 25th, on the occasion of the enthronement of Dr. Edward Arthur Burroughs as Bishop of Ripon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by members of the Cleveland and N. Yorkshire Association. T. Ingley 1, J. Langshaw 2, E. Metcalfe 3, W. Dixon 4, F. Tingle 5, R. Duffield 6, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 7, J. Humbold 8.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Although the Central Council meeting at Ipswich on Whit-Tuesday is still somewhat distant, there is, we think, promise that this gathering will be one of the most interesting in the annals of the assembly—interesting, we mean, in the business to be transacted. Usually we hear nothing of the Council from one Whitsun to the next, but during the past year the Council, through its officers, has been active, as, for instance, in the agitation to obtain cheaper railings travelling facilities for ringers, and the Coventry bells' case, upon which members may be likely to want a 'say.' Then, too, there are topics promised for discussion which are likely to find the Council sharply divided, as, for example, the question of method names, and the advantages, or otherwise, of Simpson tuning for bells. One or two resolutions, also, are likely to be coming up from the associations, such as that recommended by the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild, to get practical ringers appointed as advisors to Archdeacons as to the conditions of belfries and bells.

There will be a large number of associations holding general meetings between Easter and Whit-Tuesday, and it might be well if they took the opportunity of expressing their ideas on any controversial points, so that representatives on the Council may go equipped with the views of their own members. In the case of the method names consideration of the committee's report was adjourned for a year in order that the proposals might be properly digested, and doubtless members of the Council will be glad of a guide on this subject from those who elect them, but we wonder how many associations will even give five minutes to discussing this matter? So, too, with Simpson tuning; will members at any association meeting be invited to express their views? We still hear ringers ask what good does the Council do, but how often do ringers bother themselves to consider Council questions, even though they may be specifically invited to do so? We should like to see a change in this respect.

Very little of the business before the Council is ever the product of discussion at an association meeting, and yet this is where questions ought really to originate. The Council will not reach the zenith of its utility until the affiliated bodies do their part in providing work for the Council. At present the central body is left almost entirely to find its own topics, and it gets blamed if the Exercise does not think them interesting or important enough. Perhaps some day the Council's agenda will include motions submitted officially by the associations, and when that comes to pass its decisions will be more valued than they are now, when a large number of ringers con-

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**TEN BELL PEALS.**

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

FRED HOPPER ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... ..	6
WILLIAM ROGERS ... ..	2	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS	7
TOM TEBBUTT ... ..	3	*ROBERT BLACK ... ..	8
*HARRY BAXTER ... ..	4	ERNEST MORRIS... ..	9
SHIRLEY BURTON ... ..	5	FREDK. H. DEXTER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

JOHN BEAMS ... ..	... Treble	*GEORGE A. COOK ... ..	6
JOHN HOYLE... ..	2	ALBERT HARMAN ... ..	7
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... ..	3	JOHN H. WHITE... ..	8
ALFRED H. WINCH ... ..	4	ARTHUR DEAN ... ..	9
GEORGE MARRINER ... ..	5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal of Royal.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANGES;**  
GRANTA VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..	... Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... ..	6
*ROLAND PARK ... ..	2	JAMES E. SCOTT... ..	7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... ..	3	†ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... ..	8
EDWARD A. HERN ... ..	4	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... ..	9
WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... ..	5	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\* First peal on ten bells, and hails from Darlington. † First peal of Royal. First peal in the Granta Variation for the association, and by all the band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

ALBERT GORRINGE ... ..	... Treble	FRED ALTHORP ... ..	6
JAMES COX ... ..	2	THOMAS WILDE ... ..	7
MISS CISSIE THORP ... ..	3	BENJAMIN THORP ... ..	8
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... ..	4	ALBERT ADAMS ... ..	9
SAMUEL HOLT ... ..	5	THOMAS JACKSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of sympathy and respect on the death of Mrs. Amy Wood, the wife of Mr. Samuel Wood, steeplekeeper and conductor of the Ashton Parish Church ringers, who passed away on February 13th, and was interred on Feb. 17th at St. Peter's Church, Ashton, when six of the ringers acted as bearers.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILFRED BOOTH... ..Treble	ARTHUR R. MILES ... .. 5
ALBERT HODDEN ... .. 2	ALBERT C. EDWARDS ... .. 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 4	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT C. EDWARDS.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*JOSEPH E. GRANNEY ... ..Treble	ARTHUR H. HILL... .. 5
*MISS ROSA S. COOK ... .. 2	REGINALD S. COOK ... .. 6
†ALBERT E. DOLLIMORE ... .. 3	ALFRED J. ROGERS ... .. 7
†ERNEST J. ROWE ... .. 4	JAMES HAYWARD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD S. COOK.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. ‡ First peal on inside bell. All are members of local band.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLOME,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN PARKER ... ..Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	*GEORGE ADDISON ... .. 6
THOMAS HURD ... .. 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE W. BIDDOLPH ... .. 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Major.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY HOLDEN... ..Treble	*JOHN KENDALL ... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... .. 6
WILLIAM COOPER ... .. 3	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 7
HAROLD COOPER ... .. 4	ERNEST C. PERKINS ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by E. C. PERKINS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Kent as conductor, and 100th peal rung in 20 methods and 20 towers.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT D. COLLEUM ... ..Treble	HARRY TUCKER ... .. 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 6
ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT... .. 7
EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 4	HENRY SIMMONDS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GORDON WALMSLEY ... ..Treble	*ERNEST J. GOATER ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. BUTLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. PARKER... .. 6
ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7
ALFRED HISCOCK... .. 4	FREDERICK E. SMITH ...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., donor of the church and bells. \* First peal away from the treble.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

FIVE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1040 CHANGES;**

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

FRANK LAWRENCE ... ..Treble	CHARLES ALLEN ... .. 5
ALBERT HARTLAND ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 6
JOHN ROWLATT ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7
JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. 4	ARTHUR GRIFFIN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

HARRY WINGROVE ... ..Treble	ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDING. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

A complimentary peal for Sir Win. Carter, a native of the county of Bucks, and a resident of Berkshire, and for eleven years Mayor of Windsor, on the 55th anniversary of his marriage to Lady Carter at this church (Feb. 16th, 1871).

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Friday, February 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER... ..Treble	*WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
ROBERT EDWARDS ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
*WILLIAM TICKNER ... .. 4	*ALFRED BATTIN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

\* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY ... ..Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
CECIL V. EBBRSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. NODDS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

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

Rung on the birthday of W. H. Hollier, joint hon. secretary of the association, and also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Hollier.

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On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6658 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JAMES SANBY ... .. Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5
*MISS PHEBE UPSHER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 3	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
*EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\* First peal in the method. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Bowden.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... 6
FREDERICK J. COLLUM, SEN. 3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 7
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 4	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
*GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 7
FRED PRICE... .. 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER... Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd and 6th. First in the method as conductor, and on the bells. \* 300th peal for the St. Martin's Guild.

BATLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED HODGSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST BETTS ... .. 3
ALBERT MARSHALL ... .. 2	REX GODDARD ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 4	GEORGE HILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by F. HODGSON.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells, and first peal of Oxford by all except the ringer of the 4th. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Birstall; 4th from Bradford; 7th from Queensbury; tenor from Penistone; and the rest belong to Liversedge.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. Treble	FRANK BERRY ... .. 5
JOHN FITTON... .. 2	JAMES H. LEES ... .. 6
JAMES JAGUES ... .. 3	JOHN H. C. MASSY ... .. 7
JAMES H. KERSHAW ... .. 4	GEORGE STAFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. LEES.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to one of the old members of the tower, Mr. John Harrison, who was interred at Heywood the previous Saturday; treble and 6th ringers from Balderstone, Rochdale; 2nd, 7th and tenor from Milnrow; 4th from Rochdale Parish; 3rd and 5th from Middleton. Mr. John Partington, a churchwarden and an old ringer, kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER THOMAS... .. Treble	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 6
JOHN HAYES... .. 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7
SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... Treble	HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	CHARLES BAKER ... .. 7
BENJAMIN J. BAKER ... .. 4	LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

50th peal as conductor.

WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*MISS ALICE BRIERLEY ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 3	†ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 7
THOMAS WALLWORK... .. 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge away from treble. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK... Treble	LAURENCE POULSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON... 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 7
*GERALD DIXON ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal. W. Burgess hails from Great Henny, and G. Dixon from Sudbury.

REBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER J. BATTLE ... Treble	†FREDERICK AMOS ... .. 5
†WILLIAM DEAN ... .. 2	THOMAS STORER... .. 6
SIDNEY F. BARNES ... .. 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 7
*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 4	JOHN COOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

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

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**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

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

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

GEORGE H. SENTANCE ... .. Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4
HARRY TYSOE ... .. 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

Arranged for the ringers of 1 and 2, who belong to Dunstable.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 College Single, two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and 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. Arthur Holman, who has been a ringer at Buckland Church for 38 years.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

720 Kent, two 720's Oxford and four 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED SOUTH ... .. Treble	*EDWARD G. ELLINGER ... .. 4
*JOHN AMOS ... .. 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... .. 5
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK ... .. 3	FRED CHALK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Waldoek.

WESTON, BATH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

42 six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

T. MASKERS ... .. Treble	F. BROWN ... .. 4
P. CHAPMAN ... .. 2	ARTHUR AVON ... .. 5
TREVOR B. HOLLOWAY ... .. 3	FRED BRAUND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR B. HOLLOWAY.

This is the first peal by all. First attempt by ringer of the 4th.

HAYES, KENT.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

*JAMES GRANDFIELD ... .. Treble	OSCAR GILBEY ... .. 4
HENRY READER ... .. 2	HENRY BROWN ... .. 5
FRANK KEECH ... .. 3	*JACK BROWN ... .. Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by O. GILBEY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th. All the band are Sunday Service ringers. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band. Rung at the third attempt. It is 30 years since the last peal was rung here.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At Brewood, Stafford, on Monday evening, January 25th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for Mr. A. Veall, who had been for many years churchwarden at the Parish Church, and who was laid to rest in the family grave on that date, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 54 minutes: J. Walford 1, J. W. Perry 2, G. Warner 3, E. Bill 4, H. E. Booth 5, A. G. Hunt 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Perry 8.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 14, 1926, 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.

JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble	GEORGE ADDISON ... .. 4
*HORACE J. SMITH ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BRASSINGTON.

\* First peal away from the treble. First peal as a conductor.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS STOTT ... .. Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... .. 4
*FRED BLACKLIDGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM FOWLER ... .. 5
JOHN R. STOTT ... .. 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' Rung with bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. P. Lancashire, of Southport, Rector of Brindle Church from 1911 to 1918, who was interred at the above church on this day.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5760 CHANGES;**

Being twenty-four 240's. A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT.

*E. G. BELLINGER ... .. Treble	†FREDERICK E. STONE ... .. 4
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 2	†ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
*G. WILLIAM HOLLIS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. PITMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles on this plan ever rung. Longest peal by all the band, also on the bells.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being 8 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure, The Dream and Plain Bob, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY WADEY ... .. Treble	FRANK HINDES ... .. 4
ROBERT LANGRIDGE ... .. 2	GEORGE FEIST ... .. 5
WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 3	WILLIAM THORNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th, and first peal of Doubles by 3rd and 5th; it is also the first peal of Doubles on the bells, and was rung on the 38th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Plain Bob.

JOHN C. FERLONG ... .. Treble	HARRY TURNER ... .. 4
ALBERT RAINBIRD ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEGGETT ... .. 5
ERNEST FURBANK ... .. 3	CHARLES A. BENBOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

First peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor, and rung at the first attempt.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.—On Friday, Feb. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Talbot (conductor) 1, R. Cook 2, E. Partridge 3, W. Hutchinson 4, E. Williams 5, J. Evans 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3rd 4th and 6th.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. 2	JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 5
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Howard, of Davenham.

BAWTRY, YORKS.

THE NORTH NOTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 21, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Being three 720's of Kent and four 720's of Oxford, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WALTER TOMLINSON... .. Treble	HARRY BARNES ... .. 4
†J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EASTLAND ... 5
*THOMAS J. SHILLITO... .. 3	†ARNOLD HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 6, BROOKHILL COTTAGES,

**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 ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE. Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**

MORE DISTRICT MEETINGS WANTED.

A meeting of the Clare District was held at Glemsford on Saturday, February 6th, when members were present from Cavendish, Cornard, Cowlinge, Hartest, Henny, Lavenham, Long Melford, and the local company. Touches of Bob and Kent Minor were rung at the Parish Church; also Grandfire Doubles by the Cowlinge band, a promising five-bell company. Touches in the same methods were also rung at Stanstead Church. Twenty-one members partook of a splendid tea at the Rectory, kindly provided by the Rev. W. and Mrs. Bankes-Williams.

This was followed by a short business meeting, at which four new ringing members were elected, and the Rector kindly consented to become an honorary member.

The chairman, Mr. S. H. Symonds (assistant secretary) made an urgent appeal to the district secretaries, asking them to hold at least three meetings in their respective districts each year. He also asked for a revival of peal ringing in the Sudbury Archdeaconry.

The Rector then gave an interesting address on 'The origin of bells and their uses,' which was much appreciated. He extended a hearty welcome to the members, and thanked them for honouring him and Glemsford with a visit.

Mr. W. Underwood was elected district secretary for Clare pro tem. in the place of Mr. D. Gridley, who has resigned the office owing to ill-health.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. and Mrs. W. Bankes-Williams for providing tea; to the Rector and the Rev. L. Finch, of Stanstead, for the use of the bells; and to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The next meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, March 27th.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

A most enjoyable and successful afternoon and evening were spent at Hugglescote by the Loughborough Branch of the Midland Counties Association. The meeting was fairly well attended, ringers coming from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Humberstone, Desford, Whitwick, Loughborough, and local ringers. The bells were well utilised in Grandfire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, and several ringers rang their first touches, the striking being fairly good.

Mr. J. W. Hopkins, of Ibstock, was elected a member.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells.

The next meeting is fixed at Kegworth.

**BELLS RUNG TOO FAST.**

KENT RECTOR'S VIEW.

The prosperous Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association met at Penshurst for the annual meeting on February 13th, when about sixty members attended from Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Speldhurst, Chiddingfold, Edenbridge, Leigh, Lamberhurst, Sevenoaks, Hever and Penshurst. After ringing during the afternoon, a short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. Hugh Rycroft), who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and said that if it were not for the electric light and the modern dress one would think they were going back into the past of Penshurst. It reminded them of the mediæval age, when the life of the people was linked with that of the Church. As men and women became able to look after themselves, so they look over the arrangements of their own pleasures, sports and work. The Guild House, which was associated with the Church, was where men practised their trades and formed their associations, but they never dreamed of doing anything without the Church. The amusement of the people had been left to the Church, but now there was only one thing left for their interest, amusement, recreation and education, which was still in connection with the Church, and that was bell ringing. He thought that would have gone, too, if it had not been for the fact that there were no other towers except at the churches. The bells were used in the Church, and for calling the people to Church. It was still recreation and education to the ringers. From the listeners' point of view, he continued, he thought the English ringers had got into the habit of ringing too fast. He thought that in calling the people to Church it should be done more slowly and reverently. If it was too fast the sequence and order was lost.

The Rector presided over the tea and meeting, supported by Mr. W. Latter (District Secretary) and Mr. G. Edward, (Penshurst Secretary).

**BETTER ATTENDANCE AND BETTER RINGING DESIRABLE.**

Mr. Latter read the annual report, which stated that on the whole the district was in a satisfactory state, but there was room for improvement. In the first place, there should be better attendances at the district meetings, and, secondly, greater attention should be paid in ringing to ensure accurate striking, as nothing was more annoying to listeners than to hear the bells clashing frequently instead of the clear tap of the clappers. There were 20 towers in the association. Brencley had joined, and Staplehurst, at their own request, transferred to the Maidstone district. The number of practising members was 173, against 172 last year, with 19 new practising and three new honorary resident life members. The honorary members (14) were one less than the previous year. The bells at Brencley had been completely restored, and after four years the Lamberhurst bells had also been restored. The peal of Doubles at Leigh last year was the first rung by an entirely local band. At Brencley Mr. F. White rang his 100th peal on March 21st. A peal was rung at Tunbridge Wells on June 20th, when the bells were half-muffled in memory of the late Archdeacon Scott, who was a practical change ringer, and for many years a vice-president of the association. The premier lady ringer of the district, Miss D. E. Orlebar, rang her first peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Tonbridge, and her first of Cambridge Surprise Major at Tunbridge Wells. They regretted the death of one of their oldest members, Mr. J. Muggidge, Tunbridge Wells, who was 85, and joined the association in 1884. They had also lost by death Mr. W. Levett, of Sevenoaks, and Mr. W. J. Wilson, of Sevenoaks, an hon. life member. Tunbridge Wells had lost the services of Mr. F. White, but Cranbrook had gained them, and Mr. L. Adams, of Sevenoaks, had gone to Canada. He thanked the incumbents of the various churches, the local secretaries and organists.

The balance sheet showed total receipts £21 2s., and expenditure £7 13s., leaving a balance of £13 8s. 6d.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The following life and honorary members were elected: Lord Hardinge, Brig-General McFarlan, Col. B. W. L. McMahon, Dr. Louis Wood, Miss Arnold and Miss E. Arnold, all of Penshurst.

Mr. W. Latter was unanimously re-elected the district secretary, while as representatives to the General Committee Messrs. G. Edwards, and F. White were re-elected.—In thanking the meeting for re-electing him, Mr. Latter mentioned that he joined the association 42 years ago, and had spent more than half that time as an officer.

Tunbridge Wells was selected for the next annual meeting, while for the district meetings Lamberhurst (May), Westerham (Midsummer), and Edenbridge (Autumn) were selected. It was decided to hold a bye-meeting at Leigh.

Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman, Mr. J. M. Sturgess and Mr. Edwards.

The touches rung during the afternoon and evening included Stedman and Grandfire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. John's Church, Erith. The peal of eight bells here have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and all those who rang on them agreed that the 'go' is splendid. About forty members attended, and the bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. M. Browne), who gave an intensely interesting address on 'The community's indebtedness to the Parish Churches.'

A splendid tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar, followed, and was served by several ladies of the congregation.

At the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, eleven new members were elected, and SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, was selected as the place of the next meeting.

Mr. W. J. Jefferies (district representative) gave a report of the proceedings at the general committee meeting held at Rochester in November last.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all concerned in the arrangements of such an excellent meeting, and the Vicar suitably responded. Ringing was then resumed till 9 p.m.

### A DEVON PEAL RESTORED.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have recast three of the bells at Sidbury Church, Devon, and the peal of six has been rehung in a new metal frame carried on steel girders. A chiming apparatus has also been installed. The total cost has been about £600, and towards this £270 has been obtained by public subscription, including £100 with which Sir Charles Cave, of Sidbury Manor, opened the fund.

The bells have been rededicated by the Bishop of Exeter. The Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Prendergast), who is also Rural Dean, and acted as the Bishop's chaplain, and the Rev. W. S. Airy, took part in the service. The Bishop, in his address, congratulated the parishioners on having undertaken the work, and remarked that they had responded with great readiness and liberality to the call made upon them. Nothing could be done in the world except all the community acted together.

Immediately following the dedication the bells were rung by the Sidbury ringers, under the captaincy of Mr. T. Clarke. Subsequently they were rung by bands from Sidmouth, Ottery St. Mary, Bucknell, and Talaton, all of whom expressed satisfaction with the rehanging.

The Bishop, clergy, members of the Church Council, ringers, and collectors for the fund had tea in the Village Hall.

### HANLEY CASTLE BELLS.

#### RINGING CHAMBER IN THE CHANCEL.

The parish of Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, contains two churches, each with a peal of six bells. At the mother church of St. Mary, the bells have recently been overhauled. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have recast the first three bells, and provided a new frame, girders, etc. Provision has also been made to add two more bells. The parish is fortunate in having a churchwarden who is a ringer, viz., Mr. Ernest Gibbs, and this restoration scheme has been made possible through his exertions.

At the rededication service the Vicar (the Rev. Hubert Jones) made a strong appeal to the parishioners to form a local band of ringers; at the same time he expressed his thanks to the visitors for their services.

The Ven. Archdeacon Peile offered the dedicatory prayers, after which the bells were rung for a few rounds, and the Archdeacon then gave an address.

The bells were rung before and after service by members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, the methods including Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

This is now a handy ring of six, the tenor being 14 cwt., and the ringers consider this to be an excellent piece of work of the Loughborough firm. At present the ringing chamber is in the chancel. This is to be altered when the money is raised to provide a new floor.

Mr. E. Gibbs is to be congratulated on his untiring efforts to get these bells put in order, and all are pleased to know his efforts have been successful.

The writer considers that the addition of two trebles, with the same quality of tone, would make the octave equal to any in the county.

### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Topsham on Saturday, February 13th. Nearly a hundred members sat down to a sumptuous tea, provided by the Topsham Parochial Church Council in St. Margaret's Hall. The bells of Topsham, Exminster, Lympstone, Woodbury and Clyst St. George were rung during the afternoon and evening.

It was proposed that a meeting be arranged in Exeter to synchronise with the ceremony of unveiling a tablet recording the recent peal of Grandsire Cinques, and also that a meeting be held at Withycombe on September 28th.

# John Taylor & Co.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

After a long delay, owing to necessary work on the tower, the new ring of eight for St. Michael's, Southampton, are likely to be hung and completed in a week or two.

The Bucks veteran, Mr. John Evans, of Hughenden, is satisfactorily recovering from an illness which followed an accident whilst on the Wills tour last September, and the Oxford Guild hope to see his name in a peal report during the coming summer.

One of old Joe Gutteridge's (Old Windsor) pupils has 'done it' again by honouring Sir Edward Clarke and Sir Wm. Carter with full peals on church bells at Staines and Beaconsfield respectively.

Clun, Salop, belfry has nine bells at present, an octave and a sanctus, and it is rumoured that another is to be added, but you won't 'bet us' as to where it is coming from.

There are reasons for believing that a peal of Treble Bob Major was rung at All Saints', Hereford, some 70 years ago. Will the Committee of Investigation for Bristol please look up the records of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's in that city?

Readers are asked to inform the Editor, 'What Is-a-Bella without a Clapper?' [This is not our conundrum, or we should expect bricks through the office window.—Ed. R.W.]

The band that rang the peal at Beaconsfield last week to celebrate the 55th wedding anniversary of Sir Wm. and Lady Carter was composed for 'relics' of the Old Berks and Bucks Association, founded fifty years ago. They desire to thank the Rector for his kind assistance on Shrove Tuesday, but our correspondent does not say what form the assistance took. Was it a feast of pancakes!

The origin of the Henry Johnson Dinner was a little gathering of ringers, 25 in number, who 'sat down to a good supper at the Dog and Partridge,' on February 28th, 1882, the famous old man's 73rd birthday, after a peal of Stedman Cinques had been rung at St. Martin's Church. With one exception, viz., Henry Johnson, jun., the last of the band that rang in the peal disappeared when the death of William Rock Small and John Buffery took place.

The anniversary in the previous year was celebrated with a 9,238 Stedman Cinques, the record length at the time.

Two long peals of Grandsire Calers, at Painswick, are celebrated on March 1st, 8,064 in 1734, and 10,080 in 1735. March 1st is also the anniversary of the 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure at Warnham, rung in 1889.

On March 3rd, 1778, W. D. Crofts called 30,260 Grandsire Calers at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

'The first peal performed on the bells' of St. Giles' Camberwell, was rung on March 5th, 1845, by the Surrey Youths of St. Giles'. It was composed and conducted by John Cox.

We mentioned in this column last week the first peal of Bristol Surprise, which was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton. The date of this peal was March 22nd, and not Feb. 22nd, 1901, as stated.

## RINGER'S DEATH IN CANADA.

MR. JOHN T. TOMPKINS, LATE OF FINEDON.

A letter just received by Mr. D. J. Nichols, of Kettering, from Mr. W. R. Hensher, of Dundas, Ontario, Canada, who will be well remembered by many ringers as the very highly-esteemed and respected leader of the Kettering ringers some 26 years ago, states that Mr. John Thomas Tompkins (late of Finedon, Northamptonshire) passed away in his 61st year on January 28th last at West Hamilton. He was buried in Dundas Cemetery on the 30th ult.

Besides his widow he leaves three sons (who are all married) and two daughters, for whom much sympathy will be felt by all those who knew the deceased.

In a short tribute to his memory, Mr. Hensher says: 'John was a good, honest and upright man; a man it was good to know, and whom you could respect, and he leaves a family all of the same kind behind him.'

Mr. Tompkins was one of the earliest members of the late Central Northants Association, and represented the Finedon tower as delegate to the association until he went to Canada some 20 years ago. Always a very keen Churchman, he took a very great interest in the management of the association.

In 1906, when a resolution was brought forward to divide the association into three districts, Mr. Tompkins seconded the motion, which was carried; and, as events have proved, the step was very beneficial to the work of the association.

Mr. Tompkins' first peal on eight bells was one of Bob Triples in 1898, and this was followed by two peals of Stedman Triples, to both of which he rang the tenor. They were conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the last one being rung to commemorate the golden wedding of the Vicar of Finedon, the Rev. Canon Paul, in 1901. It is believed he also rang a six-bell peal somewhat earlier.



## SIMPSON TUNING.

A CHAMPION OF THE MUSICAL 'EXPERTS.'

To the Editor.

'Ireneus,' writing with regard to the action of the officials of the Central Council, says that these representatives of the Central Council had no commission from the whole Exercise, and that their evidence on that point was ambiguous and very misleading. The Coventry question, he adds, is settled! Why not settle the question of 'Simpson Tuning' once and for all? Ballot the whole Exercise, and let each ringer speak for himself! I've no apprehensions! and our friends of the old style of tuning will, I feel sure, get a rude awakening. I do not doubt for one moment, if a ballot were taken, what the result would be, for ringers are to be found everywhere who admire the Simpson-tuned peal. The reports in 'The Ringing World' prove its popularity up to the hilt. Let any ringer prove for himself what I say—that is, if he preserves his weekly copy. Pick out twenty copies, take them as you like, and there will be found most startling facts. Happily, I have taken 18 copies; therein I find, in all, twelve peals have been recast and tuned on the Simpson principle. Surely the ringers of England have had something to do with these recasts, and they are all praise of TONE.

No, sir, I have no fears. We have ringers who can tell a 'round ball of velvet tone' when they hear it, and we have ringers who cannot tell whether tone is round, or whether it is oval! We have ringers who cannot tell when tone is impure, and we have ringers who dislike the 'specks' in impure tone. We have a striking illustration in the Coventry inquiry. The musical experts for the petitioners told us that there were 'specks' in the tone of Coventry bells, and mark you this, we for the opposition had a professional founder and a practical ringer who went to tell the court that Coventry bells were 'undoubtedly a very fine peal,' but in the end he had to confess that there were elements of sound which disturbed the oneness of pure sound, which he enumerated, and said could be removed.

My experience of people who profess to know a lot about the old style of tuning bells is that when they are tackled and cornered by a cultivated knowledge the batteries of abuse are opened. One correspondent complained of unjust treatment, and another talks about 'an ounce of practical experience, etc.' If I am any judge, there were 'tons' of practical experience from the change ringing standpoint, but from that opposition (who were practical change ringers) we do not find 'half an ounce' of practical musical experience, and that's why the opposition had no legs to stand on. And it is well to remember that it was not the carillonies who committed the first work of destruction at Coventry; it was the noble art and science of change ringing that unquestionably robbed Coventry of the identity of mediæval bells. Take that! with Coventry medicine! And as an antiquary, permit me to say there is no historical value in a peal of bells that came out of the furnace, contemporary with the entry of our great-grandfathers into this vale of woe. Aye! an' wait for York! they'll have wheels on, and resonating breath!

### AN ORGANIST'S VIEWS.

Sir,—As an organist of some 48 years' standing, and a bit of a ringer, also an amateur smatterer on theology and ecclesiastical matters, may I be allowed a word? I quite agree with my friend, Mr. Barnett. I reckon that it is as impertinent for a musician who is no ringer to poke his nose into the question of the disposal of bells as it is for a skilled ringer who is no musician to have 'his say' in the disposal of a fine organ. I also agree with Mr. George Williams that it was a great pity the ringing side did not make the most of their opportunity, but 'gave the show away.'

I suppose it is utterly hopeless to bombard the Chancellor of Coventry Diocese with petitions to reconsider his decision; but I am sure that my ringing sisters and brothers will agree with me in hoping that this worthy gentleman, and those who advocated the destruction of these bells, will live to repent the error of their ways, and perhaps compensate Coventry by setting the ball rolling to get a peal of bells for ringing purposes as nearly as possible approaching what is lost.

W. E. PITMAN, Mus.Bac. Oxon., F.R.C.O.  
Organist of S. Gregory's, Canterbury, and Stedmarsh.

### THREE KINDS OF SIMPSON-TUNED BELLS.

Sir,—I have read with interest the letters in 'The Ringing World' on the above bells, and should like to make a few remarks. I am afraid Mr. Barnett has rather overstepped the mark in saying 'all' Simpson-tuned bells are thin. To my mind, there are three kinds, viz.: Good, indifferent and rotten. If Coventry bells, which I always understood were good, could have been improved, as were St. Clement Danes', or even Crayford, then I say it is vandalism to break them up. What appeals to me most is why, and by whom, were Drs. Brazil and Starmer asked to give their advice? I do not doubt we have men

in the ringing fraternity with as good ears as they have, and who can play instruments, or strike chords equally with them. The matter brings to my mind the remarks of a gentleman, over thirty years ago, when presenting the prizes at an athletic club's race meeting, he said: 'I hear some of our members are contemplating marriage; I, being a bachelor, cannot speak with certainty, but they tell me it's a matter o' money.' T. GROOMBRIDGE, Sen.

### AN ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MUSICAL EXPERTS.

Dear Sir,—It has been said that 'fools rush in where angels fear to tread.' So be it, I apologise for the following.

On reading the account of the proceedings of the Consistory Court at Coventry, one is struck with a curious phase of the situation. That is, why did not someone attempt to take up the musical experts on their own ground? Dr. Brazil demonstrated on the piano tones contained in Simpson tuning and old style tuning, and gave the following chords: (1) C, C, E flat, G, C; (2) C sharp, C, E, G, C.

Having thus used the piano, and musical terms in support of his argument, it could have done no harm to have quoted a few musical terms against him, and carry the argument a bit further.

I cannot see in the account that Dr. Brazil played a succession of these chords, in either style; but had he done so, so as to represent a peal of bells, a succession of parallel or consecutive 5th's and octaves would have been heard, particularly in No. 1 style, as the 'root' is doubled.

Now, on page 19 of Sir John Stainer's 'Harmony' are given six chords, from C to A, each chord containing its perfect 5th. Dr. Stainer says of them, 'If the pupil will now play all these chords in succession he will find they produce a very bad effect. This is on account of the consecutive 5th's (they contain, nor will he find any less unsatisfactory result if consecutive octaves be added. Therefore, consecutive 5th's and octaves are forbidden.'

The chords given, being from C to A inclusive, are the same as would represent a peal of six bells, tenor in C. If Dr. Stainer was right, and a trial on the piano proves it, then one of two things is evident, either that both the specimens given by Dr. Brazil fall under condemnation; or that the ordinary rules of musical theory cannot be applied to bells at all, and probably the latter is correct, for a chord on the piano, or a succession of chords, have notes of equal loudness within each chord. In a bell the keynote or 'root' is predominant; the harmonics are not so noticeable.

In future, in a case of this sort, it would be a great idea to have one of our ringers who is also an organist (there are a few such) to take on the musical theorists at their own value, for it seems that most of the 'defenders' disclaimed a 'musical ear,' thus leaving the field to those anxious to recast the bells.

Every defence of Simpson tuning is based on musical theory solely, and ignores the cumulative effect of ringing bells in succession, where-in there must arise discords to an acute ear, no matter how the bells are tuned, and until each bell can be confined to a single tone these will continue to be heard, even in a Simpson carillon. Finally, whilst the 'experts' are allowed to confine the discussion to the chord contained in each bell, one at a time, they will continue to win converts to the 'shivery' gospel.—Yours faithfully, P. LAFLIN.

Toronto.

### BELLS TUNED ON THE FIVE-TONE PRINCIPLE.

Dear Sir,—in reply to Mr. Walker's request, I beg to say our bells at Haslemere were recast in 1923 by the Loughborough foundry, and tuned on the five-tone principle. Our ringers are delighted with the result, and I have a document in my possession signed by 125 parishioners, which states they are delighted with the bells. People who used to be annoyed by the ringing before the bell were recast now enjoy it.—Yours truly, J. H. B. HESSE.

### SHREWSBURY BELLS.

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. Walker mentioned St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, in his letter. Where can he find a better peal of twelve than these, every bell being well balanced, and there is no howling? Many experienced ringers have pronounced them perfect. I have rung on several rings of twelve, and found none to equal them. If Mr. E. Barnett heard them he would have a different opinion to that which he now holds, as they are a perfect 8, 10 or 12. Perhaps we may have the opinion of some of our first-class experts who have rung on them, I might say the old twelve were a poor old peal.—Yours faithfully, C. R. LILLEY.

### A DATE TOUCH.

At Hyde, Cheshire, on Thursday, Feb. 11th, to celebrate the opening of a bazaar, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) and a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,926 changes) by the following: C. Bower 1, J. Mellor 2, J. Brierley 3, H. Norgrove 4, A. Houghton 5, S. Bowker 6, B. Thorp (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 7 and 8 from Ashton; rest local.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## BELLS AND THE LAW.—LORD GRIMTHORPE.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Probably the most notable thing about the Coventry bell incident is neither the result of the case, which was almost a foregone conclusion, nor the arguments used, which were pretty familiar, but the fact that the Exercise as a whole was, by the mouth of its Council, pleading in a Court of Law. The memories of many of us who are, as ringers go, still mere striplings, easily go back to the time when such a thing would have seemed impossible. We change ringers are a peaceable lot, and though, if need should arise, we hope that our influence may be increasingly felt, the less we have to do with law matters the better; and it is good to know that there is not much connected with bells and bell ringing that is likely to bring any of us as ringers into a law court. Every now and then we hear of some aggrieved person who threatens to get an injunction to stop the ringing of some peal of bells or other, but such cases never actually come into the courts. There was one some years ago (of which I have no particulars) which did result in some restriction of ringing. But that was in connection with a Roman Catholic Church, and such stand on an entirely different legal footing to Church of England Churches.

The case you hear often quoted is St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, and what happened there was something like this. St. Gabriel's is in Warwick Square, not far from Victoria Station, in what is called a high-class residential district. Some of the inhabitants bitterly objected to the ringing of the bells, and, being of a contentious disposition and having plenty of money, put the matter into lawyers' hands, with instructions to apply for an injunction to restrain the Vicar and churchwarden from having the bells rung. The church authorities took up the position that they had in law the right to ring their bells, but as it was not their wish nor to their interest to have a feud with any of the parishioners about a matter on which no doubt they did not feel very strongly, they decided, as an act of grace, and without prejudice to their rights, that the bells should not be rung, and so they remain silent to this day.

I have no doubt that in the particular circumstances they acted wisely. If a sufficient number of people close to a tower really mean business, and are sufficiently energetic (and disagreeable), they can always get ringing stopped or curtailed. It is a good thing for us that such people are rare. There are a good many persons who object bitterly to bell ringing, but under the circumstances they are not at all likely to take any common action. The man who objects to the ringing in the tower next his house is only concerned to have those bells stopped. His grievance abated, he does not care twopence about the trouble of a man who lives close to another tower. And as the great majority of people live sufficiently far away from bells for them to be a pleasure and not a nuisance, there is not any particular cause to fear any real attempt to curtail by legislation the ringing of church bells. But we must recognise, and indeed we are increasingly recognising the fact, that noisy bells can be a real nuisance and hardship to those who live immediately next them, and especially so when the ringing is bad. I myself am very fond of music, but I think I should object if beginners began to practice brass band music just outside my sitting-room door.

And then, ringers being merely men and church authorities no more, we do hear now and again of trouble and disputes between them. Sometimes of the ringers' striking, because the parson has displeased them, and sometimes of the parson shutting out the ringers, because they have displeased him. But these disputes do not get into courts of law, as did the following, which I copied from a newspaper of just over a hundred years ago. The first cause was the proceedings for divorce by George IV. against his wife, Queen Caroline. This case caused great feeling all over the country. When it was decided in favour of the queen, her partisans gave themselves up to all manner of rejoicings, and among them were many ringers, who celebrated the occasion by ringing the bells. You will remember the board in Hammersmith Parish Church, which I quoted some time ago in these notes, and how the bells were rung for three days, and nine bottles of wine was drunk here on the 13th in honour of the victory.

The ringers of Chardstock, in Dorset, had similar opinions, and wanted to ring the bells. So had not the parson who either was a king's man or a sensible person who thought it no fit occasion for the ringing of church bells. They persisted, and so did he, and it led to an unseemly squabble, and a charge of common assault brought by one of the ringers against the parson. Here is the newspaper cutting:—

At the Dorset Sessions, an indictment was preferred by one of the bell ringers of the parish of Chardstock in that county against the clergyman of the parish for an assault. The charge arose out of the proceedings against the Queen. The bell ringers persisted in forcing themselves into the belfry, and ringing the bells in defiance of the repeated prohibitions of the clergyman. He thought it his duty to support his authority by personally endeavouring to remove them from

the belfry, and for that purpose proceeded to the church at nine at night whilst the bells were ringing. The ringers rushed out of the church when they heard the clergyman coming, and he caught the first that issued from the belfry in order to ascertain who he was. . . . The jury acquitted the defendant.

The most important legal case which concerns bells was *Stainbank v. Beckett*. This was an action for libel, and was tried at the Lords Justices' Court at Westminster on June 27th, 1881, and the following six days. This was before the opening of the present Law Courts in the Strand. The plaintiff was Mr. Robert Stainbank, at that time proprietor of the Whitechapel Foundry. He was a native of Nottingham, and before becoming interested in bell founding was a timber merchant. It is said that at one time, when 'The Daily Telegraph' in its early years was at a low ebb, he nearly became its proprietor. Instead, in 1861 he joined Mr. George Mears in bell founding, and four years later the style of the firm, which had been G. Mears and Co., was altered to Mears and Stainbank, and has continued the same to the present time. He died on January 24th, 1883, and was buried at Boston, in Lincolnshire.

The defendant, Sir Edmund Beckett, Q.C., was a most remarkable man. First known as Mr. E. Beckett Denison, he changed his name to E. Beckett, and then, when raised to the peerage, to Lord Grimthorpe. He was by profession a lawyer, and made one of the largest fortunes, if not the very largest, ever made at the Bar. He did not appear in the ordinary criminal or divorce cases which bring a man's name prominently before the public, but at the Parliamentary Bar, where the fees for a first-class man are enormous, and where, too, solid legal knowledge and ability count rather than more showy qualifications. But law was only one of his many activities. He wrote books on architecture on domestic houses, as well as churches; he was an acknowledged authority on clocks; he took a big part in the ritualistic and doctrinal controversies which agitated the Church of England in the latter half of the nineteenth century; and he posed and was largely accepted as an authority on the founding of bells.

In everything he did he pressed his opinion with a dogmatic assumption of superior knowledge. He was one of those men who can hardly admit that anyone could differ from them and be right, and naturally enough he found himself involved in perpetual disputes with architects, clockmakers and bell founders. He used to write long letters to 'The Times,' which were equally distinguished by the force of their expression and the extraordinary English they were written in. The most important thing he did in architecture was the restoration of St. Albans Abbey, first as one of a committee, and afterwards practically single-handed, when he not only acted as architect, but supplied most of the money. What he did there was bitterly criticised by the professional architects. He made mistakes, some of them bad ones, but on the whole I think his work was not any worse than what would have been done, if one of these architects, who found so much fault, had had the job. The architects wanted to keep the old low-pitched roof, he wanted to put on a high-pitched one, and got his way, and I think he was right.

In other things he was just as certainly wrong. There is a tale told of him, which illustrates the kind of man he was. When he proposed to undertake the restoration of the Abbey by himself, the parish authorities rather timidly suggested that he should have a committee of architects to advise him. 'A committee of architects!' he said, 'I would not have a committee of archangels!'

When the Houses of Parliament were built the proposal was to have a big clock, and he was entrusted with oversight of the matter. He drew up a specification, and a condition was that it should not vary more than a certain small fraction of time per week. The clockmakers said it could not be done; he said it could, and proceeded to invent a new escapement which turned out to be even more accurate than his specification required. Other big and accurate clocks have since been made, but the Westminster clock still holds its own among them, and the credit is Beckett's.

In bell founding his opinions were just as definite and just as forcibly expressed, but in this matter he was more often wrong than right. In one of his books he speaks sarcastically of an architect who had put the bells below the sills of the sound windows. Bells are meant to be heard, and, to be heard, he maintained, they must swing level with the louvres. At the present time we are doing all we can to alter that, either by lowering the bells or by boarding or bricking up the lower part of the windows. The bells themselves, he held, were made much too thin. When Michael Thomas Bass, the brewer, built St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent Beckett controlled the designs of the building, and the bells which were hung in the tower. They have recently been recast, but many ringers will remember them, a twenty-six hundredweight tenor in F sharp.

Other peals which he did not actually design, but which indirectly show his influence, are St. Paul's Cathedral, the Parish Church, Croydon, and the Roman Church at Cambridge. They are to a certain degree quite good bells very powerful but decidedly hard in tone. Beside the clock at Westminster, Beckett was in general charge of the

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**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.****PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MAJOR HUDSON.**

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Feb. 13th, in beautiful weather. In the absence of the president (through a cold, and parochial work) and the vice-presidents, Mr. Story (the Northern District secretary) presided over the committee and general meetings.

At the committee meeting it was unanimously decided to give whole-hearted support to the memorial the Bishopwearmouth Parochial Council are erecting to the late Major R. C. Hudson, and when the printed appeals from the Council come to hand, the hon. secretary of the association will send them out to the bellfries affiliated with the association, asking for their support and help.—It was also unanimously decided to ask Mr. J. W. Parker to represent the association on the Memorial Committee.

The invitation of the All Saints', Gosforth, Guild to hold a special meeting at Gosforth on Easter Monday (the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells) was accepted with thanks. It is proposed to have an all day meeting, with a service at 1 o'clock, and light lunch at 1.30 (at a nominal charge for lunch). Further particulars will be given later.

It was recommended that district secretaries, when fixing the dates for their district meetings, should confer with each other to avoid clashing.

A company of 28 sat down to tea, the chairman being supported by Mr. J. E. Tully, of the Hall, Newton, and the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. Pothergill). These gentlemen became hon. members.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his presence at tea, and also welcomed Mr. Tully.—Both these gentlemen responded.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies for so kindly and so well looking after the needs of the company at tea-time, the proposer saying he hoped some day to meet them in the heltry with a rope in their hands. Three honorary and three active members were elected.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells brought the meeting to a close, and another visit to the tower was made, the handy ring of six, with a tenor 12 cwt. in good condition, running on ball bearings, being kept going in various Minor methods during the afternoon and evening, some young ringers scoring their first touch of Minor.

Thanks are extended to three of the members who went in their cars and took others with them, and so helped to swell the number at the meeting, Newton Hall being three miles from a station, and rather a difficult place to get at. The following towers were represented: Newcastle Cathedral, Gosforth, Jesmond, Gateshead, Whickham, St. Ignatius', Sanderland, Winton, and the local men in full force.

The secretary desires to add his personal thanks to the local ringers, and 'their sisters, their cousins and their aunts,' for the admirable way in which they carried out the arrangements for the meeting and tea, and thus relieved him of much anxiety.

**BRINGING ON YOUNG RINGERS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report of the Western District meeting, held at Chester-le-Street, on January 16th, it is only right to say we take exception to the paragraph which deals with the slackness in peal ringing, and says that the attempts are for the favoured few. The gentleman who wrote this evidently has not studied the inner workings of our association, or read the annual report. Last year there were 28 peals rung, 73 members taking part; five rang their first peal; five their first on eight bells; nine their first in the method; three travelled 15 miles by 'bus, and one 10 miles to put a local band through a peal which was lost two courses from the halfway; another date was fixed, but one of the 15-milers missed the 'bus, but came on by the next, which was, however, too late to start for a peal, as the last 'bus back left at 9.15, so it was made a practice, and a quarter-peal was rung. We are only waiting for a favourable opportunity for another attempt. About three weeks ago an attempt was made for Kent Major. The band were all six-bell men from outlying districts except two. The peal was lost just before the 2nd part end of a three-part peal. This would have been three 'first peals,' and one 'first on eight bells.' The same conductor a few years ago travelled out 35 miles and scored a peal with 'six first peal' men.

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founding of the bells, and out of that arose the law suit I am going to describe. Warner's cast the four quarter bells, and the original Big Ben. The latter was cracked before she was hoisted into the tower, and the Whitechapel foundry was entrusted with the recasting. The second bell also cracked, and still, as everyone knows, remains cracked. A dispute arose as to whether she was properly cast.

The 7th man scored his first peal a few weeks previously, and belonged to the same band. The treble man had not seen eight ropes before. About twelve months later, seven 'first peals' were scored, and at the first attempt. This conductor is not the only pebble on the beach. There are others doing equally good work amongst the beginners.

It is the object of our association to bring on as many of the younger ringers as possible. We recognise by so doing we are building up the foundation of our association for the future. We 'old fogies' have only our allotted span, and then hand the reins to others. Another illustration: The peal of Bob Major at Whitley Bay, where six Surprise ringers piloted two young ringers through their first peal at the first attempt. It wasn't a case of giving the young ones a chance, because they were short of a band, for they have plenty of Surprise men and could have rung a Surprise peal. Take, for instance our late friend, Major R. C. Hudson: Where could you find a better ringer than he was, and one who spent more time and care in bringing on young ringers, or was more attentive to the Sunday Service ringing at his own church, and took a keener interest in our association? Yet for some years you could not tempt him into a peal. We have several others who are doing splendid work in the same way, and yet will not ring peals. This diminishes the number of peal ringers. I say without fear of contradiction that every conductor we have is most willing to help the young ringer, either through his first peal or train him up ready for it, and where the young ringer does not come forward we go out to try and find him. If there is any young ringer who wants his first peal or first in the method let him come forward, and he shall have an opportunity, provided he will look up the method.—Yours, etc., E. FERRY,

Hon. Sec.

**PEAL RINGING IN THE ASSOCIATION.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to your comments upon organised peal ringing in your issue of Feb. 12th, in which you state that what peals were rung in the Durham and Newcastle Association were generally shared by a favoured few, the passing over of deserving ringers being harmful, and against the best interests of the association, I have been looking over last year's report in order to discover how far such a statement is correct; and I find in the year ending Sept. 30th, 1925, that 29 peals were rung by this association, and these included 10 peals that were rung by a party of ringers from the South of England who made a tour of this district in June. This, therefore, leaves 19 peals that were rung by Sunday Service ringing men of this association. From the secretary's report, 71 members had rung in the 29 peals; the largest number rung by any one member being 11 peals, and 35 members rang one peal each. I further find that in these 29 peals were 25 first peals in the method.

It seems to me, judging from these facts, that it is hardly correct to make such a sweeping statement as was made by your correspondent and also by yourself; and I think it would be of interest to the Exercise to know whether such a record as this association has in the matter is really a selfish one. I know of many ringers who have made great sacrifices indeed to help the novice forward, and I would like to know, in comparison with other associations, if our position is really so selfish as the remarks lately made upon the subject have led people to believe?—Yours truly,

ARTHUR PAYNE.

[Our comments were based upon the statement that at the meeting of the Western Division 'there was a strong feeling among the members that a certain slackness was noticeable throughout the association in connection with peal ringing, and if any was attempted it was generally the favoured few who were selected.'—Ed. 'R.W.']

**THREE SCORE AND TEN.**

On February 6th, a band met at Great Bentley to attempt a peal of Superlative Surprise to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard. Meeting one short in Colchester at the appointed time, 'Tim Lizzie' and another took seven of the party on to Bentley, where the band was fortunately made up, and a start made. But disappointment was yet to come, for when only three courses and a lead from home the clapper of the 7th dropped out, much to the regret of all the band. Adjourning to a near-by house, 'within the meaning of the Act,' a capital repast was partaken of, generously provided by Mr. Nevard, to mark the occasion. Many expressions of regret were made at the loss of the peal, but all united in wishing Mr. Nevard many happy returns of the day.

On the following Saturday, however, some compensation was gained by a peal at Great Baddow.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—On Thursday, January 28th, at St. Margaret's Parish Church, on the occasion of a visit of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, of Stoke Poges, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss P. Moss 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, E. Hancox 5, F. Corke (first attempt for a quarter in the method) 6, P. E. Jones 7, J. Lucas 8.

**DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN LANCASHIRE RINGER.**

The death occurred, on Tuesday, February 9th, of Mr. John Harrison, of Heywood, Lanes. He was well known throughout the whole of the county, and at various towers in other parts of the country as a ringer of ability. He had been interested in ringing for over fifty years, during the greater part of which he had been connected with St. Luke's Parish Church, Heywood.

The interment took place on Saturday, February 13th at Heywood Cemetery, and four of the local band acted as bearers.

Sixteen members, representing different towers of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association, were also present, and after the committal, a course was rung on handbells over the grave.

Touches were also rung on the tower bells, fully muffled, including the 'whole pull and stand,' on the evening prior to the interment, and short touches after the funeral. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from his fellow-ringers at St. Luke's.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The annual meeting of the Hereford District was held at Hereford on Saturday, February 13th. A service was held at St. Nicholas' Church, and the Cathedral and All Saints' bells were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. A business meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, the Rev. G. M. Gough presiding, supported by the Dean of Hereford, Miss M. Bull, the Rev. J. Dent, the Rev. G. W. Turner, the Rev. S. Scarlet Smith, Mr. C. Edwards (Master), and the secretary. — The secretary presented the balance sheet for 1925, showing a balance in hand of £8 2s. 6d.

The Secretary, Treasurer, Ringing Master and Assistant Ringing Master were all re-elected, and Holm Lacy was chosen for the May quarterly meeting, Wellington for August, and Kingstone for November. Sulton and Hampton Bishop were chosen for combined practices for March and April. Twelve new members were elected.

The Rev. J. Dent proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. M. Gough for presiding at the meeting; he also thanked Mr. Davies for the help his tower had received from him.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

One of the best gatherings held in the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild took place at Butterwick, when the annual meeting was held.

The Rev. J. R. Trotter was unanimously re-elected as president; the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc; Mr. J. Phillips, of Butterwick, was also unanimously re-elected to the offices of secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. E. Clarke, of Boston, was proposed for the office of Ringing Master of the branch, and unanimously elected. Mr. Alec. Sharp was also unanimously re-elected as the Branch's Guild representative.

Two new ringing members from Stickney were elected, as were also three honorary members, the churchwardens of Freiston and Butterwick.

The president (the Rev. J. R. Trotter) conducted the service, and entertained the members to tea, and he was heartily thanked for his kindness and hospitality.

There was ringing during the day, both at Butterwick and Freiston.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**

Members of the Romney Marsh Guild from in and around Ashford had an adventurous journey when they chartered a motor conveyance to take them to a meeting at Appledore—twelve miles away. After a variety of experiences, during which the car chewed up a front tyre, and eventually broke a back axle, the party set out to complete the last six miles afoot in the snow. After covering four miles, they were lucky to be picked up by a public bus, and reached their destination in time for 168 Stedman Triples before service, with three other members of the association who had been patiently awaiting their arrival.

At the business meeting, the Rev. A. O. Scutt was re-elected president, and Messrs. C. W. Everett and C. W. Franklin Master and hon. secretary respectively. The following committee was elected: Messrs. C. Player, G. Youngs, G. Thomas, H. Balcombe, E. Powell, C. Tribe, G. Johnson, K. Pattenden and H. Baker, and Miss R. Thomas. Mr. Everett was elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

The Warwickshire Guild, at a meeting at Chilvers Coton, discussed the question of issuing an annual report, but adjourned the question to the annual meeting, the hon. secretary (Mr. J. A. Fenton) having pointed out that the cost would be about £16, while the assets of the Guild were nowhere near that figure.

Six new members were elected to the Guild, and Monk's Kirby chosen for the July quarterly meeting.

**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.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: E. Jones 1, W. E. Oakley 2, S. H. Hoare 3, G. Seaman 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, W. J. Norris 6, P. Edwards (conductor) 7, E. M. Elliott 8.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday evening, Feb. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Hill 1, C. Dyke 2, H. Moxom 3, G. Cheshire 4, G. Hughes, jun., 5, J. Milner (conductor) 6, G. Hughes, sen., 7, L. Weare 8.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles, in 45 mins.: T. J. H. Wise (conductor) 1, S. Peace 2, H. Nobles 3, E. Sibley 4, J. Bennett 5, G. Taylor 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles for ringers of 2nd and 4th, and first as conductor.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, for Matins, at the Parish Church, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, composed by G. F. Williams: G. Wiffen 1, H. E. Hammond 2, W. Smith (first quarter-peal in the method, and hails from Dunmow) 3, G. Melbourne 4, G. H. Howard (conductor) 5, F. Ely 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

**GREAT BADDOW.**—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes), for evening service, in 49 mins.: W. Amos 1, W. Rice 2, H. Bush 3, H. Allen 4, G. Green 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, A. Richell (conductor) 7, M. Boughtwood 8.

**HYTHE, KENT.**—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Bidnell, sen., 1, F. Slingsby 2, W. Bidnell, jun., 3, A. R. Manning 4, R. J. Birch 5, A. G. Wrafter 6, S. A. Gower 7, P. Francis (first quarter-peal) 8.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 21st, in 52 mins., a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Bulter 1, J. W. Trappitt, jun., 2, E. Tall 3, H. Payne 4, F. Mursell 5, J. W. Faithful (conductor) 6, A. V. Cordeu 7, A. Newman 8. Arranged for J. W. Trappitt, jun.

**ACTON, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Robt. Fardon (conductor) 1, Robt. Holloway 2, H. Wincote 3, C. Brown 4, J. W. Kelley 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, E. W. Coulson 7, E. Easton 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, Feb. 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Bacon 2, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 3, E. J. Pannett 4, A. Bradley 5, H. J. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, T. A. Easterby 8.

**FRITENDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, February 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, in 40 mins.: H. Thirkell 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, T. E. Sone (conductor) 3, H. Baker 4, C. Baker 5, J. Head 6, B. Baker 7, W. Turk 8.

**STANSTED, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. T. Prior 1, H. Watts 2, G. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, T. Watts 5, T. Jordan 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, J. Prior 8.

**BEESTON, NOTTS.**—On Sunday afternoon, January 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. White (Cothgrave) 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, A. Coppock (Nottingham) 3, J. C. Dicken 4, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 5, C. F. Johnston (Croydon) 6, F. S. Price (conductor) 7, W. Clifford 8.

**BEDFORD.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, January 31st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): A. Bowyer 1, K. Bowyer 2, Miss E. Steel 3, Miss E. K. Knight 4, W. Stapleton (conductor) 5, T. Harpin 6.

**COALBROOKDALE'S PEAL OF TEN.**

The official opening of the peal of ten bells at Coalbrookdale, Snop, will take place on Saturday afternoon, April 10th. An advertisement invites ringers to attend so that they may form their opinion of what can be done by tuning old bells to modern ideas. The treble, 2nd, 5th and 7th are new bells, the rest were cast in 1852 by Mears, and have been retuned. The old bells were always considered a fine eight, with a tenor in E. This bell, we are informed, has been lowered to D without recasting, and is of splendid tone. The other nine are beautifully balanced. The tenor is one pound short of 19 cwt., and the treble one pound more than 5 cwt. They are not Simpson tuned, and the Coalbrookdale ringers are anxious that all who can should hear them, in view of the discussion with regard to Coventry bells.

The work at Coalbrookdale has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 38th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 6th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, February 27th. 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.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at Kelvedon, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. The ringers' service will be held in the church at 4.15 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards. Members are reminded that their subscriptions for 1926 are now due. A hearty welcome given to all ringers.—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec., High Street, Braintree, Essex.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford, on Feb. 27th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open for ringing; All Saints' before tea, both after. Service at 5, address by the Vicar of All Saints'. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant, Fore Street, 1/-, business after. All will be heartily welcomed, members or otherwise.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby. Bells available 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided. A good meeting is hoped for. All friends are welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Subscriptions can be paid after meeting.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges' Road, Ashford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Isle of Wight District.—Next quarterly meeting at Freshwater, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., provided by the President in Parish Hall. — B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sandiacre on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 1s. 3d. each.—All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — A meeting will be held at All Souls' Church (not St. John's, Farnworth), on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 2nd, St. Magnus, on the 4th and 18th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 9th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 11th (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; all others at 7.30. 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.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Upper Street, Islington, on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Holly Bush Hotel at 6 p.m., usual terms to those who advise me by March 3rd.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Two framed peal cards will be unveiled at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting after unveiling. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**APPLETON, BERKS.** — The 108th anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Please notify R. White.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.** — Rickmansworth.—Saturday, March 6th. Bells open 3.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, 5.30. Business after. Tower open till 9. Names for tea by March 3rd to C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Bolsover on Saturday, March 6th. Will those intending to be present for tea please advise Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than Thursday, March 4th? Nominations of officers for the ensuing year to be in my hands by March 31st.—C. Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Chicheley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify not later than March 3rd.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. West Lavington bells (6) also available afternoon and evening.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 1st, 15th and 29th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 23rd, at 8. Remittances are requested for photographs ordered but not yet paid for.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.7-1.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m. Tea at Central Café at 5.30. The bells of Ospringe Church will be available after tea. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, March 3rd? Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid before this meeting.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 66, St. Dunstan's Street, Canterbury.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 6th, at Wolstanton. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notices of attendance must be sent to me not later than March 1st.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Stoke-on-Trent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, March 6th, at Thaxted. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1s. per head, at the Swan Hotel), to be followed by business meeting. Those desiring tea kindly advise me. Subscriptions due.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—In accordance with Rule 7, all nominations for general hon. officers, viz., president, treasurer, secretary, must reach me on or before March 8th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford and District Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles' Church on Thursday, March 11th. Ringing 6.30. Service 8 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from

2.30 p.m. Further particulars will be sent by circular to secretaries of towers.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 10th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me by Wednesday, the 10th, those requiring tea. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferrdene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells at liberty 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, March 20th, when a good attendance is requested. Bells available in the afternoon and evening. Short, attractive service at 4.45 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, to those who send in their names to me by the 16th. Please note this. Subscriptions to be in by that date.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.**—The Lord Bishop of Hereford will (D.V.) dedicate the two new trebles at the official opening on Saturday afternoon, April 10th. All ringers will be most welcome, and special arrangements will be made for all ringers to have a pull. Complete bands, from Plain to Surprise methods, will be given every opportunity, so that the bells may be heard at their best during the afternoon and evening. There is exceptionally good train service from Shrewsbury and Wellington. Train leaves Coalbrookdale 8.15 Saturday evening. Midland bus runs to and from Wellington Saturday nights from Coalbrookdale 6.5, 8.45 and 10.55. Sunday service, from Wellington 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. From Coalbrookdale, 12.45, 4.25, 6.25, 8.25 and 9.47 p.m. All the above connect at Wellington for Shrewsbury. Lodgings can be booked at Coalbrookdale if arrangements are made in good time. G.W. trains leave Coalbrookdale for Wellington on week days 6.20, 7.20 and 9 a.m.—All ringers who propose visiting Coalbrookdale should write to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Salop.

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LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, January 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor, in 46 mins. (after meeting short for Triples): E. Patching 1, R. Holder 2, A. Cooper 3, H. Tomsett 4, A. Tomsett (conductor) 5, F. Willie 6, C. Featherstone 7. Rung as a compliment to Miss M. Tomsett (daughter of the conductor) upon her attaining her 21st birthday.—Also, on Sunday, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor.  
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ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 3	ALFRED FALLON ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 4	J. D. GEORGE HARRIS... ..Tenor

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THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 7
LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR (SPICED),  
5088 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE ELLIS ... .. Treble	* JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 5
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 2	FRANK E. DAREY ... .. 6
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 4	CHAS. H. KIPPIN... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of 'Spiced' Treble Bob by all the hand except ringers of treble and 3rd. \* First peal of Treble Bob. Assumed to be the quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Lucas, vergor and one of the local ringers.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES,  
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER... .. Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 6
CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
* MISS RUBY HAWKESWORTH 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

* HERBERT R. PICKERING ... Treble	ALFRED FALLON ... .. 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 3	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 7
HARRY A. FARLOW ... .. 4	ROBERT PICKERING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

\* First peal. E. F. Mitchell has now rung a peal on each of these bells. The conductor has rung this peal in eight different towers, and called it from treble to tenor, and also rung it unconduted.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH, ST. GILES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt.

* LESLIE BAKER ... .. Treble	ARTHUR BAILEY... .. 5
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... 2	HENRY SIMMONDS ... .. 6
LEONARD T. OSBORNE ... 3	† ALFRED JEFFREY ... .. 7
EDGAR HUMPHREY ... .. 4	HORACE OSBORNE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. W. HOPWOOD. Conducted by A. W. OSBORNE.

Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. Canon F. J. C. Gilmor (Vicar of St. Giles') as Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Freemasons). \* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

* HARRY TURNER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	* EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN... .. 4	* WILLIAM LEGGETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB & BOB MAJOR (SPICED)  
5056 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... 5
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 2	THOMAS H. NAISEY ... .. 6
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

These two methods are now rung spiced for the first time, and this peal contains 2,528 changes of each. Rung to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells to eight, and also as a birthday compliment to T. Stephenson and R. L. Patterson, all three events occurring on the 23rd inst.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, SLEAFORD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, February 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... Treble	† CORPL. H. W. MOODY, R.A.F. 5
F/Sgt. F. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 2	ARTHUR R. DIXON ... .. 6
* HARRY MUSSON... .. 3	REGINALD SCOTT ... .. 7
WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 4	‡ R. RICHARD DIXON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal, and elected a member before the attempt. ‡ First attempt for a peal on eight bells. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Norton Howe).

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

* EDWARD REEVES ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	JESSE SCREEN ... .. 6
SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 3	REUBEN HALL ... .. 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 4	ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HUGHES. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. James E. Groves, Handsworth. This composition is now rung for the first time.

ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH ... Treble	HARRY ROBERTS ... .. 5
HARRY RICHARDS ... .. 2	JOE BROADLEY ... .. 6
TOM SHAW ... .. 3	WILLIE B. FRITH... .. 7
HARRY ARMITAGE ... .. 4	JAMES E. CARTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by J. E. CARTER.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

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| SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.   |
| BRO. THOMAS H. REEVES, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ... .. Treble   |
| BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ... .. 2  |
| WOR. BRO. HARRY ARGYLE, Abbey Lodge, 432 ... .. 3  |
| WOR. BRO. JOHN S. PRITCHETT, Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1544,<br>Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire ... .. 4 |
| BRO. BERT HORTON, St. Peter's Lodge, 481 ... .. 5  |
| BRO. JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON, Birchfield Lodge, 4549 ... .. 6  |
| BRO. GEORGE H. ROBINSON, Chatsworth Lodge, 3430 ... .. 7   |
| BRO. JAMES H. SHEPHERD, Sussex Lodge of Emulation, 355 ... Tenor   |
- Conducted by Bro. JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

This is the first peal in the City of Birmingham rung entirely by members of the Masonic craft. After the peal the members were kindly entertained to tea at the Yenton Masonic Rooms, Erdington, by Worshipful Bro. Matthew H. Clarke, Deputy Provincial Mark Master of Warwickshire.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

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| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble   | JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5          |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2      | C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT R.E. 6     |
| OLIVER SIFFETTS ... .. 3         | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... .. 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. H. PULLING  
First peal in the method on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

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| PARKER'S REVERSE. Tenor 18½ cwt. |                               |
| ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... Treble    | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2          | FRANK TERRY ... .. 6          |
| ISAAC EMERY ... .. 3             | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7   |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4        | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.  
First attempt for a 'touch' of Surprise by F. Terry.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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| Tenor 14½ cwt.             |                            |
| JAMES MARSH ... .. Treble  | JOHN BOOTH ... .. 5        |
| JOHN LONHAM ... .. 2       | JAMES WM. GROUNDS ... .. 6 |
| JAMES TAYLOR ... .. 3      | JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM E. AUSTIN ... .. 4 | JOHN ALLRED ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES MARSH.  
First peal of Stedman on the bells, and first peal on the bells for 25 years.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTBERHITHE,

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

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| Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F. |                               |
| GEORGE ELLIS ... .. Treble       | WILLIAM ESSERY ... .. 5       |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 2      | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 6 |
| ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 3          | CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. 7   |
| ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 4       | FRANK E. DARBY ... .. Tenor   |
- Composed by FREDERICK ROBINSON. Conducted by F. E. DARBY.  
Arranged and rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, LEESFIELD,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. Treble | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5     |
| WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 2    | *WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 6  |
| TOM WILDE ... .. 3           | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM HOREN ... .. 4       | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.  
\* First peal in the method, and first attempt. First peal of Double Norwich in Oldham.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

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| Tenor 12 cwt.                  |                               |
| GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. Treble | CHARLES H. BELTON ... .. 5    |
| HENRY WRIGHT ... .. 2          | JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 6        |
| THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 3      | FRED COTTON ... .. 7          |
| CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... .. 4     | GEORGE P. GARNER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by F. COTTON.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas K. Deacon, a member of the Earl Shilton band.

QUORNDON, Near LOUGHBOROUGH.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

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| Tenor 14½ cwt.                  |                               |
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5     |
| WILLIAM JOHNSON ... .. 2        | WILLIAM H. CLARK ... .. 6     |
| ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 3           | *ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 7  |
| THOMAS ATKINS ... .. 4          | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor |

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.  
\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major in the method on the bells for 27 years. This composition is now rung for the first time.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

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| Tenor 14 cwt.                  |                          |
| ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5   |
| JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. 2       | ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 6  |
| WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 3         | ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 7 |
| ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 4      | KEITH HART ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.  
The two trebles added to this recently new peal of six were dedicated on February 20th.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)  
On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

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| Tenor 10½ cwt.                  |                              |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Treble | JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 5        |
| *HARRY S. CHAMBERS ... .. 2     | *JAMES T. WARD ... .. 6      |
| LEONARD WYMAN ... .. 3          | *JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. 7      |
| *JOHN KING ... .. 4             | *ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.  
\* First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 200th peal on tower bells.

HENDON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Friday evening, Feb. 26th, was rung, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Bonfield 1, D. M. Findley 2, R. Bullen 3, R. Bevan 4, E. Prachett 5, C. Martin (conductor) 6.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

LAUNTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

*JACK EVANS... .. Treble	*HARRY HATFIELD ... .. 4
EDWIN HIMS } ... .. 2	FRED NEALE ... .. 5
... .. 3	FREDERICK SHARPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. HIMS.

\* First peal in the method. The first four ringers come from Bicester, and the tenor from Launton. The peal was perfectly struck, and critics outside did not know which two bells Mr. Hims was ringing.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

In seven methods, viz., Westminster, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

JAMES KNIGHT ... .. Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 4
HYLTON TIDY ... .. 2	GEORGE W. TOOTH ... .. 5
CHARLES CLINCH... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

The conductor's first peal in more than one method.

TILSTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being 720 of Double Oxford and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

WALTER THOMAS... .. Treble	GEORGE JONES ... .. 4
ALBERT E. RICHARDS... .. 2	WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 5
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the Eve of St. Matthias's Day.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MISS PHYLLIS MOSS... .. Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... .. 4
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 2	*GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
*ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 3	*WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

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

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY...Treble	†THOMAS WILKINSON... .. 4
JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 5
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* 25th peal. † First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the fourth.

BUETON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob: J. Bray 1, A. Thornton 2, Miss N. Grassby 3, J. Coles 4, G. Hobbins (conductor) 5, B. Gillatt 6. First quarter-peal in three methods for ringers of 2nd and 4th.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT 39C, MEANWOOD ROAD.

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

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

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

First handbell peal in the method by the ringer of 7-8, and first handbell peal in the method away from 7-8 by the ringer of 1-2.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT 19, DENEHOLM.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 17 in A.

†WILLIAM L. GOFTON... .. 1-2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5-6
†THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3-4	†JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 7-8
*OSWALD SIMM ... .. 9-10	

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

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

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Dunster, on Saturday, Feb. 20th, when there was a large attendance from Minehead, Carhampton, Old Cleeve, St. Decuman's, Stoqumber, Chipstable, Milverton, Selworthy, St. Audries', Dulverton, Timberscombe, and Dunster. At the service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. C. L. Isard, of Minehead, the lesson was read by the Rev. H. W. Milward (Dunster) and the address given by Preb. W. T. Reeder, Rural Dean, Dunster. The Rev. T. S. Dawson, chairman of the branch, presided at the organ.

Prebendary Reeder entertained the members to tea in the Memorial Hall, the company numbering 55. The Rev. T. S. Dawson occupied the chair at the subsequent business meeting, at which Mr. G. Stacey (hon. secretary) gave a report on the branch activities during the year. There had been, he said, an average of 57 in the attendances at the quarterly meetings. Two new honorary members and nineteen ordinary members had been elected, and there had been one re-election. Two members had died, nine left the district, and the total membership was now 161. The statement of accounts for the year showed that after paying expenses there would be £7 ls. 6d. to be sent to the general secretary, leaving a balance in hand of £4 13s.—The accounts were passed.

After deciding to hold the next meeting at Selworthy, the meeting elected the following new members: Messrs. D. Bates and V. Stevens, Old Cleeve; A. N. Williams, Dulverton; L. Ferris, Minehead; and Jas. Hunt, Minehead. Messrs. C. Thrush, Dunster, and Jas. Cridland, Carhampton, were re-elected on the membership roll.

The services rendered by the Rev. T. S. Dawson as chairman were warmly eulogised when he was re-elected to office on the motion of Mr. Stacey, seconded by Mr. F. Arscott.—The Chairman, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Stacey as hon. secretary, alluded in appreciative terms to his work for the branch, and this motion was seconded, and carried by acclamation.

Mr. W. A. Hawkins was re-elected hon. auditor, and Mr. H. A. Phillips was added to the management committee.—Mr. I. Farmer, Carhampton, was elected Ringing Master, in the place of Mr. Wm. Hoyle, Minehead. Mr. Hoyle, who has been Ringing Master for several years, and has done good service for the movement in the instruction of younger members, had expressed his wish to resign. His resignation was accepted with much regret, and the Chairman, in moving a vote of thanks to him, expressed the regret they all felt that he was unable to take office again, but the members would sympathise with him in his present trouble, and remember him in the tower and in church.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to Preb. Reeder for his kindness in allowing the use of the tower, and for the tea provided, and to all others who had helped to make the occasion a pleasant one.

The Rev. M. L. Winterton (Trull) addressed a few words to the meeting, in which he voiced the pleasure he felt at seeing such a good attendance, and wished that he might see as many at the meetings in his deanery.

Preb. Reeder also referred to the pleasure given him by such a large gathering, and especially on seeing so many young ringers, who would, he hoped, keep the bells going for many years to come.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

AN OLD LAW ACTION RECALLED.—SIR EDMUND BECKETT'S LIBEL.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Stainbank v. Beckett was tried on June 27th, 1881, and following days, by Baron Huddleston and a special jury. The action was for libel, arising out of certain letters written by the defendant in 'The Times.' The counsel engaged in the case were: For the plaintiff, Mr. Charles Russell, Q.C., M.P., Mr. W. G. Harrison, Q.C., and Mr. Hilbery; for the defendant, Sir J. Holker, Q.C., M.P., and Mr. Jeune. These were among the leading lawyers of the day, and three of them at least were afterwards judges. Russell is recognised as being among the leading English advocates of all time. He was Attorney-General in Gladstone's Government, of 1836, when he was knighted; in 1894 he became a Lord of Appeal with the title of Lord Russell of Killowen; and in the same year Lord Chief Justice of England. He would have been Lord Chancellor, but that the law forbade a Roman Catholic to hold that office. Among the many famous cases he appeared in were the trial of Mrs. Maybrick for poisoning her husband, the Parnell Commission, and the Behring Sea arbitration.

The alleged libels were contained in the following letters to 'The Times.' On October 31st, 1878, the defendant wrote, 'Though I do not profess to write about dominants and minor thirds, or to guess how a Belgian bell founder would probably begin to rebune this peal, I have no hesitation in saying that no modern Belgian bells which have come over here, and been heard in public, are superior or equal to the best English ones, though they are superior to such as used to be made by the English firm which had a practical monopoly of the business until about 20 years ago. Of course, I agree with Mr. Haweis about the present condition of Big Ben of Westminster, which is a disgrace to the nation, as it was to its founders, and as their York bell was still more, and as the clock bells of St. Paul's were to their predecessors, and Tom of Oxford to its maker, which is the worst of all the great ones.'

And again in 'The Times' of November 20th, 1878: 'Bells without number, which moreover were never cast for it with a properly adapted crown, have been ringing for years and centuries with bolts in their crowns to hold in the clappers when the bells have been turned in the stock, before I introduced the now common practice (except, I believe, at the oldest and worst of the foundries in England) of having the clapper bolt independent of the bell.'

Mr. Charles Russell, in opening the case, first expressed his regret in having to appear against so distinguished a member of his own profession. He went on to state that the defendant had largely interested himself in bells and clocks, especially the bells and clock of the Houses of Parliament. Twenty years ago, his criticisms of Big Ben had resulted in an action brought against him by the late Mr. Mears, who cast the bell. The defendant at first justified, but afterwards withdrew his plea of justification, and the case was withdrawn from the jury upon the terms of the defendant withdrawing all charges against Mr. Mears, and paying all the costs incurred. Now, when Mr. Mears was dead and gone, the defamatory statements were repeated and reiterated without regard to charity or common sense. The plaintiff's foundry was started in 1570, and was the oldest in the kingdom. A business of that sort had a continuous identity. When the firm sent out a peal of bells they had the name of Mears on them.

The learned counsel then gave a history of the first Big Ben which was cast by Warner's, and cracked before she was hung, and went on to say that a contract was made with the firm of Mears for a new bell. The defendant designed it, and it had to be made to his approval and that of the Rev. W. Taylor. The bell was cast on the 18th of April, 1858. It had an indent on its surface, which, by order of a Government official, was filled up. Soon after it developed a crack on the sound bow, opposite to that struck by the hammer at a point where witnesses would explain the two currents of vibration attained their greatest force. The hammer used with which the founders had nothing to do, was one of 7 cwt., and it was the opinion of some experts that the excessive weight of the hammer was the cause of the crack. However, on the discovery of the crack the 7 cwt. hammer was replaced by one of 4 cwt., which was still in use. On the discovery of the crack the defendant was attacked in the newspapers, and defended himself through the same medium. The strictures then passed by the defendant on Mr. Mears led to the action mentioned above. An inquiry was instituted into the state of the bell, and as a result the hammer was reduced in weight, and the bell turned round so that the crack was no longer opposite to the point where the hammer struck. Years passed, and in 1878 the controversy was re-opened. In a letter to 'The Times' the defendant used the phrase, 'the oldest and worst foundry in England,' which undoubtedly referred to the plaintiff's foundry, as he believed would be admitted by the defendant in the witness-box.

Mr. John Mears was the first witness. He said that he had been manager for his brother, but had had nothing to do with the foundry for many years. He described the casting of the bell. The propor-

tions of metal were according to contract, viz., 22 of copper to 7 of tin. It was run into ingots, and submitted to the defendant. The metal used was the best that could be obtained. The melting was done in three furnaces, by a wood fire, and the molten metal was run into one reservoir. The defendant had said that the bell was a freer toned bell than the old one.

In cross-examination by Sir John Holker, witness said that he never heard of any holes being stopped up. If there were any, they would have been noticed when the bell was hung up.

Mr. Edward Thomas Loseby, a clock and watch maker, of Leicester, said he had seen Big Ben before the cracks were discovered, and had closely examined it afterwards. He took casts of the holes or cavities, which he now produced. The cracks were discovered by covering the bell with acid; when the bell was struck a stream of air bubbles showed themselves along the line of the cracks. There were three cracks of 6in., 7in. and 18in. in length respectively. They would not have been noticed without wetting the bell. The hammer struck exactly opposite to the 7in. crack. He said that bells were never of the same thickness all round. There was a difference of at least 1-20th of an inch, and in comparison with that the small holes or cavities were of no importance whatever.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jeune, the witness admitted that he had had a dispute with the defendant in 1851. The defendant was chairman of the Horological jury at the exhibition of 1851, and gave satisfaction to no one.

Mr. John Ismay, consulting engineer and founder, was examined as to the composition of bell metal, and the porosity and want of homogeneity described in the official report on the bell by Dr. Percy. He said the proportions of 22 of copper to 7 of tin would make a hard brittle bell metal, and in the course of setting the tin, being the lighter metal, would be found in greater quantity on the upper surface, especially on the surface of the sound bow. He examined the bell in 1851 and again in 1881. As far as he could see the cracks were unchanged. He considered the casting an excellent one.

In cross-examination, he said it was physically impossible that the metal in this case could be otherwise than porous, unless the metal cracked.

Mr. J. Jones, the contractor, who raised the bell in the tower, said the casting was an excellent one, but he considered the proportions of copper and tin were dangerous, and told defendant so.

Several other witnesses gave evidence that in their opinions the casting was a good one, and then followed a number of ringers whose names at least are familiar to readers of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Matthew A. Wood, examined by Mr. Russell, said that he had rung at St. Paul's, Bow, St. Michael's and All Hallows', London; also at Yarmouth, St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, St. Peter's, Norwich, and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. He had assisted at the opening of many peals of bells, many of them coming from the Whitechapel Foundry. He had also rung on Warner's bells and Taylor's bells, and decidedly gave Mears the preference, big or little.

Cross-examined, he said he thought the words 'the oldest and worst' were intended to apply to the Whitechapel foundry. He had no doubt that Mears' was the best foundry, not the worst. He thought that many of the others were not in it at all. They might make a good bell, but casting a peal was another matter. It was very difficult for some of them to cast a peal.

Mr. Jeune: They are much the best?—Yes.

Of Warner's and Taylor's, which is the best of the two?—Warner's. Messrs. Taylor's are the worst?—I did not say that. You asked me which was the better of the two.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. James Dwight also gave similar evidence.

Mr. William Reed, the president of the Durham and Newcastle Association of Change Ringers, testified to the excellence of Messrs. Mears' bells. In his opinion they had a distinctness of tone possessed by no other bells.

Mr. Goslin said he was manager to Messrs. Warner's when the first Big Ben was cast. He explained the process of casting, and said that the rising of the tin during cooling could be prevented, but how he preferred not to say. He thought the present Big Ben had not been properly cooled.

The plaintiff, in his evidence, said that the proportion of tin to copper in the bell was higher than he thought right, but was fixed by the contract.

Sir J. Holker, in his address to the jury, denied that it was the case that his client had waited till Mr. Mears was dead before renewing the attacks on him. He called Dr. Percy, who said that he had, at the request of the Government, made several reports on the condition of Big Ben. He had no practical experience, but expected that there was a great difficulty in preventing porosity, especially in a large casting where some of the metal cooled before the rest.—Cross-examined, he said it was a common thing to fill up holes left in casting, as could be seen in the lions in Trafalgar Square.

Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, said that he had cast bells of 8½ tons without any difficulty, and was now preparing to cast one of 14

tions for St. Paul's Cathedral. It was quite possible to cast a homogeneous bell. Porosity was very prejudicial to tone. In cross-examination, he admitted that the Manchester hour bell was cracked. That was due to the weight of the hammer, and to no fault in casting. It was possible to conceal holes unless they were suspected and searched for.

Sir Edmund Beckett, the defendant, gave evidence. He said he had great experience of bells, and was entrusted, with Mr. Taylor (the Rev. W. Taylor, not the bell founder), with the oversight of the casting of the Westminster bells. Without their approval no payment was to be made to the contractors. He had made many experiments to find out the best proportions of copper and tin, and had analysed portions of Tom of Lincoln and other big bells. Finally, 7 of tin to 22 of copper was fixed on as most likely to give sufficient softness to prevent cracking, and sufficient hardness to give a good tone. In old bells there was more tin in proportion. He examined the bell at the foundry, and at Westminster, and was satisfied with it, especially with its tone. When he saw the bell in November, 1859, the holes were visible. There were 40 of them, and some had been stopped with zinc. If he had known what was disclosed in Dr. Percy's report he would not have withdrawn his plea of justification in the former action; He did so under advice, not understanding the dodges of common law pleadings.

In their verdict the jury found that one letter was libellous, and applied to plaintiff; the other was libellous, but did not apply to plaintiff, and that the plaintiff was entitled to £200 damages.

Judgment was entered for plaintiff accordingly.

**ODD AND EVEN PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I observe by Mr. Parker's letter that the five-part peal he recently published, and which I also claimed, goes back to the year 1907, when it appeared in the 'Bell News,' so I presume we must both abandon our claim to it. I see that it is in my Stedman book, under the year 1913. My 'odd-bob' peal has the date 1898, and was first rung at Harborne in December of that year, and conducted by me. The 'odd and even' is, of course, much later, and bears the date 1922, when it was rung at St. George's, Southwark.

In regard to Mr. Parker's statement that the peal with only two singles and the 7th undisturbed will never be obtained, I am inclined to agree with him. I have myself tried to get it but without success.—Yours faithfully,  
JOHN CARTER.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
CIRENCESTER BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Cirencester, and was well attended, over 40 members and friends, including the Master (Mr. A. Wright, of Painswick), representatives from Cirencester, Northleach, Fairford, Coin St. Aldwyns, Swindon and Minchenhampton being present. Watermoor bells were rung during the afternoon to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples and Bob Major, and a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Major was brought round.

Service was conducted at Watermoor by the Rev. A. H. Longley (curate-in-charge). Tea was followed by the business meeting, the chairman of the branch, Mr. F. Edwards, presiding. The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. F. Edwards; secretary, Mr. F. J. Lewis; member on management committee, Mr. J. Hope. Coin St. Aldwyns was chosen as the place for the next meeting.—Three honorary, two performing and two probationary members were elected.

The Parish Church bells were rung during the evening to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques.

**SWINDON BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Swindon. Ringing took place at Christ Church and St. Mark's during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of at the Midland Temperance Hotel, after which the business meeting was held. Mr. E. Bishop was elected to the chair, and welcomed the visitors, especially Mr. Albert Wright, of Painswick (Master of the Association).

The Branch Committee was re-elected en bloc, and Mr. E. Bishop was elected representative on the management committee.

Three new members from St. Mark's tower were elected—the two next meeting-places were chosen, viz., Brinkworth and Highworth, for February and March respectively.

Other branches are asked to note that the Swindon branch have made a rule to keep to the third Saturday in every month for their meetings, and to advertise them in 'The Ringing World.'

This concluded the business, and a return was made to the towers, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were practised.

The following towers were represented: Blunsdon, Cirencester, Chippenham, Farrington, Fairford, Stratton St. Margaret's, Painswick, Wootton Bassett, and the two local towers.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

In a peal at Launton, Oxfordshire, Mr. Edwin Hims, of Bicester, rang the 2nd and 3rd. Very few men have rung two tower bells to a peal, Mr. J. E. Groves (Birmingham), the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook and Mr. W. Lawrence (Little Munden) being, we believe, the only others to accomplish this feat, although there are one or two ringers, in addition, who have rung touches with a rope in each hand.

Mr. C. H. Kippin writes: 'You ask, "What is-a-bello without a clapper?" We rang three hours and three minutes of Double Norwich last Saturday at the Parish Church, Croydon (tenor 31 cwt.), when the tenor clapper flew out. I am, therefore, instructed by the band to inform you.—N.B.G.'

Saturday, June 26th, has been fixed as the date for the unveiling of the war memorial of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, together with a tablet recording the muffled peal of Stedman Cinques rung for the death of Queen Alexandra. Both will hang on the north wall in the porch at Shoreditch Church. There will be a special service in the church, and it is hoped to have two or three towers available for ringing.

In the evening a social and musical evening is to be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, to which all members and ringers, both London and provincial ladies and gentlemen, will be heartily welcome. Detailed particulars will be given later. In the meantime ringers are asked to make a note of the date.

Having missed his last train, after ringing a peal at Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, on Saturday week, the conductor walked home—15 miles!

They did not always get their peals in the old days without labour. A peal of 'Double Bob Royal Ten-in' was called by W. D. Crofts at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on March 7th, 1791. The bells required two men on the 8th, and two on the tenor. By the way, will St. Mary's become the next peal of twelve?

One of the outstanding long lengths of the early days of ringing was the 12,602 Grandsire Caters at Norwich, rung on March 8th, 1737. Mr. Trollope has recently thrown an interesting light on this and the history of Norwich ringing in his 'Notes by the Way.'

The first peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Slepney was scored on March 8th, 1807, by the Junior Cumberlands, and exactly a year later George Gross called the first peal of Stedman Caters, at Bow, Clearyside, then only a peal of ten.

A peal of Richmond Triples was rung by the Richmond Society at Richmond, Surrey, on March 10th, 1741, or 1742—the actual year is uncertain. What method was Richmond Triples, we wonder?

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Ashton-under-Lyne last week should not have been published as a Lancashire Association peal; it should have been credited to the Ashton-under-Lyne Society only. It was the first peal of Caters by S. Holt and Miss C. Thorp.

Wireless listeners to the London Broadcasting Station on Sunday night heard some splendidly struck Stedman Triples rung at Bark-  
ing.

Tickets for the Johnson Dinner on Saturday have been going 'like hot cakes,' and a splendid company is expected for this gathering. The week-end promises all its customary enthusiasm and attractions.

## THE PENANCE OF AN ABSENTEE.

AFTER MANCHURIA—PARIS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The hour approaches when all good followers of the Prophet turn their faces towards Mecca—the Johnson Dinner. I regret that on this occasion I shall again be an absentee. Like the small boy on the postcards—nobody loves me, so on the day of days I will go out into the garden and eat worms, in effect that is to say, as there is no garden to this caravansary. I will, however, go into the salle à manger and eat snails!! As penance for non-attendance.

On the last occasion that I dined in the 'Cedar Room' a certain Mancunian, the Lord Mayor's adgrandvizier, I believe, was collecting brass to buy two new 'hoss-shoes' to add to the eight existing 'hoss-shoes' which still hang in Eccles steeple. I had always thought that Eccles folk preferred cakes to bells, but, on reflection, I remembered that Eccles bells certainly did sound a bit like Eccles cakes, with the currants shaken out of them, and I should not be a bit surprised if they didn't cast that set of bells in one of their famous bakeries, out of the dough they had left over from the day before, and tuned 'em with candied peal!! Nuff said! But all the cakes are not at Eccles; that prince of cakes, Amos, found not a few cakes of the first baking at 'Brum.' I know—as I tasted some of 'em. Should he again be collecting 'currants,' please bestow upon the fund my benison, and a wish that those ten 'hoss-shoes' will eventuate some day.—Yours sincerely,

Yvett's Hotel, 41, Rue Alain Chartier, Paris.

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**IPSWICH VETERANS.  
FAMOUS PEALS RECALLED.**

Forty-five years ago last Monday—namely, on March 1st, 1881—the first twelve-bell peal at the famous Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, was rung. It was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and was the first in the method for the old Norwich Diocesan Association. Of the band that took part in this peal there are now only two survivors, Robert Brundle, who rang the 7th, and Edgar Pemberton, who rang the 11th. The others of the company, who have all passed away, were Daniel Prentice (composer and conductor) Henry Bevan, Isaac Alexander, Thomas Sadler, John Fosdike, William Meadows, Henry Bowell, William Catchpole, Robert Hawes and Edward Reeve. The first attempt made for the peal was on Boxing Day, 1880, and it came to an untimely end for a curious reason. An old five-bell call-change ringer was sitting in the belfry, and when things were going well, he jumped up and remarked, 'Two hours gone, gentlemen.' All eyes turned to him in astonishment at his interruption, and the peal collapsed. The next attempt was also a failure. The bells had been going for a considerable time, when the second and fifth changed course. The conductor put them back after a lead or two, and went on to the end, but some of the band very rightly objected to its being published as a peal, and said if they could ring a false one they could also ring a true one, so, after a successful peal of Royal a fortnight later, a further attempt for the Maximus was made, and the result was a peal of which all the band were proud.

Ringling history has been made at Ipswich since then but one by one the old band have passed on their way. Robert Brundle, still hale and hearty, and able to take his share in ringing, remains, with, as his sole companion of those early days, Edgar Pemberton, who,

we are sorry to say, is no longer able to climb the belfry stair or handle a bell rope. At 74 years of age, Mr. Pemberton is crippled with arthritis, which prevents him going out, except in a bath chair. But while active participation in the art he loves so well is now denied him, he is still keenly interested in it, and he has many happy recollections and memorable performances to look back upon. He has kept a careful record of his peals, which, beginning with Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, on May 22nd, 1878, number 270. That peal was nearly fifty years ago, but there are still two or three of the company left to us, the band, it is interesting to recall, being George Newson, Thomas Sadler, David Stockwood, William Coppage, Edwin Gibbs, William Baron, Edgar Pemberton and George Isley.



Mr. EDGAR PEMBERTON.

Mr. Pemberton rang in the first peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques in Suffolk; the first peals of Double Norwich Major, Royal and Maximus in that county, and the first peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus in Suffolk. The Cambridge Maximus was the first peal in the method ever rung, and in this, as in all the Surprise peals in which he took part, Mr. Pemberton rang the treble. In 1880 he rang in 7,296 and 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major at Debenham, and he also rang in an 8,896 in the same method at Rochester Row, Westminster. He took part in a 10,176 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Uford in 1894, but he was not in the 16,608 at Debenham in 1892, although he was in two previous attempts for it at that tower, and in two others at Leiston. In each of the latter they rang over 10,000 changes and broke down. When, eventually, the peal was rung, Mr. Pemberton, whose trade is that of a carpenter, was working at Bury St. Edmund's, and was unable to take part. In long lengths of Double Norwich, Mr. Pemberton rang 6,608, 8,064 and 10,080. Thus he had a great share in the ringing which the Suffolk men of those days—men like Daniel Prentice, William Ireland, James Molts and William Catchpole, and the enthusiasts who comprised their band—made memorable.

Mr. Pemberton's peals are as follow: Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 38; Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, 3; Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus 3; Bob Maximus 1; Stedman Cinques, 25; Grandsire Cinques, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 11; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 3; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, 6; Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 18; Grandsire Caters, 7; Kent Treble Bob Major, 23; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 17; Bob Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 9; Cambridge Surprise

Major, 9; London Surprise Major, 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 38; Stedman Triples, 26; Grandsire Triples, 17; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Minor, 2—Total, 270.

Mr. Robert Brundle, while sharing in many of the peals in which Mr. Pemberton rang, has not kept such an accurate record, and he is still adding to his list. His total is now round about 280, and he hopes to reach the 300 mark. That Mr. Brundle will be spared to realise this ambition will be the wish of all his many friends.

**SIMPSON TUNING.**

'THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In connection with Mr. Walker's suggestion, I should like to state our recent experience at King's Norton. We had undoubtedly the best old peal of eight in the Birmingham district, and most ringers about here agreed on that point. On the other side of the city, we had at Erdington a modern peal of Taylor's. Living there for five years, and at King's Norton ten years, I had every opportunity of judging both peals. To my ear, Erdington were very much more musical and uniform in tone, and the tower was not one that would do them full justice. The King's Norton ringers naturally thought their old bells the finest peal in existence, but after visiting such peals as Leicester, Loughborough, Burton, Warwick, Shrewsbury, and numerous others with modern bells, they soon altered their opinions. On these outings, various officials of the church who were interested in bells accompanied us, and the question was always arising, 'Why don't our bells sound like these?' and 'These sound more like an organ than bells.' After this there was not much trouble in having our bells recast on modern principles. Certain of my Birmingham friends were very pessimistic as to the result, but now they congratulate us on what they consider the finest restoration in the district. Some of them have openly stated that they did not think such an improvement possible. If these are the class of bells that Mr. Barnett says sound like tin cans, I am surprised, and would suggest to him that he visits some of the peals mentioned, and listen to them: not ring a peal on them. Then, if he is of the same opinion, his is indeed a very sad case.

The complaints against modern tuning come chiefly from those ringers who do not happen to have such bells, and from those interested in the bell business who cannot produce them. When good old bells and peals are alluded to, we are taken from the tenor at Bow, to the eleventh at Exeter, then to Newcastle and home by Norwich, and I am convinced that it is just as far as you must go to get anything on the old system worth mentioning. The majority of the old bells are a real public nuisance, and only an ear like H. W.'s could tell which possessed the most tone, the bell or the clapper. Our old friend, 'Marble Arch,' or 'Cloches de l'Arche,' has butted in again, and I am surprised to find he is still at large. I would remind him that Simpson tuning will not do away with change ringing half so quickly as those peal-scoring fanatics who fall over each other to ring a peal on the same bells once a fortnight. To those who are contemplating having their bells recast on the modern tuning system I would say, 'Don't let these dear old gentlemen who went to Coventry influence you at all, as they were born a good many years ago.'—Yours truly,

PERCY O. LAFLIN.

**SIMPSON TUNING WILL POPULARISE CHANGE RINGING.**

Dear Sir,—From your correspondence on Simpson tuning it seems probable that some of the first peals cast and tuned on the principle may have been guilty of 'howling'; modern peals are not. Having rung on two peals tuned on this principle, the bells, though more resonant, offer no difficulty to good striking. A curious fact is the disagreeable fatness and deadness of an ordinary peal after becoming used to hearing Simpson-tuned bells; it is a matter of use. Contrary to some of your correspondents, I think these new bells will do more to popularise change ringing with the public than anything else.—Yours faithfully,

E. CORNER.

Hanley.

**STOKE POGES' 'YOUNG ARABS.'**

The team of young 'Arabs' who carry on the Sunday Service ringing at St. Giles' Church, Stoke Poges, made a valiant attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on Saturday, Feb. 20th, which ended, after 2 hours and 24 minutes' good ringing, owing to an error in the work of the last lead of the sixth 720. Each 720 was called differently, and this was the first attempt of the bob caller at the helm.

Owing to the illness of Willie Hartley, the 'boys' were much obliged to W. Hanley on the 5th for making up their team at 24 hours' notice, and they hope to complete the undertaking in the near future.

The ringers were Messrs. Stevenson (treble), Skuter, Hawkins, Atbrow, Hanley, and Gutteridge (conductor).

## WORDS AND QUOTATIONS.

## STEDMAN AND THE 'TINTINNALOGIA.'

There is one thing that Mr. Trollope is most anxious just now to impress upon the Exercise. That is that he, and not the Nomenclature Committee chosen for that purpose, is the only authority who always uses the correct word, and who alone can select the name which fits perfectly.

In order to show us how well he can do this, he selects from my article which appeared on January 8th some words that I wrote; many more which I did not write (as no one is likely to look up the article and compare it with his article on February 19th, this does not matter much); and out of them he makes a sentence which he puts in inverted commas, and says that I ask you to believe it.

After this exhibition of his correctness in quotation, he calls this concoction (which is due, it is to be noted, to his imagination—not mine), not unreasonably, a 'tale.' As I have before had occasion to point out, Mr. Trollope has a little weakness in the way he repeats himself. And this reminds us of the last time he called what I wrote a 'tale.'

It was in your issue for December 11th, in which he wrote a long article to show how absurd it was for me to state that in the early days of ringing there were Bob Methods, as well as Plain Changes and Cross Peals. As I pointed out on February 12th, Mr. Trollope has already had to eat those words of his. My description of Bob Methods on November 20th, was that they were 'methods that were all dodges, or as nearly so as possible.' On December 11th, in order to wallop me, Mr. Trollope makes unmerciful fun of this. But on January 15th, in describing Imperial Bob, the first Bob method, he says that besides the hunt, 'the other bells move only sufficiently to let her pass, but instead of lying still, as in plain changes, they dodge in pairs.' I do not know whether your readers will prefer my wording or Mr. Trollope's, but I can assure them that they mean the same thing. It will be noticed, however, that in order to make the eating of his words the more palatable, he omits to mention the fact that I had already drawn attention to this point, and calmly states it as if it were his own discovery.

This is not the only instance; for he does the very same thing again in the same paragraph. On December 11th he asks, 'Does Mr. Drake seriously say that Double Norwich has "shortened" dodging?' On January 15th he says that very early attempts were made to improve the Bob methods, by 'shortening the dodging.' This is exactly my argument, but he is not honest enough to admit it. Some people want to get the credit for everything.

Nothing of all this has anything to do with my statement. Even Mr. Trollope cannot disprove a theory by attempting to show that a suggested reconstruction is a 'likely tale.' My statement was that there is no evidence that Stedman wrote the 'Tintinnalogia.' That is a plain straightforward statement, and it cannot be controverted by any wriggling and squirming, such as Mr. Trollope indulges in. It can be controverted, and controverted entirely in one way, and one way only, and that is by producing such evidence. If Mr. Trollope can produce such evidence, there is nothing more to be said. I am wrong. If he cannot produce such evidence, again there is nothing more to be said. I am right.

There is only one sentence in the long article with which Mr. Trollope has inflicted us that bears on the point, and these are the words of it: 'I say that it is most certainly the work of one man.' Never was a more brilliant instance of an ipse dixit. No matter how impossible it may be, Mr. Trollope has said it, and, therefore, it must be so.

Still, it may be that even here he will eat his words, as on the occasion of the other 'likely tale.' Let him look at the title page again, and he will find three persons referred to. The author is called 'A lover of that Art.' The printer is 'W. G. at his shop in St. Dunstan's Churchyard in Fleet Street.' The publisher is 'Fabian Stedman.'

Mr. Trollope believes Stedman to have been a printer. Now, printers do not usually publish one another's books (even if ringers publish one another's discoveries). So that these three designations are, we must suppose, intended to deceive us, and really are only referring to one person. But why this foolish deception? Before Mr. Trollope can maintain that Stedman was falsely assuming either of these other designations, he must assign some reason for such an improbable suggestion. On the first page of the book is the dedication, signed by 'Campanista.' Is this a third deception? If so, why? If 'Campanista' is not intended to represent Stedman, Mr. Trollope says that this page 'simply told a lie.' The ordinary person would have said just the opposite. But then some people are so clever you can never tell what they will be saying.

Moreover, the writer of that page says distinctly that he is not a ringer, but a 'well-wisher to your recreation'; also that in writing about ringing he is 'over-belled,' by which he evidently means

that he is trying to do something that he cannot manage. Mr. Trollope says that Stedman wrote this, and that he was the most brilliant and clever ringer that ever lived. I do not deny this latter statement, but if so, there are here two more deceptions. We turn a couple of pages, and we find two pages signed by 'R. R.,' who also claims the authorship of 'Grandsire Bob,' that is, a large part of the book. Is 'R. R.' also Stedman? If so, here are two more deceptions. So far we have looked at six pages only, yet if Mr. Trollope's statement is true, there are already seven deliberate, meaningless, and stupid deceptions in this book—'certainly the work of one man'!

I need not repeat my arguments any further; nor does one blame Mr. Trollope for not being able to appreciate literary criticism. But I can assure him that it is capable of quite as certain conclusions as the study of changes. Still, in order not to take an unfair advantage of him, I will let him get any competent literary critic to examine what I have written, and I am content to abide by the result.

Mr. Trollope has praised Shipway though hardly sufficiently, to my thinking. Now Shipway says that Fabian Stedman presented the College Youths, when they visited Cambridge in 1657, with his principle-rung first at St. Benet's, Cambridge, and College Hill, London. Yet Mr. Trollope declares that it was not yet composed in 1668. Why?

As for the last paragraph, I will only say that probably when he reads it again, Mr. Trollope will be ashamed of it. In my article on November 20th there was a slip of the pen which caused one sentence to be ungrammatical. Mr. Trollope quoted this sentence, and, as he thought, corrected it. Unfortunately he corrected it in the wrong place, I apologised for the slip, and I think your readers will agree that the apology was an ample one. One hates teaching people good manners in public, but one must point out that it was up to Mr. Trollope to acknowledge this courtesy; and on his part to apologise for his own misquotation, on which he had founded so much invective. Instead he writes this—which is not even true!

HERBERT DRAKE.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT AND ISLEWORTH BELLS' FUND.

The annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 13th. The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., and under the management of the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Holloway) members had an opportunity of ringing a variety of methods from Grandsire to Cambridge. A ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar, after which tea was provided in the Church Hall by the Vicar and churchwardens. The Vicar occupied the chair during the tea and business meeting that followed, supported by Mr. Edgley (churchwarden) and Mr. C. S. Bird (president). Messrs. W. Pickworth (vice-president), C. E. Coles (hon. secretary), and N. A. Tomlinson (Ringing Master of the North and East District) were among the welcome members present.

A satisfactory report for the year recorded eleven meetings held with good results, and 37 ringing members and three honorary members elected. About the same number ceased to be members owing to the non-payment of subscriptions, etc.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the officers for their services rendered during 1925, and they were re-elected for the ensuing year, viz., Messrs. J. A. Trollope, hon. treasurer; R. Holloway, Ringing Master; and W. H. Hollier, hon. secretary. Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett, H. W. Lidbetter and F. Cooke were elected on the Central Committee.

The secretary made a statement on the Isleworth Bells' Fund to augment the peal to ten; £60 has been collected or promised, but over £100 is needed before the task of collecting is over. The secretary, therefore, suggested that a committee be appointed to decide ways and means of raising the sum required, 'or otherwise.' At this point, the Vicar and churchwardens became greatly interested, and congratulated the association on raising about one-third of the amount needed, and promised to co-operate, as they were in a better position to help than a year ago. The committee appointed were: Messrs. F. Edgley (churchwarden), C. S. Bird, J. A. Trollope, R. Holloway, J. R. Mackman, T. Beadle, and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier). The committee earnestly appeal to all members and ringing friends to help, and, however large or small the amount may be, it will be thankfully received.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality, which was much appreciated; also to the organist, hostess and lady assistants, and Mr. T. Beadle.—The Ringing Master and Hon. Secretary wish to offer their very best thanks to all members for their loyal support during the year.

**RESTORATION OF BELLS AT ACTON, SUFFOLK.  
THANKOFFERING FOR FAMILY'S ESCAPE FROM TOKIO  
EARTHQUAKE.**

Saturday, February 13th, was a notable day in the history of the little village of Acton, for it saw the consummation of a work which, for many months past, had been the main interest of every one of the parishioners. Every seat in the church was occupied when the Ven. Archdeacon of Sudbury dedicated the peal of five bells. Owing to its unsafe condition, the tower was pulled down in 1885, and, according to the memory of old parishioners, change ringing had ceased at this tower some twenty years before. Three years ago, Mr. J. K. Rodwell, a descendant of the well-known local family of Kerington, whose memorial is to be seen in the church, paid a visit to the parish, and during his stay offered to supply the timber needed for a bell frame from his Acton estate. The first movement was to raise funds for the rebuilding of the tower. The required sum was soon to hand, and the tower was completed, and dedicated by the Archdeacon of Sudbury on All Saints' Day, 1924. Mr. Rodwell, so impressed with the success attained, generously renewed a previous offer to reling the bells at his own expense. This generous offer was gratefully accepted, with the happy results above-mentioned. The massive bell frame was made by Messrs. A. Brown and Sons, of Acton, and the work of reling and rehanging was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

- Treble.—'John Thornton made me 1716.'
- 2nd.—'Nicholas Kerington, Miles Gray, made me 1679.'
- 3rd.—'Miles Gray made me 1663.'
- 4th.—'Tho. Gardiner, Peccit, 1747.'
- Tenor.—'Miles Gray made me 1687. God save the King.'

A tablet, bearing the following inscription, has been fixed on the interior of the tower: 'To the Glory of God these bells were rung in January, 1926, by J. K. Rodwell, of Baberg Hall, as a thank-offering for the escape of his son, H. J. Rodwell, and his family, in the earthquake at Tokio, Japan, Sept. 1st, 1923, the tower having been restored in 1923 by the efforts of the parishioners. — A. C. Harpur, Vicar; A. J. Wildman, A. Webb, Churchwardens; A. Hunt, G. L. Coates, architects; A. Brown and Sons, builders.'

The service took the form of evensong, the Rev. A. C. Harpur officiating. Appropriate lessons were read by the Revs. Dr. H. F. Banham, R.D., and Bankes-Williams, late Vicar of Acton. The hymns sung were, 'We love the place, O God,' 'When morning gilds the sky,' 'O God, our help, in ages past,' and 'Now thank we all our God.' The choir sang the hymn, 'Hark! the concert of the Bells,' the solo being excellently taken by Mrs. Harpur, L.R.A.M. After this hymn, the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Vicar, proceeded to the tower, where the bells and also a new flag for the tower were dedicated, Archdeacon Farmiloe delivered a short but stirring address, selecting his text from 1 Chronicles, xxix. 9.

Immediately after the service, the bells were opened by the Little Waidingfold band. Other towers represented were Sudbury, Lavenham, Long Melford, Cornard, Cavendish, Glemsford, Henny, Assington, etc. In the evening a tea and social were held in the Schools. A pleasing feature at this gathering was a charmingly decorated table, at which were entertained free all Acton parishioners 70 years of age and upwards. The oldest were a married couple, both of whom are over 90 years of age.

In the course of a genial speech, Archdeacon Farmiloe said he would always regard Acton people as an example of perseverance in connection with their parish church.

Touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles were rung on the bells.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
NEWBURY BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at East Ilsley on Saturday, February 13th, when over 30 members attended from Newbury, Woolton Hill, Highclere, Brightwalton, Bucklebury, Beedon, Pease-more, Compton, and the local band. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Ogle), who also gave an address. Tea was served in the Old School Room, the catering by Mrs. W. Hilbert being much appreciated. At the business meeting, Mr. R. T. Hilbert presided, in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch).—The Hon. Secretary reported two deaths, namely, Mr. W. A. Dormer of Newbury tower, and Mr. F. Vokins, formerly of Chieveley, and all present stood in silence for a few moments as a token of respect.

Shaw was proposed for the next meeting, on April 24th, and Bucklebury for the summer meeting, on June 19th (if convenient).

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his address; also to the organist, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were

rung during the afternoon and evening. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and general treasurer (Mr. Wright) were present in the afternoon, but had to leave after the service.

**LEICESTER RINGERS ORGANISE DINNER.  
PROPOSED ANNUAL GATHERING.**

On Wednesday of last week ringers of Leicester and District assembled round the festive board, and it is hoped to make the gathering an annual event. The dinner was held at the Anchor Hotel, Leicester, a company of forty, including ringers, from Anstey, Belgrave, Humberstone, St. Saviour's, St. Margaret's, St. Martin's and St. John's, Leicester, and friends. Mr. William Willson was voted to the chair, and referred with pleasure to the fact that after nearly half a century such a gathering had come about. That was the first dinner of its kind in Leicester, and he hoped they would meet again in future years, with a more numerous company.

The toast of 'The King' was honoured, and the Paradise Mission Handbell Ringers, under the conductorship of P.C. Harold Poole, entertained the party to some excellent selections. Songs were rendered by Mrs. F. Howe, Messrs. W. Clarke, J. Morris, T. H. Vallance and Mr. Roseviar.

The chairman, having to leave early, handed over his duties to Mr. F. H. Dexter, who, report says, carried on to the 'bitter' end.

Det.-Sgt. Jenny, who proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes and the host, said he felt that all should be better for such occasions as that. Rivalries would then be understood, and not lead to ill-feeling or jealousy.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the thanks of the company are due to Mr. Jenny and Mr. W. Willson, junr., for bringing the event to a successful issue.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the North Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Motcombe on February 13th. Fifty members were present, representing 14 towers. In addition to the six bells in Motcombe Church tower, those in the towers of Holy Trinity (6) and St. Peter's (6), Shaftesbury, were used by the members. At the Guild service the Rev. E. C. King (Vicar) gave an address. Mr. and Mrs. King very kindly catered for the tea, and only charged the branch what it actually cost, which was a great saving to the branch funds.

After tea, there was a short business meeting, at which the secretary presented his balance sheet for 1925, which showed a balance in hand of £1 13s. 7d. Two new members were elected from Shroton.

**SPLICED DOUBLE NORWICH & PLAIN BOB.  
A PEAL OF 5,056, BY JOSEPH W. PARKER.**

	23456	1	4	6
35426	—	—	—	3
52436	—	—	—	3
63254	—	—	—	3
23564	—	—	—	2
43265	—	—	—	3
53462	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
54263	—	—	5	—
45362	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	5	—
42356	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	3

Followed by S at 1, ringing Bob Major from the lead end (8673245) brought by the Single, this with a bob at M produces in 4 leads.

	35624	W	M	H
62354	—	—	—	—
36254	3	—	—	—
42536	2	—	—	—
45326	—	—	—	2
42365	—	B	—	3
52463	—	—	2	—
34526	—	—	—	—
23546	—	—	—	3
25436	—	—	—	2
24356	—	—	—	2
23456	—	—	—	S

This peal contains 2,528 changes of each method.

Double Norwich and Bob Major courses, even against even, are false to a considerable extent. The principle which ensures the truth of the above composition was pointed out, in relation to plain Minor Methods, by Mr. E. H. Lewis in 1912, see 'Spliced Methods,' paragraph 9 on page 14.

The above peal was rung at St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, on Feb. 25th, 1926, conducted by the composer.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL. BANBURY BRANCH PROPOSE CHANGE OF DATE.

A quarterly meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Cropredy on Saturday, January 30th, when upwards of forty ringers assembled, the following towers being represented: Adderbury, Banbury, Cropredy, Great Tew, Wardington, Warmington, and Summer-ton. The bells were kept going for an hour prior to service, Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, and Stedman Doubles being the methods favoured. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Barr (Vicar of Cropredy), and an appropriate address given by the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, chairman of the branch. After service, the party were hospitably entertained to tea by the Vicar of Cropredy. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. G. F. Cholmondeley, supported by the Master and general secretary.

Seventeen new members were elected, and Great Tew was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The following was passed as a recommendation to be sent to the Guild secretary for consideration by the Guild Committee: 'That this branch recommend the following amendment to Rule X, line two, Guild rules. Delete the words "in July," and substitute "1st Monday in August," the amended rule to read, "The annual festival and general meeting shall be held on the first Monday in August at the place selected," etc., etc.

The Master, in a few congratulatory remarks, pointed out the absence of young faces, and urged the desirability of getting young men to take up ringing.

The usual votes of thanks brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close. The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going till a late hour.

### PORTISHEAD BAND ELECTS MORE LADY RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Portishead Society was held on January 19th, when the attendance included the president (the Rev. H. W. Jukes, M.A., Rector), the churchwardens, and Messrs. Harris and Wilkins. Before commencing the business, the captain (Mr. W. Gillingham) asked the Rector to unveil the new peal tablet, erected in memory of the late churchwarden, Mr. R. Hudleston. The captain thanked the Church Council for their individual contributions, which totalled half the cost of the peal tablet.—The report for 1925 was read by the captain, who welcomed the return of Miss Crocker and Mrs. Edwards. The outing to Malvern had been a most enjoyable one, as also was the visit to Tewkesbury Abbey. The chief local event of the year was the opening of the new peal at Clevedon Old Parish Church. This was celebrated by ringing a quarter-peal, and also (at a later date) a peal. The latter was rung by the local Portishead band, and the Rector of Clevedon (the Rev. Badcock) gave permission for a peal tablet to be erected in that belfry. The attendances for 1925 were good. The bells had been rung on 148 occasions, this being eight less than 1924, owing to illness near the church.

The president thanked the captain for his report, and said he was very pleased they had had such a successful and happy year.—The treasurer's account showed a balance of about £2.—All the officers were re-elected, and Misses Hillman and Jefferies were elected as probationers.

Thanks were accorded to the ringers for their services, and to the chairman for presiding.

By request the handbells were rung, and all the visitors were very interested.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Wednesbury, and a fair number of members attended. A service was held in church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Jones) officiated, and gave an address. A capital tea was provided in the Parochial Hall, the Vicar presiding.—A vote of thanks to him for his address, use of the bells, etc., and to the ladies who had prepared tea and waited at the tables, was carried with applause.

A move was made to the church again, when the Vicar explained some interesting items connected therewith.

The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and among touches in various methods was one of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The next meeting is provisionally fixed to take place at Stafford on April 17th.

### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held at Chatteris on Saturday, January 23rd, members and friends attending from Peterborough, Long Stanton, Willingham, Somersham, and the local band. A short business meeting followed tea, when two new members were made. Some good ringing was done during the afternoon and evening, the methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

### 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.

**CHICHESTER.**—On Sunday morning, Feb. 28th, at the Cathedral, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. Arthur 1, W. Falconer 2, G. Marshall 3, A. D. Rowe 4, H. L. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, C. Smithers 8. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to C. Smithers.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, for evensong, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. L. Watkins 1, Miss E. E. Harcastle (first quarter in method 'inside') 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, J. W. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, T. G. Bannister 6, F. E. Collins 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8.

**KENSINGTON.**—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: E. G. Locke 1, H. Belcher 2, P. L. Miles 3, C. H. Dobbie 4, W. E. Judd 5, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 6, S. Reeve-Haxman 7, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 8, K. G. Mills 9, A. F. Harris 10.

**SOUTHGATE.**—At Christ Church, for evening service, on Jan. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: D. Orvington 1, A. G. Crane 2, A. R. Glascock 3, J. E. Miller 4, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 5, H. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, J. Armstrong 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, Jan. 31st, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: L. J. Sibley (first quarter-peal on treble) 1, R. H. Stevens 2, C. E. V. Wilkins 3, C. Turner 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, C. R. Walker 6, H. J. Saunders 7, C. Hardiman 8.

**BUCKLAND, SURREY.**—On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 20 mins.: E. Holman 1, J. Wallis 2, A. Holman 3, W. Humphrey 4, F. Sanders 5, R. Thorpe (conductor) 6.

**HOLBORN.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, January 31st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: E. Brett 1, R. Green 2, L. Gray 3, C. Chooet 4, J. S. Hawkins 5, A. E. Darrell 6, F. H. Crook 7, C. H. Vitler 8. Conducted by E. Brett.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, January 31st, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. Jennings 1, L. Bance 2, G. Jennings 3, E. G. Talbot 4, C. H. Kippin 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, J. F. Galyer (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Avery 8.

**MITCHAM.**—On Sunday, January 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Tourle 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss E. Harcastle 3, Miss F. Orr (conductor) 4, S. King 5, A. Calver 6, W. S. Smith 7, J. Lot 8.—On February 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Tourle 1, J. Lot 2, Miss E. Harcastle 3, Miss F. Orr (conductor) 4, Miss E. Chapman 5, A. Calver 6, W. S. Smith 7, S. King 8.

### FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to have to give notice that the peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major rung at Whalley, Lancashire, on Dec. 19th, 1925, was false, and I offer every apology to those who rang in it. The peal is No. 158, C.C. Collection, Section III., 5,088, by A. B. Carpenter, there being a repetition in the 3rd and 13th courses.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Blackburn, Lancs.  
[All conductors, before calling peals from the C.C. Collection, should obtain from the Librarian (the Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading), the Corrigenda Leaflets, showing the false peals, etc., which have been discovered since publication of the books. The Corrigenda is only 2d.—Ed. 'R.W.']

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 38th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 6th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2/., to other members and friends, 6/6 each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

In connection with the Henry Johnson Commemoration Annual Dinner on March 6th the bells of Bishop Ryder's Church, Gem Street, Birmingham, will be available for visitors from 3 to 5.30 p.m.—James George, 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, on the 18th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 9th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 11th (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; all others at 7.30. \*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.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Upper Street, Islington, on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Holly Bush Hotel at 6 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rocfdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Two framed peal cards will be unveiled at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting after unveiling. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Rickmansworth.—Saturday, March 6th. Bells open 3.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, 5.30. Business after. Tower open till 9.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Bolsover on Saturday, March 6th. Nominations of officers for the ensuing year to be in my hands by March 31st.—C. Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Chicheley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m. Tea at Central Café at 5.30. The bells of Ospringe Church will be available after tea. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid before this meeting.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 66, St. Dunstan's Street, Canterbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, March 6th, at Thaxted. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1s. per head, at the Swan Hotel), to be followed by business meeting. Those desiring tea kindly advise me. Subscriptions due.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LYDD.**—Dedication and Opening of the Bells.—Saturday, March 6th. Short Festal Evensong at 3 p.m., and dedication of the bells by the Very Rev. the Dean of Canterbury. A band of ringers of the Kent County Association have kindly arranged to ring at the opening ceremony and after, under the direction of Mr. H. Parkes. The bells have been recast, rehung and augmented to a peal of eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and are turned on the Simpson principle. Clergy and choirs are requested to assemble in the Vestry at 2.45 punctually.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford and District Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles' Church on Thursday, March 11th. Ringing 6.30. Service 8 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Further particulars will be sent by circular to secretaries of towers.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 10th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me by Wednesday, the 10th, those requiring tea. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells at liberty 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, on March 13th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirbymoorside on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who notify the secretary not later than March 9th.—A. L. Henderson, Mayfield, Pickering.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Barton Seagrave (5) on Saturday, March 13th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 9th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, March 13th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 9th?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilborough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, March 10th.—Mrs. F. F. Hairs, Hon. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wollaton on Saturday, March 13th. Tower open 5 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 2.15 p.m. Will those intending to be present at tea please notify by March 10th?—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

**THE LADY BELLRINGERS OF BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT** will meet for practice and tea, at St. Peter's Church, Harborne, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at small cost to all who send in their names not later than Wednesday, March 10th, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, March 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 12 noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for tea tickets must reach Mr. J. E. Carter, 70, Northgate, Almondbury, not later than first post Saturday, March 13th.—F. Hutchinson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Weetwood Lane, Headingley, Leeds.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, March 20th, when a good attendance is requested. Bells available in the afternoon and evening. Short, attractive service at 4.45 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, to those who send in their names to me by the 16th. Please note this. Subscriptions to be in by that date.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at All Saints', Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (by the kind invitation of the Rev. G. M. Hanks). Business meeting to follow. St. Saviour's tower will also be open from 6.45 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 10, School Lane, Standish.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 20th. Tower open at 3.15. Cheap tickets issued on the Southern Railway.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Knaresborough on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.**—The Lord Bishop of Hereford will (p.v.) dedicate the two new trebles at the official opening on Saturday afternoon, April 17th. All ringers will be most welcome, and special arrangements will be made for all ringers to have a pull. Complete bands, from Plain to Surprise methods, will be given every opportunity, so that the bells may be heard at their best during the afternoon and evening. There is exceptionally good train service from Shrewsbury and Wellington. Train leaves Coalbrookdale 8.15 Saturday evening. Midland bus runs to and from Wellington Saturday nights from Coalbrookdale 6.5, 8.45 and 10.55. Sunday service, from Wellington 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. From Coalbrookdale, 12.45, 4.25, 6.25, 8.25 and 9.47 p.m. All the above connect at Wellington for Shrewsbury. Lodgings can be booked at Coalbrookdale if arrangements are made in good time.—G.W. trains leave Coalbrookdale for Wellington on week days 6.20, 7.20 and 9 a.m.—All ringers who propose visiting Coalbrookdale should write to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Salop.

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THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. 4	FRANK BERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Hollowes on his attaining the age of 70 years. Mr. Hollowes has been a ringer at the above church over 40 years.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5856 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	*ALFRED G. GRANT ... .. 5
ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 3	THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. WHITTLE. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of P. A. Aldham; also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the treble and 6th ringers.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6640 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	WILLIAM S. LANE ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7
JOHN BURLES ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal. The band was attempting a peal of Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob, but after an hour's perfect ringing one of the ringers was suddenly indisposed, and Mr. Lane kindly took the vacant rope, and made this peal possible.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5880 CHANGES;**

FREDERICK RADFORD ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5
MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 2	GEORGE TOMSETT ... .. 6
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 3	SEPTIMIUS RADFORD ... .. 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

WALTER G. ROWE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
*WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 2	WILLIAM F. CHEATER ... 6
GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

\* First peal of London.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 5
WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 2	*HAROLD EDWARDS ... .. 6
THOMAS CATHRALL ... .. 3	SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. 7
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

\* First peal in the method.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6646 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

G. E. ROLLERSON ... .. Treble	T. BARLOW ... .. 5
T. COLLINGE ... .. 2	E. SHERLOCK ... .. 6
T. ROLLERSON ... .. 3	A. RIDBOUGH ... .. 7
S. PICKUP ... .. 4	A. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. COLLINGE.

First peal by T. Barlow and E. Sherlock.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

SIDNEY PAICE ... .. Treble	WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 5
JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 2	JACK BRANCH ... .. 6
WESLEY PETTIFER ... .. 3	JOHN COOK ... .. 7
PETER CHARMAN ... .. 4	EDWARD STURT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

First peal by E. Sturt, who kindly filled up a gap at the last moment, and who was elected a member of the association.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6640 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE J. HARMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN L. WATKIN ... .. 5
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 2	THOMAS H. TAVENDER ... 6
HARRY DYAS ... .. 3	LEONARD H. BAYBOT ... .. 7
STANLEY C. MOYE ... .. 4	HENRY C. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JEFFERY R. GAMMON.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE HEWETT ... .. Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 5
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 2	ERNEST G. WILLIAM ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. AUSTIN... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7
FRED RIGBY ... .. 4	ERNEST BIRCHALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ERNEST BIRCHALL.

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

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD KEMP ... .. Treble	HARRY SMALE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of E. P. Buckingham's wedding, 60th peal of Superlative by W. J. Nevard, and 100th of Superlative by the conductor.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 4	ALLAN F. BAILY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. G. R. Newton's 250th peal.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HORACE J. SMITH ... .. Treble	*JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 6
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... .. 3	JOSEPH ASHMOLE ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 4	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major on the bells, First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6030 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*CRECIL NICE... .. Treble	PETER TYLER ... .. 5
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL... .. 6
JOHN COOK ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 4	*NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal.

At Goldhanger, Essex, on February 13th, a half-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 each of Kent Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and 360 of College Exercise was rung: B. C. Mann 1, S. J. White 2, J. D. Buckingham 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville (conductor) 5, H. R. Gardner 6. This was a compliment to B. C. Mann on his 14th birthday, and was the longest length by ringers of 1 and 2, and also as conductor by G. H. Neville.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, STREATHAM,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN LEE ... .. Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 5
MISS E. E. CHAPMAN... .. 2	JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 6
MISS F. E. ORR ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 7
JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

BERNARD WELLS... .. Treble	JAMES BATTERS ... .. 4
CHARLES KILLICK ... .. 2	HERBERT WOOD ... .. 5
ARTHUR KNAPP ... .. 3	ALBERT ELLIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., three 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

H. G. SMITH ... .. Treble	J. SMY ... .. 4
W. SMITH ... .. 2	A. E. SMITH... .. 5
A. A. LING ... .. 3	A. LING... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

All belong to the Blaxhall company.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

ALBERT J. HATTON ... .. Treble	†GWYN T. LEWIS... .. 4
†WILLIAM J. THOMAS... .. 2	HARRY BOYCE ... .. 5
*THOMAS C. SCOTT ... .. 3	ERNEST STITCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOYCE.

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

BURNLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER STEPHENSON ... Treble	HERBERT WORMWELL ... 4
WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 2	HARRY ENTWISTLE ... .. 5
WILLIAM MCCLEAVE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HUNTER... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HUNTER.

First peal of Minor by all except the 4th and 5th. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Arthur Hitchon, who was a lay reader at the above church, and a superintendent of the Sunday School for many years, who left for missionary work under the Bishop of Trinidad, and was drowned in a collision at sea one month after arriving there.

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**BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Monday, March 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

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

Being 720 each of Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Bob Minor.  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. G. SMITH ... ..	...Treble	J. SMY ... ..	4
A. E. SMITH ... ..	2	W. SMITH ... ..	5
A. A. LING ... ..	3	A. LING... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Smith.

**HIGHAM.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

F. H. ROWLEY ... ..	...Treble	H. V. ROWLEY ... ..	4
K. R. GILLIVER ... ..	2	A. E. ROWLEY ... ..	5
WM. MARTIN ... ..	3	W. H. J. HOOTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

This is the first peal on the bells; also first peal by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and first as conductor.

**BEEHAM, WESTMORLAND.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS... ..	...Treble	*WILLIAM PICTHALL ... ..	4
FURNESS WOODEND ... ..	2	JAMES THOMPSON ... ..	5
THOMAS J. CLEMENTS... ..	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were recast in 1837. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th are from Kendal; 4th from Barrow; 2nd from Brathay; tenor from Ambleside. The 5th ringer was elected a member of the association.

**WATTON, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ANDREW,*

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

Being 720 each of City Delight, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford.  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE N. BARKER ... ..	...Treble	BARNARD PATMORE ... ..	4
SIDNEY CARTER ... ..	2	GEORGE H. CARTER ... ..	5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... ..	3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

**GULSBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,*

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

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. LETTS ... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR J. MARLOW ... ..	4
WILLIAM BOTT ... ..	2	THOMAS H. WISE ... ..	5
NORMAN HEEPS ... ..	3	TOM TEBBUTT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Sidney Francis Brown, F.I.G.C.M., who was organist at the above church.

**LANGPORT, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, March 7th, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob Minor: T. Lock 1, R. Mills 2, G. Lock 3, T. Jeanes 4, H. Westlake 5, T. Creed (conductor) 6; and for evening service, 360 Plain Bob Minor, with T. Creed (conductor) 4, T. Jeanes 5.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**A FALLING OFF IN THE READING BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, February 6th, at Reading. The programme commenced with ringing at St. Mary's, St. Giles' and St. Laurence's Churches, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., Doubles, Triples and Caters being rung. A well-attended service was held at St. Laurence's, at which the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) officiated, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Mumford) gave an appropriate address.

A party of 66 sat down to tea at the Central Cafe, members being present from Ivor, Goring, Newbury, Mortimer, Henley, Checkendon, Purley, Caversham, Tilehurst, and the three central towers mentioned above.

At the business meeting which followed, all the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. J. R. Mackman on the general committee, he having left the diocese. Mr. H. Tucker was elected in his place.

The chairman (Mr. W. P. Routh) wished to retire after 15 years' keen and faithful service. His resignation was received with regret, and he was then unanimously elected hon. president. The Rev. J. T. Mumford was elected chairman of the branch.

The secretary's report showed a small decrease in the number of members, and a considerable drop in the number of peals rung by the branch, while the attendances at combined practices were very poor. After considerable discussion it was decided to hold quarterly meetings instead of combined practices, and the three places chosen for 1926 were Tilehurst, Mortimer and Henley.

Following the business meeting, the members were entertained with a pianoforte solo by Mrs. Wood, a vocal duet by Mr. and Miss Pike, and songs by Mrs. F. W. Lane, Miss Pike, and Messrs. A. W. Pike, J. Goodenough, H. Simmonds, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mrs. Wood being the accompanist. Thanks were tendered to all the above for their kind services.

**DUAL CELEBRATION AT ECCLESFIELD.**

**RINGERS' 'JUBILEE.'**

On Saturday, February 13th, a very interesting event took place at Ecclesfield, when a supper was held to celebrate the occasion of 50 years' service as change ringers of Mr. William Turton and Mr. Sam Hemmingfield. The bells of the 'Minster of the Moors' were thrown open to all visitors during the afternoon, during the course of which a date touch of 1,926 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was well rung by a mixed band.

In the evening, at the Black Bull Hotel, guests assembled from Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's, All Saints', and Norton, reinforced by members of the local company and sports club, and other residents of the township of Ecclesfield. A big fire, spotless table cloths, and an appetising smell, greeted all who entered the large dining-room, and Yorkshire and season pudding, served in double quick time, followed by roast beast heart, vegetables of all kinds and apple pudding, satisfied the pangs of hunger in a very satisfactory manner. Owing to the generosity of the local residents who had given all the food required, the charge for this sumptuous repast was only three-pence per head.

Tables cleared and pipes lit, everyone settled down to enjoy a really good night, local talent being to the fore with entertainment of all kinds.

A good course of Grandsire Caters opened the proceedings, followed by 'The Wolf,' sung in splendid style by Mr. Bingham, who sang as an encore 'Asleep in the Deep.' The singer could not have been more than 4ft. 10in. in height, but the depth and volume of his voice were simply astounding. Mr. R. Harper then obliged with two songs, by Sims Reeves, to which he gave full effect with his beautiful tenor voice. And so the evening was spent until D.O.R.A. put her foot down, when, with handshakes and good wishes, the visitors wended their way home.

Both Mr. Turton and Mr. Hemmingfield have passed their 75th birthday, but the latter, owing to failing health, was unable to be present. His 'inner needs' were, however, seen to by the kindly thought of the hostess, Mrs. Jackson, to whom many thanks are due for the efficient way in which she catered for all.

During the course of the evening, Mr. Willey presented, on behalf of the local company, a briar pipe in case to Mr. Turton, and Mr. Willis Whitham also received one on behalf of his father-in-law, Mr. Sam Hemmingfield.

The thanks of all present are due to the Ecclesfield company and local residents for their generous hospitality, and to the entertainers for the excellent fare they provided.

**HANDBELL RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.**

At Dunedin, N.Z., on Tuesday, January 26th, at the residence of J. S. Wilde, on handbells, 720 of Bob Minor: Charles Wilde 1—2, James Kemp (conductor) 3—4, James S. Wilde 5—6.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

WILLIAM SHIPWAY AND SOME OF HIS PEALS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Among the names of the distinguished ringers of the past, few hold a more honourable position than that of William Shipway, and to few of our predecessors do we owe more for the advancement of ringing than to him. He was a practical ringer of considerable ability, and a composer of much more than average talent, but his chief claim to be remembered lies in the fact that he was the author of a book on change ringing, which was for long the standard text book, and which, on its own lines, and within its own limits, has never been surpassed.

William Shipway was born in the city of Bath on September 29th, 1760, three weeks before the peal of Imperial at St. Giles', Norwich, began the second period in the history of the Norwich Scholars; four years after the death of Benjamin Annable, and about twenty years after the birth of John Reeves. He was apprenticed to a certain Mr. Handcock, a cabinet maker, who was also sexton to the Abbey Church. His master employed him, no doubt, to do odd jobs in the tower, and this brought him into contact with the ringers. He soon, as he tells us, 'became much attached to the art, in which he made such proficiency as to have rung as far as Treble Bob Royal before he left the city.'

Ringling got to be a passion with him, and, though Bath 'had a respectable and able band,' he soon reached their limits, and, finding that 'the art did not improve so rapidly as he wished,' he decided to leave the town for London. He reached the Metropolis on July the 29th, 1785, and joined the Junior Society of the Cumberlands. With them he rang about nine peals, two of them in the first year of his arrival in London, one 5,248 of Oxford Treble Bob at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, the other, 5,184 Grandsire Cinques, at Southwark. In the next year he rang three peals, one of Grandsire Triples and two of Oxford; and in 1786 also three peals.

Two of these latter were of more than ordinary interest. The first was 8,448 of Kent, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. This was John Reeves' composition, and was, at the time, the longest peal composed or rung with the tenors together in the methods. For some reason or other it was not included in the Junior Cumberlands' peal book. The other was a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and was the second known to have been rung in that method, the first being the 6,720 by the Norwich Scholars, at St. Michael's Coslany, in 1771. The following is the record of the 1786 peal from the Junior Cumberlands' peal book: 'St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 11th April, 1786. The society rang a true and complete peal of 5,440 changes of Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hours and 33 minutes. Performed by Chas. Burt treble, Anth. Cavalier 2, Wm. Shipway 3, Daniel Mallen 4, G. Gross, jun., 5, William Gibson 6, John Wooding 7, G. Gross, sen., tenor. Composed and called by G. Gross, sen. N.B.—The first peal ever rang in that method.'

Two years later the Senior Society of Cumberland Youths rang 5,040 of the same method at the same church, and claimed it as the first true peal rung in London. This seems to show that the other was false, either in composition or execution, and this is corroborated by the fact that Shipway makes no reference to it in his book.

In 1788 Shipway joined the Senior Society of Cumberlands, and remained with them till his death. Altogether he rang sixty-two peals with that society. The first was 5,184 of Stedman Caters, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in 1788; the last, 5,040 Stedman Triples, at St. James', Clerkenwell, in 1834. His first peal as conductor was one of Grandsire Caters in 1792, and altogether he called seventeen peals.

The following are the records of the most interesting of his peals: 'St. Saviour's, Southwark, on Monday, May the 7th, the society rang a true peal of 5,112 Grandsire Bob Maximus in 4 hours and 10 minutes, being the first in that method:

Call'd by J. Reeves	1	Thos. Reeves	7
Rd. Bartell	2	Wm. Shipway	8
Will. Gibson	3	Abrhm. Smith	9
Will. Richardson	4	Mali Channon	10
John Darby	5	W. Stephens	11
J. Frazier	6	Thor. Mariss	12

The method was undoubtedly Grandsire Maximus. If it had been rung sixty years earlier under the name of Grandsire Bob we should have known that it was Plain Bob Maximus.

'At St. John's, Hackney, Tuesday, 17th February, 1801, the society rang a true peal of Triples, 5,040, on a new principle that reverses the present system of ringing by dodging, in 3 hours 46 minutes, without a dodge:—

T. East	Treble	T. Freeth	5
F. Poulden	2	J. Hints	6
G. Gross	3	W. Shipway	7
S. Cowling	4	C. Earl	Tenor

The principle of this peal being by place-making, and is the first peal ever rung in the method. The society, to commemorate the

Union of Great Britain and Ireland, entitled it Cumberland Imperial Place Triples, composed and called by W. Shipway (without a single), the author of this system of ringing.'

The following is a lead of the method:—

PLACE TRIPLES.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	1	3	5	4	7	6
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6	4	7	1	5	3	2
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1	4	6	2	7	3	5

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Bobs and Singles as in Bob Triples.

The method, it will be noticed, is not a good one. Shipway does, indeed, get his 5,040 without a dodge, but to manage that he has to let a bell lie behind for three consecutive blows, and he has to make sixth's place when the treble is not behind. These things would now, and, I think, always, be considered serious defects. Purists, too, have never been able to tolerate a seven-bell method in which the changes are not continuous triple changes, and dodging is, musically, one of the charms of ringing, a thing to be encouraged, not to be done away with. It is possible, however, to get interesting and musical methods without dodging, and last year at Willesden we all but rang a peal in a Major method which has no dodging.

The composition of Shipway's peal was a three-part, a clever production, in which the out-of-course course-ends are produced by making the seventh run in and out at bobs. Shipway seems to have been rather proud of the place method, and he also called a peal of Major, and one of Caters. The first was at St. Mary's, Islington, the second at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, both in 1802.

'St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent, Sunday, September 15th, 1816, the society rang a true peal of Grandsire Triples, being the first ever rang with all bobs containing 5,040 changes, in 3 hours.

The performers were: W. Crosswick treble, W. Shipway 2, R. Otley 3, T. Freeth 4, J. Glide 5, E. Taylor 6, F. Mathew 7, R. Margetts tenor. Mr. William Shipway, conductor.'

The composition was the well-known five-part one by Shipway. He obtained it from Holt's Ten-part. Each part consists of one part of the Ten-part, and its reverse, with the addition of a Fifth's Place bob. Shipway was evidently very proud of this composition. He says: 'I shall conclude Grandsire Triples with the above 5,040 in five parts, which may be considered as the ne plus ultra of composition in this admirable method, it being produced without a single, which was never before attained, although it has long been an object of research. The author composed this peal purposely for the present work; his wish to render it as complete as possible induced him to make the attempt, though its accomplishment has somewhat retarded the publication.'

E. Taylor, who rang the 6th at Lewisham, was the composer of the well-known Bob and Single peal of Grandsire Triples, and of several peals of Bob Major of more than usual interest. He seems to have been a Greenwich man, and was at one time the leading ringer and conductor of the Eastern Scholars.

Quex House, Isle of Thanet, Kent (the seat of John P. Powell, Esq.), on Wednesday, August 4th, 1819, the society rang on that gentleman's new peal of twelve bells in a steeple erected for the purpose in his park, a true peal of Grandsire Cinques, consisting of 5,213 changes, composed in the titum position, having the eighth behind the eleventh throughout, in 3 hours 39 minutes:—

G. Gross	Treble	T. Freeth	7
J. Nash	2	T. Ovenden	8
W. Shipway	3	J. Stickbury	9
J. Hints	4	J. Riley	10
P. Jones	5	T. Grainger	11
J. Blacklock	6	F. Matthew	Tenor

Mr. George Gross, conductor. This is the first peal on these twelve bells. The like is not to be found in the three kingdoms of a private gentleman erecting a steeple and having a peal of twelve bells for his own amusement, nor likewise a peal of that light weight hung for ringing. Tenor 15 cwt. Key of F.'

'St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, Cumberland Youths. This inscription will hand to posterity the unparalleled abilities displayed in the performance of a peal that was rung in this steeple on Tuesday, 7th April, 1801, a 5,220 changes of Court Bob Royal, in 3 hours 27 mins.,

being the first ever rang by any society in that intricate method. Composed and called by Geo. Gross, sen. Mr. George Lassigned, Master.

George Gross .....	1	John Hints .....	6
Geo. Gross, jun. ....	2	M. Channon .....	7
James Nash .....	3	T. Reeves .....	8
W. Shipway .....	4	Samuel Bowling .....	9
J. Poulden .....	5	W. Stephens .....	Tenor.

'St. James', Clerkenwell, Wednesday. The following members of the Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5,040 Triples upon Stedman's principle, in 3 hours 15 minutes, viz.:-

W. H. Burwash .....	Treble	W. Kelliatt .....	5
H. Pratt .....	2	W. Ludford .....	6
W. Shipway .....	3	A. G. Frost .....	7
J. Miller .....	4	J. Cox .....	Tenor

Conducted by Mr. W. H. Burwash. The above is the original composition of Mr. William Shipway, with 362 calls, and is the first time it was rung, and the first peal of Stedman Triples by this society.'

J. Miller, who rang the fourth, was something of a composer, but is better known as a man who varied other men's compositions, and, as possibly allowed by the standards of the time, passed them on as his own. Three notable peals were rung at Benington, in Herts, all as the composition of Miller. The Superlative in 1855 was the reverse of a peal by John Cox, which again really belonged to Benjamin Thackrah; the London in 1870 was the reverse of a peal by W. Harrison; and the Cambridge in 1873 was Middleton's peal begun at a different course end. Another peal (of Double Norwich), rung at Saffron Walden in 1817, composed and conducted by Miller, was the simplest variation of Annable's Three-part peal of Bob Major.

John Cox, who rang the tenor at Clerkenwell, afterwards became the leading man among the Cumberlands. This was his third peal.

Other notable peals in which Shipway took part were 6,360 Oxford Treble Hob Royal, at Christ Church, Spitalfields, in 1793; 5,120 Cumberland Treble Bob, at Edmonton, in 1795; 10,008 Bob Major, at the same church and in the same year; 5,104 London Court Bob, at St. John's, Hackney, in 1801; 7,104 Treble Bob Maximus, at Southwark, in 1804; 7,104 Stedman Cinques, at Spitalfields, in 1806; and 6,000 Treble Bob Maximus, at Shoreditch, in 1809.

The Stedman Triples at Clerkenwell was his last peal. He died in 1842, aged 82.

**FALSE PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reference to the false peal of Double Norwich that was rung in Lancashire last year, and withdrawn in the last number of 'The Ringing World,' the peal is perfectly true if a single is called at 1 instead of 6. (See peal 162, which was rung for the first time at Mitcham, Surrey, 1903, conducted by Mr. W. Pye.) The note under the peal is entirely wrong, and I can assure your readers it was not my doing. All I can put it down to is a typographical error. When the collection of peals was published in 1908, I wrote the late Dr. Carpenter, asking if peal 158 had been rung or published. He replied in the negative. I also wrote to 'The Bell News' withdrawing all claim to it.—Yours faithfully,  
J. HUNT.  
Taunton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
WESTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Angmering on Saturday, February 20th, when just over 30 members were present from Angmering, Arundel, Chichester, Aldrington, Heene, Lyminster, Shoreham, West Tarring and Havant, and Mr. F. Beckett, of Oxford. During the afternoon several Minor methods were practised, also Doubles and rounds for beginners.—At the church room they were met and welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. T. L. Palmer) and Mr. J. H. Loveys, churchwarden, who had provided an excellent tea.

At the business meeting, with the Rector presiding, the following new members were elected: E. C. Hills and R. P. Reene, of Angmering; Arthur Holden and Sidney James Broadbridge, of Pulborough; H. Hunt, of Lyminster; A. Dawkes, of West Tarring, and Clarence Dobbie.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Mr. A. W. Groves, district secretary; Messrs. Challen, Lindup and Doick, committee; and Messrs. Charman, Burdfield and Burtenshaw, committee of advice.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Pulborough. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding, and granting the use of the bells, and providing the tea. That gentleman having suitably responded, the company paid a further visit to the belfry, and the bells were kept busy for another hour or two.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are able to publish this week the details of the peal rung in September last at Melbourne, Australia. Apparently the report sent by the secretary got lost at sea.

At present the Melbourne band, when they are able to meet, which is not regularly on account of the distances at which the members live, are practising Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples.

The four old bells at Burmarsh, Kent, have been recast and rehung, with the addition of two new trebles, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tenor is 10 cwt. The bells will be dedicated on Saturday, March 20th, at 3 p.m.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Fred Chamberlain, who is now lying in Cardiff Infirmary, and who recently met with a serious railway accident, may be pleased to know that he is making excellent progress. He is deeply grateful to all who have made and sent inquiries, and to those who have visited him.

The first peal of Treble Bob Maximus, which would, of course, have been in what we know as the Oxford variation, was rung at Southwark on March 12th, 1758, by the College Youths.

On March 13th, 1849, the College Youths rang a peal of 7,040 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Peter's, Walworth, a tower which appears to be 'coming into the picture' again.

The first peal on the twelve bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, was rung by the London Scholars on March 14th, 1727. This was a 6,006 Grandsire Cinques, and on the following day the College Youths rang a 6,314 in the same method.

A peal of 10,133 Grandsire Caters was rung at Christ Church, Bristol, on March 14th, 1837.

March 16th is the anniversary of a peal of 10,080 Bob Major at Debenham, rung in the year 1767. It was accomplished by a local band, and is significant from the following note appended to the record: 'This peal was excellently completed in six hours and one minute, a performance never before accomplished by eight men without assistance to ye great bells.'

Eighty years ago next Wednesday, 7,025 Stedman Caters was rung at All Saints', Poplar, 'the first time the extent of 60 courses (out of course) has ever been rung.' It was composed and conducted by H. W. Haley.

At the famous church in the Bull Ring, Birmingham the first peal of Duffield Maximus was rung on March 17th, 1891.

Illness has compelled Mr. D. J. Nichols, of Kettering, to resign the secretaryship of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and Mr. R. G. Black is carrying out the duties pro tem.

The attention of readers is directed to the alteration of date in the Coalbrookdale bells opening. It will take place on April 17th, but the other arrangements will stand as advertised.

Mr. W. Keeble rang his one hundredth peal of Superlative Surprise on Saturday. This century has been distributed over 61 towers in 16 counties.

## SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY AT BOLSOVER. THE COMING CUP CONTEST.

With ideal weather and a grand peal of eight bells, members of the Sheffield District Society spent a very pleasant time at Bolsover on Saturday, March 6th, when 50 ringers were present from Chesterfield, Dore, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Killanursh, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's, Sheffield, and North Wingfield. About a dozen learners were present, and took many advantages of the opportunities offered with experienced ringers to guide them through their courses, and if the present rate of progress is continued the society will have very little difficulty in finding aspirants to the art ready to fill the gaps which the hand of fate so consistently makes.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, where the Vicar, the Rev. Joseph Pagat, extended a hearty welcome to all, and in his address at the business meeting appealed to ringers in general to give their very best ringing for Sunday services. The congregation would then not only realise that the ringers had the cause of the church at heart, but it would be a direct incentive in filling the church with worshippers, thus giving encouragement and confidence to the preacher.

The secretary announced that the annual cup contest would be held again in June, and in order that more companies might enter, it has been decided that entrants, whether belonging to a 6, 8, 10 or 12-bell tower, could give their exhibition of ringing on either 6 or 8 bells, at their own option. Members are reminded that all applications for entry must be in the secretary's hands for the annual meeting in May, when the tower chosen for the event will be announced.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for their presence and welcome; to the ladies for their untiring labours at tea-time; and to the local company for the excellent arrangements made in the ringing chamber.

Ringings continued until 8.30 p.m., the methods ranging from Treble Bob Minor to London and Bristol Surprise Major.



# THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

## LAST SATURDAY'S GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

The sustained popularity of the annual gathering at Birmingham, commemorating that grand old man of the ringing Exercise, Henry Johnson, was never better displayed than during the last week-end, when over a hundred and fifty ringers, representative not only of Birmingham itself but of many of the important Guilds and Associations throughout the country, assembled to do honour to the memory of one of the most remarkable and distinguished, as well as the most lovable of men who have ever adorned the ranks of the Exercise. In these days, perhaps, the event has taken on a wider aspect, but the spirit which prompted the originators of the gathering, to keep alive the memory of one who was a giant among the men of his day and generation, is still faithfully maintained, and the occasion loses none of its intention by reason of its greater social appeal. Visitors to the city found a welcome awaiting them at the belfries of St. Martin's, the Cathedral and Bishop Ryder's Church, and ringing was enjoyed for a couple of hours or more. Later, at the Imperial Hotel, the Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., who is Chaplain to the King, presided over a very happy party. He was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), Canon Blöfeld (Vicar of Edgbaston), Rev. T. B. Harvey Bruce (Rector of Solihull), Lieut.-Col. the Rev. F. J. Cheverton (Rector of Rowley Regis), Messrs. J. J. Kendall and F. W. Blake (churchwardens of St. Martin's), R. A. Eaton (churchwarden of Boldmere) and Mrs. Eaton, Mr. E. Alex Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Young, Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild) and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. H. Mason (Hagley), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Mr. W. R. Heaton, Mr. A. A. Hughes (White-chapel Foundry), Mr. C. F. Winney (College Youths, London), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Messrs. T. H. Reeves and J. Preston (auditors), J. Waghorn (London), C. Dean (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), A. E. Sharman (hon. secretary, Bedfordshire Association), A. Coppock (Master of the Sherwood Youths, Nottingham), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. A. Ward (Derby), Messrs. E. C. Shepherd (Beeston), T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), J. Oldham (Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough), S. R. Roper (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas and Mr. W. Knight (Bristol), Messrs. T. King (Bath), H. W. Wilde (Chester), S. E. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. W. Saunders (Coalbrookdale), A. J. Hughes (Rhyll), R. G. Knowles and C. Camm (Worcestershire Association), E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston), B. Gough (Coseley), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Groves, Mr. P. Laffin (King's Norton), Mr. J. George (Bishop Ryder's), Mr. J. Neal, Mr. S. Bragg (Solihull), etc.

After an excellent repast, the toast of the King was honoured, and the Secretary announced apologies from Canon W. J. Cole (Vicar of Aston), Rev. T. S. Dunn (Vicar of King's Norton), Rev. A. T. Jenkins (St. Martin's), Messrs. O. Johnston (Croydon), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), H. Chapman (Manchester), J. Carter (London), T. Russam, W. Kent and Baggs (Birmingham), and P. B. Yates (Ringing Master, King's Norton Society). He said they would all specially regret the absence of Mr. Russam, who, until that night, had attended the whole series of dinners without a break. For 37 years Mr. Russam had been present, and that evening was a break in the chain which they and he all regretted. The question had been raised in one letter as to why the dinner was frequently held in Lent. The reason was that it had been their custom, and they did not intend to depart from it, to hold it on the nearest convenient Saturday to Feb. 28th, which was the birthday of Henry Johnson. The secretary added that a wire had been received as follows: 'Bristol United Ringing Guilds send best wishes to all assembled for Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. Guise, Bristol' (applause).

Alderman Pritchett said one apology had not been mentioned, and that was from Mr. J. E. Sykes, the well-known Yorkshire ringer, who had recently been in China, and was now in France. He had brought back from China three pairs of chopsticks, which he wished to be presented that night to the three ladies who most deserved them (laughter), and he (the speaker) had been asked to present them to Mrs. Groves, Mrs. Goldsmith and Mrs. Walker (applause).

### CHURCH AND STATE.

Mr. A. E. Parsons proposed the toast of 'Church and State,' and referred to the part which the Church had played in making the country and the Empire what it is to-day. He spoke of the debt which we owed to the noble gifts and sacrifices of our forefathers, and went on to ask if we were maintaining the glorious traditions which had been handed down to us? There was cause to-day, he said, for grave apprehension on this score, for men who took Holy Orders,

and at their ordination gave their solemn pledge to observe the tenets embodied in the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church, violated their vows, and, when reproved for their actions, openly defied the Bishops placed in authority over them. Such a state of things, he said, was a cause for anxiety.

The Rector of Birmingham responded to the toast. He referred to the welcome given him at the previous dinner, when he came among them just prior to his induction, and expressed his appreciation of the compliment they had now paid him by asking him to preside. With regard to the toast, he liked to think he had some relationship both to the Church and State, for he had the honour to be a chaplain to His Majesty, which very directly connected him with the State, and he had the honour to be Rector of Birmingham, and no one could have a higher honour than that paid to him (applause). Continuing, he said the Church and State were co-operating forces, and he would be the last to wish to see the church allied to any political party. It was important that the Church should stand forth as an independent, co-operating force. It would be bad for the Church if it attempted to dominate the State, and it would be equally foolish for the Church to surrender its independence. He hoped the day would never come when the Church would not count for something in the life of the State, and be recognised as a force that made for righteousness. He hoped the Church and State would long continue to co-operate to uplift the lives of the people, and to set before them the highest ideals (applause). Canon Rogers added that it was a great pleasure to be there that night. He was proud to think he was there as their chairman, and to think that he had not outworn his welcome in that great city; that they had a place for him and a use for him, as an Irishman having the misfortune to come to them from London (laughter). He was warned before coming that Birmingham took nobody for granted, and, after a year's residence in that city, which he had already learned to love, he was glad to feel they were ready to accept him, and had a use for him (applause).

### HOW THURSTANS COMPOSED HIS MASTERPIECE.

It has always been the custom at these gatherings to entrust the toast of 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson' to someone who knew the famous old ringer in the flesh, and this year Mr. Thomas Miller was given the task, which he performed in characteristic style. He had many reminiscences to tell of ringing in Birmingham in the days when he knew Henry Johnson, whom he first met in 1877. No peal was rung at St. Martin's Church between 1863 and 1878, owing to structural alterations, and he (Mr. Miller) joined St. Martin's company in 1879, so that he came early on the scene after ringing started. He had heard Johnson say more than half a dozen times how Thomas Thurstans got his famous peal of Stedman Triples. Thurstans and Johnson worked at two business places about three hundred yards apart, and Thurstans used to pop down to the timber yard where Johnson was manager, and hand him the figures of his attempts to get the peal, saying, 'Harry, I want you to look at these.' Johnson would look at the figures, and Thurstans would come back later to know the result. Johnson would point out where the figures repeated, and Thurstans kept trying, although he seemed for a time to get worse and worse. Eventually, of course, his perseverance was rewarded, but he (the speaker) had heard Johnson say he could have done Thurstans out of his peal if he had wished to do so. But Johnson was a different man to that; he was straightforward, upright and conscientious, and would not take advantage of any man who was in the position of Thurstans. Thurstans succeeded in getting his peal, which he conducted for the first time on August 8th, 1842. Although Johnson suffered from rheumatism, he was a very healthy man, and was dancing at his son's house nine days before his death. Mr. Miller told numerous amusing anecdotes of other old ringers, contemporary with Johnson, and the toast was drunk in silence.

A count of those present who had actually known Henry Johnson revealed that eighteen of the company had had the old gentleman's acquaintance. A course of Stedman Cinques on handbells was rung at this stage by Messrs. P. Laffin, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, A. E. Norman and M. J. Morris.

### THE ALDERMANIC REVIEW.

Alderman Pritchett submitted 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' and, following his usual custom, reviewed the principal events of the year. First of all he congratulated the Guild on that splendid gathering of members and visitors from all parts of the country, although, he said, there were one or two whom they missed, and who they would never see there again. Among them was the veteran ringer, the late Mr. Ted Horrex, who, until well past eighty years of age, came frequently to their gatherings, and whom it was

always such a pleasure to welcome, whose kindly face and genial company they so greatly appreciated. His absence was in some measure compensated for by the presence of Mr. Joseph Waghorn, now 83 years of age, who had come from West Ham to support his old Vicar in the chair, and to take part with them in that gathering. He hoped Mr. Waghorn would live long to be with them on many future occasions. Another whom they missed and would not see again was their old friend, William Reek Small, one of the best of men, and the best of ringers. It would be a great satisfaction to all who knew him to know that as a memorial his five sons were going to place a window in Tipton Church, side by side with one which Mr. Small erected to the memory of his first wife. Another name which would occur to them all was that of John Buffery, who, at the time of his death, was 'father' of the Guild. He was the last of that celebrated band who visited him (Alderman Pritchett) more than fifty years ago at Oxford—but they had all heard that story (laughter, and a voice: 'Tell it again.') They had lunch with him, said the speaker, and he had provided them with ale to drink. On the sideboard was a tankard of extra strong ale, which he intended should be sent round as a sort of loving cup, when the cheese came on. But Buffery passing the sideboard, thought the old ale was similar to that which he had already been drinking, and took a deep draught (laughter). The consequences were disastrous (laughter). They had had some very creditable ringing in the morning, but in the afternoon they had no more (laughter). John Buffery was dead and gone, but that was a little memory of him which he would never forget. Bastable, Henry Johnson and Mr. Robinson were among that company.

Continuing, Alderman Pritchett said the Guild had not rung so many peals during the past year as usual. There were only 33, which was small in comparison with their previous records. But despite this they might fairly say they had made continued progress in ringing. The peals ranged over all the methods usually rung, from Grand-sire Triples to London Surprise, while one peal was accomplished by a band who went from Birmingham to Canterbury and rang a peal of Siedman Cinques on the splendid ring of twelve in the Cathedral. Practices had been somewhat interfered with since last September, owing to illness near St. Martin's. For several months, the usual evening practice was suspended, but happily they were able to continue the Sunday morning ringing without seriously troubling the invalid. Alderman Pritchett went on to refer to the absence of Mr. John Carter, whose continued illness they all so much regretted. They deeply sympathised with him, and he asked the hon. secretary to send him a letter conveying their feelings. In conclusion Ald. Pritchett thanked the Guild for having again elected him as their presiding Ringing Master. He appreciated the tolerance which the members showed on account of his infrequent attendance. He would not hold the office for one moment did he not know that the duties were so efficiently discharged by his deputy, Mr. Albert Walker with the assistance of Mr. Laffin, Mr. Swann and Mr. Neal, who together with Mr. Paddon Smith, their indefatigable hon. secretary, were the mainstay of the Guild, and mainly responsible for its continued prosperity. (To be continued.)

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### RECORD MEETING AT HERTFORD.

An exceptionally well attended meeting of the Eastern District was held at Hertford on Saturday week, when 60 members were present from Edmonton, Southgate, Luton, Cheshunt, Barley, Barkway, Cambridge, Sawston, Broxbourne, Kimpton, Ware, Hitchin, Royston, Hunsdon, Widford, Braughing, Nazeing, Walford, Hatfield, St. Albans, Great and Little Mundon, and Bengoe. Service was held in All Saints' Church, the Vicar giving a short, interesting and helpful address.

The fine ring of ten bells at All Saints' were raised just after three o'clock, and many methods were rung upon them, while the eight at St. Andrew's were also utilised both before and after tea. Cambridge Royal and London Surprise were amongst the methods rung by the more advanced members, and all present were provided with a pull, from Grand-sire Triples upwards. This meeting may well claim to be the largest district meeting ever held at Hertford.

Mr. J. Parker, of Edmonton, presided at the business meeting, and votes of thanks were accorded to him, to the Rector of St. Andrew's, and the Vicar of All Saints' for their welcome, and the splendid address by the last named.

## CHESHIRE RINGERS' FIRST QUARTER OF LONDON.

On Monday, March 1st, at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes), by W. Thomas 1, J. Hayes 2, H. W. Wilde 3, W. Bibby 4, J. Swindley 5, R. Sperring 6, J. Morgan 7, S. Jones, jun., 8. Conducted by R. Sperring. First quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in the county by a resident band.

## BRIGHTON RINGER'S DEATH IN AMERICA.

We have received from Mr. Richard Newton, of Boston, Massachusetts, news of the death in that city, from cancer, of Mr. Philip J. Allfrey, formerly of Brighton, Sussex. Mr. Allfrey, who was 54 years of age, went to Boston in 1913, at the time when several English ringers crossed over at the invitation of the late Dr. Nichols. He took an active part in such ringing as the Boston Guild was able to arrange, and was greatly esteemed by his fellow-members. His death leaves only six ringers in Boston.

Before going to America Mr. Allfrey was attached to St. Paul's tower, Brighton, and took part in a number of peals for the Sussex County Association.

## BARTON TOWER UNSAFE FOR RINGING.

### AN APPEAL.

#### To the Editor.

Sir,—We should be grateful if you would kindly allow us to appeal to your many readers, on behalf of the Barton (Cambridge) Church tower. In the opinion of two eminent architects, the tower has considerable charm, chiefly by reason of its triangular stair turret and its well-shaped buttresses, but it is in need of considerable repairs. The east and west walls are badly cracked, and the belfry windows considerably weathered. There is a peal of five excellent bells, which, however, it is considered unsafe to have rung with the tower in its present condition. The estimated cost of repairs is £300.

Barton is a small and poor parish; we have raised locally £200, and are stuck for the last hundred. Perhaps some of your readers who have admired the tower, or who are interested in the preservation of ancient buildings, or who are interested in bell ringing, may feel inclined to help us. Donations may be sent to Barclays Bank, Cambridge, or to either of us.—Yours,

J. C. CATER, Vicar.

H. S. MARR, Churchwarden.

## CONDITION OF BELLS AND BELFRIES.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note with interest in your leading article this week that the above subject is likely to come up for discussion at the next Central Council meeting. This matter, I believe, has been discussed by the Council several times already, and I think it time that they should pass a measure which would help bring about better conditions in belfries.

I know of cases even here in Devon where bells are out of order, and the church authorities do practically nothing to improve them. Rural Deans also, I am afraid, do not trouble to inspect them. This state of affairs is, in my opinion, a drawback to those who contemplate taking up change ringing, and I think it is up to the Central Council to see that a better state of affairs is brought about.

I might add that we sometimes read of dioceses granting funds to a church or churches for various objects. I think it would be a good thing if these sums were granted to churches where the bells require attention also.—Yours truly,  
A. L. BENNETT.  
Buckfastleigh, Devon.

## GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In addition to the arrangement of Grand-sire Doubles, which you were kind enough to publish some time ago, I have now the following arrangement, which may also be found useful to conductors.—Yours faithfully,  
A. J. PITMAN.

### 240 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

2345 Continued.

S 5423	—	4532
S 3254	S	2345
S 4532	—	4523
4253	—	4352
S 3542	S	2543
— 4235	—	4325
S 5342	S	5243
5234	—	5324
S 4352	S	4253
— 5243	—	5342
S 3452	S	2453
3245	—	2345

This arrangement will be found to consist of two distinct blocks of 120 changes, and has the advantage of running in 24 different variations. Thus a peal of 5,760 may be rung called on this plan in 24 different callings. First rung at Baglan, Glam, on Feb. 18th, 1926, conducted by E. Stitch.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**  
PEAL RINGING SLACKNESS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report of the meeting of the Western District, held at Chester-le-Street on January 16th, and your comments in 'The Ringing World' of February 12th, it is obvious that until the supposed extremely unfavourable facts mentioned by your correspondent are, at any rate, made much clearer, it is evidently the opinion of some members that it is foolish and probably mischievous for the outside critic or member to attempt to pass any judgment upon the working of the association. Yet it is clearly as grave as it is sudden, and the members have an equal right to demand full information as to what is going on in their interests. The worst of effusions of this kind is that they almost inevitably produce equally indefensible retorts from the other side.

However, one can only hope that the very small volume of smoke which is arising may lead to the suppression, before it is too late, of the fire which is causing it.

What is already certain is that the action of a clique has raised a storm of protest among members in the outlying districts, which is spreading by degrees. There must, presumably, be some very cogent reasons for voicing their feelings, and it is up to the association to remedy such a state of things.

The letters of your correspondents of 26th February hardly bring out the salient points in dispute. The question at issue is that when peals are attempted it is generally the same lot, with few exceptions, who are selected. Having carefully perused the report for 1924-25, it would appear that the centres for ringing peals are Newcastle Cathedral, Whitley Bay, North Shields, and St. Ignatius', Sunderland, with Tanfield occasionally thrown in, the towers being within reasonable distance of each other, better train and bus services are obtainable, also lower expenses. Your correspondents, in telling their story, differ in the number of peals rung and the members who took part in them for the year under review, and, although I give preference for veracity to he who quotes 29 and 71 respectively, yet it reads to the ordinary man that 71 members took part in each of the 29 peals, which is obviously incorrect. In unravelling these figures, I find that out of the 29 peals (ten of which were rung almost exclusively by London men, on holiday in the north, at different towers in the two dioceses), there is only to the credit of the association 19, which were mostly rung at Newcastle, Whitley Bay, and North Shields, not by 71 members, but by that number less our friends from London.

The largest number of peals rung by any one member is as under: W. H. Barber, Newcastle Cathedral, 11; J. E. Keen, Newcastle Cathedral, 10; W. I. Gofton, Whitley Bay, 11; T. T. Gofton Whitley Bay, 10; R. A. Gofton, Whitley Bay, 8; Wm. Story, Newcastle Cathedral, 7; J. A. Gofton, Whitley Bay, 7; E. E. Ferry, St. George's, Newcastle, 7; A. Payne, Newcastle Cathedral, 6; S. Stratford, Whitley Bay, 6; E. Hern, North Shields, 5; W. Shuckford, Newcastle Cathedral, 5; R. Alder Gofton, Whitley Bay, 5; J. W. Parker, Sunderland, 4; J. E. Gofton, Whitley Bay, 4; Joe Rowell, Newcastle Cathedral, 4.

Those members registering less than four peals, in which there are several first attempts, are omitted on account of space. The above list alone is sufficient to emphasise the meaning of the phrase, 'The favoured few who are selected to ring,' and is intended for those whom it may concern.

There is no necessity to advertise, but we are glad to observe that the association is the happy possessor of such a plodding, unselfish, and painstaking secretary. His untiring efforts in search of new recruits, and his excellent results at training a young band of ringers are most praiseworthy; his attitudes and methods when conducting peals are also a revelation. It even surprises those who know him that he has got such a poor opinion of his own capabilities; yet with all the journeys he has made in search of new talent, etc., he prefers to class himself as an 'old fogey.'

Every credit is due to those energetic members who are doing work for the association, but what about the distant towers where there are several ringing members of undoubted ability left in obscurity, and who would welcome and help to still further expand their knowledge, if the chance came their way? But, alas! no, our experts seek their ringing pleasures nearer home, and consequently the feeling arises when any peals are on the carpet that those who are in the swim get the first pickings. At the Newton Hall meeting of the association on the 13th February a very sensible resolution was passed about future meetings, and district secretaries were recommended to confer with each other with a view to avoid clashing. Let us hope much good will result thereby.

Comparisons.—Peals rung in the year 1923-24 were 28 in number, as under (1924-25 show 19 only by the association): — Handbells, 11, by the Gofton family; church bells, 17, rung practically by the same band who took part in 1924-25.

Number of towers where change ringing is possible.—Durham Diocese, 40, in one of which the bells are not hung to ring; Newcastle

Diocese, 25, in one of which the bells are not hung to ring; total, 65. 1923-24.—28 peals rung (including handbells, and Edinburgh Cathedral), spread over 14 churches. 1924-25.—19 peals (excluding 10 rung by London contingent), spread over 11 churches.

The latter, when closely examined, shows that peal ringing in the association is on the wane, with the exception only of the Gofton family.—Yours faithfully,

FAIR-PLAY.

**STEDMAN'S 'TINTINNALOGIA.'**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Regarding the authorship of the above work, lately questioned by the Rev. H. Drake, in 1880 and 1881 the late Canon Ellacombe published in 'Church Bells' a long list of British and foreign books dealing with bells and ringing. In the issue for December 10th, 1881, appears: 'Tintinnalogia, 1668.—Registered at Stationer's Hall, February 8th, 1667, by Fabian Stedman, SO THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT ABOUT THE AUTHOR. This is the work so highly spoken of by Father Burney in "History of Music," Vol. III., p. 413.'

The capitals are mine, and the sentence shows that Canon Ellacombe accepted the registration as proof of authorship. Perhaps, one of your readers versed in the 'making of books,' will say if it was, and is, necessary for the author and no other to register at Stationer's Hall.

Canon Ellacombe was given the 1671 edition, and compared it with the 1668 himself. He says the books were identical, save the title page, which in the 1671 is worded, 'Printed for F. S., and are to be sold by Tho. Archert at his shop under the Dial of St. Dunstan's Church, Fleet Street, 1671.' What became of Canon Ellacombe's books, and this one in particular?

An interesting point to me is why Stedman should trouble to give the number of changes possible on twelve bells, and also the positions of the semi-tones. Who was the first ringer to consider 12-bell ringing 'practical politics'? We know that York (1681) had the first twelve in the country, followed by St. Bride's (1724), and yet Stedman talks of changes on twelve bells fourteen years or more before a twelve was put up!—Yours truly,

CHAS. E. BORRETT.

12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

**BRIGHTON RINGERS AT DINNER.**

ST. NICHOLAS' COMPANY'S ANNUAL GATHERING.

On Tuesday, March 2nd, the annual gathering and supper of the St. Nicholas' Ringers, Brighton, was held at the Pavilion Creamery. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Collinson) presided, with Mr. F. Bennett, Master, as vice-chairman, and supported by Mr. H. Woolley, churchwarden, Mr. J. Jay, secretary, and Mr. P. A. Coard, the oldest ringing member of the society.

After justice had been done to the good things spread by Host Morley, Mr. Bennett read to the company an account of a similar gathering—from 'The Bell News' of 1883—this being previous to the formation of the Sussex County Association, and at which meeting the association was first mooted.

This reading was followed by a musical entertainment and recitations by several of the company; a notable contributor being Mr. P. A. Coard, with songs self accompanied, and recitations.

Mr. J. Jay, Mr. G. Bleach, Mr. D. Hoather, Mr. Simpson, Mr. W. Hart and Mr. E. C. Merritt all contributed to a delightful evening, the songs being accompanied on the piano by Miss Hoather, who also gave several items herself.

The Vicar congratulated the ringers, and thanked them, on his own behalf, and that of many parishioners, for their services on Sundays, and for the assiduity shown in their practices.

This was supplemented by Mr. Churchwarden Woolley, who said that it was one of his greatest pleasures to hear the bells ringing for the Sunday services.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

Nearly 40 members attended a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Mary's Church, Islington, on Saturday last. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock, and a variety of methods were rung. The ringers attended evensong, at which the Vicar officiated. After tea, the business meeting was held, the district vice-president, Mr. W. Pickworth, taking the chair.

Five new members were elected, and Hendon chosen as the venue for the next district meeting, on May 1st. It was also announced that the annual general meeting was fixed for April 10th, at Fulham.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to Mr. J. Bullock for arranging for the meeting to be held.

Ringing was continued until 8 p.m., and included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Rob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****YORKTOWN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.**

On Saturday week one of the most successful meetings of the Yorktown district was held at Bagshot, and the following towers were represented: Blackwater, Chertsey, Farnborough, Weybridge, Yorktown, and the local band. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and the service was conducted by Canon Stewart, a most interesting address being given by Canon Challacombe, of Farnborough. An excellent tea was served in the new parish hall, admirably prepared by Mr. Nye, and other lady helpers.

At the business meeting, Canon Stewart occupied the chair, supported by Mr. C. Gray, churchwarden, and Mr. E. J. Hickox, organist.

The representatives gave their report of the proceedings at the Central Committee meeting.

Three new members were elected, viz., two from Chertsey and one from Yorktown.

The Ringing Master gave a very encouraging account of the towers and ringing in the district, and a vote of thanks was given to Canon Stewart, Canon Challacombe, Mr. Hickox and Mr. Corbett, who had done everything possible to ensure an enjoyable meeting.

Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

**ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.**

The spring quarterly meeting of the Isle of Wight District was held at All Saints' Church, Freshwater, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. About 30 ringers from all parts of the island and several from the mainland were met by the district president, the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, R.D., Rector of Freshwater, who took an active part in the ringing, conducted the service, and gave an interesting address. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea in the Parish Hall by the Rector and Mrs. Coombes.

At the business meeting which followed, four probationary members were elected, and the representatives on the Central Committee gave their reports of the general committee meeting held at Winchester on the previous Saturday.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at All Saints' Ryde, on Whit Monday, also a combined practice at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Thursday evening, April 15th.

The President voiced his pleasure in meeting so many members of the Guild, including those from the mainland, and Mr. G. Preston, hon. secretary of the Christchurch district, responded, on behalf of the visitors. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the president and Mrs. Coombes for their kind hospitality, also to Mr. R. Ridett for presiding at the organ during the service. Touches of Triples and Major were rung on the handbells, and further ringing in Minor methods was afterwards indulged in on the church bells until 8 p.m.

**GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Farnham on Feb. 13th, when there was a good attendance, ringers being present from Aldershot, Ash, Cranleigh, Godalming, Guildford (Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Seale, Worplesdon, and Witley, as well as members of the local company. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. M. C. Crum), who also gave an address. Forty sat down to tea, and, in the absence of the Rector, the chair was taken by Mr. F. E. Goddard (Rector's warden), supported by Mr. Granger (churchwarden), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. C. Hazelden (Ringing Master), Mr. E. Haddon (secretary), and others. Amongst the visitors was Mr. E. B. Richardson, of Brockley, Kent.

At the business meeting which followed, the Ringing Master's report was adopted, and two honorary, two full members, and one probationer were elected.

After the usual vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens, to the organist, and to the members of the local company for making the arrangements, the members again visited the tower, and several touches in various methods were brought round.

**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT WICKHAM.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Wickham on February 13th, when members and friends, numbering nearly 30, were present from Alverstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Gosport, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ringwood, Shedfield, Swanmore and Wickham; also the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and the general secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger. Five full members and two probationers were elected, viz., Messrs. J. Hooker (Hambledon), R. Thorne (Havant), W. Greenwood (Portsea), A. Apps (Bishop's Waltham) and P. W. Burnett (Portsmouth), W. Poole (Hambledon) and S. Rogers (Bishop's Waltham).—It was decided to hold the next meeting at West Moon on May 15th next, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. R. J. Stone gave a short report on the course of instruction he had concluded at Havant, and Mr. F. A. Burnett reported on his tuition at Hambledon.

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**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.**—On Sunday, March 7th, for evening service, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, City, 1,280 London Surprise Major: S. C. Moya 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. C. Mayne 3, W. Miller 4, G. A. Card 5, J. R. Gammon 6, E. P. Duffield 7, E. D. Smith 8.

**WHITCHURCH, GLAM.**—On Sunday, March 7th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Ralph Bailey 1, Jesso Pitcher 2, Joe Bailey 3, Bruce Chew 4, Fred Bailey (conductor) 5, Loo Wright 6.

**BRABOURNE, KENT.**—On February 28th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: L. Finn 1, F. Castle (Elham) 2, P. Pearso 3, S. Finn 4, E. Cheesman 5, A. Castle (Elham), conductor, 6.

**HITCHIN.**—On Sunday evening, March 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 54 mins.: L. Fidler 1, T. Scott 2, H. W. Else 3, C. V. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare (conductor) 6, G. T. Croft 7, W. J. Croft 8.

**HINCKLEY.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on March 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Payne 1, J. Ison 2, P. A. Aldham 3, D. A. Aldham 4, S. White 5, B. Ridgway 6, G. Thompson 7, F. Cotton (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. A. Aldham.

**FULMER, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, 720 Spiced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Jones 1, Miss P. Moss 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, F. Corke 6. First 720 of Spliced Minor by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6.

**OLVESTON, GLOS.**—On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: V. Wills 1, S. Poole 2, H. Robbins 3, G. Capewell (conductor) 4, D. Pitcher 5, T. Fowler 6, W. Brown 7, E. Neale 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 8.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, February 14th, for evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 26 mins.: J. S. Tibb 1, Roland Park 2, W. N. Park 3, F. W. Lupson 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect for Mrs. Oliver, wife of Mr. W. Oliver, one of the ringers at this church, who died on Feb. 13th.

**NOTICES.**

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on March 20th at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 o'clock. Business at 6. Everybody cordially welcomed. — C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest will be held at Lightcliffe (near Halifax), on Saturday, March 27th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. All those desiring tea must notify me not later than March 22nd. Tea 1/6 each.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Banksfield View, Halifax.

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Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Wickham and the Vicar of Swanmore for kindly placing the bells at the disposal of the members, after which the ringers returned to the towers for further ringing.

During the day, the ringing included Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Doubles, Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Methods from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise were rung at the meeting of the Winchester District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild held at Bishopstoke on February 6th. Fawley and Diphden were selected for the meeting on May 3rd.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, on the 18th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Further particulars will be sent by circular to secretaries of towers.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells at liberty 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, on March 13th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirbymoorside on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 o'clock.—A. L. Henderson, Mayfield, Pickering.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Barton Seagrave (5) on Saturday, March 13th. Usual arrangements.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wollaton on Saturday, March 13th. Tower open 5 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Hon. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

**THE LADY BELLRINGERS OF BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT** will meet for practice and tea, at St. Peter's Church, Harborne, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Gentlemen will be welcomed.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, March 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 12 noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for tea tickets must reach Mr. J. E. Carter, 70, Northgate, Almondbury, not later than first post Saturday, March 13th.—F. Hutchinson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Weetwood Lane, Headingley, Leeds.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, March 20th, when a good attendance is requested. Bells available in the afternoon and evening. Short, attractive service at 4.45 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, to those who send in their names to me by the 16th. Please note this. Subscriptions to be in by that date.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at All Saints', Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (by the kind invitation of the Rev. G. M. Hanks). Business meeting to follow. St. Saviour's tower will also be open from 6.45 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 10, School Lane, Standish.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 20th. Tower open at 3.15. Cheap tickets issued on the Southern Railway.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me not later than March 16th.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Rothamsthorpe on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 16th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, March 20th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those who apply to Mr. W. Hemings, Ringer, Royston. All ringers are cordially invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Highworth on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Debenham District.—A meeting will be held at Framsdon on Saturday, March 20th. Tea at the Greyhound Inn at 4.30, at a charge of 1s. each. Business meeting to follow. Helmingham bells also available, and it is proposed to ring there first, at 2.30. Names for tea by March 18th will make matters easier. Subscriptions may be paid at this meeting.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Burmarsh on Saturday, March 20th, when the new ring of six will be opened. The bells will be dedicated by the Very Rev. Archdeacon of Maidstone at 3 p.m., and will be available for the afternoon. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by meeting and social.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Rooms at 5 p.m., for those who advise me not later than Thursday, March 25th. Business meeting in Talbot Inn at 7.30. A good attendance is requested.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Short service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea, at 1s. 3d. per head. Applications for tea tickets to be made to Mr. G. Thornton, Church House, Sherburn-in-Elmet, not later than Wednesday, March 24th. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7. A good muster of members is expected to be present. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Meeting in Vestry at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.—W. Underwood, Assistant Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Burton-on-Trent. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen's (8) and Winhill (6) will be available all day (except during the

time of association service). Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in St. Paul's Institute. A short service will be held at St. Paul's at 4 p.m., at which the Rev. H. E. Worthington, M.A., R.D. (Rector of Seales) will preach. Collection for Bell Repair Fund, and it is hoped all members will attend. Meat tea will be served in St. Paul's Institute at 5 p.m., followed by the general meeting. All intending to be present at tea (1s. 6d. each) must advise Mr. Ronald H. Dove, 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent, on or before March 29th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Secretary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Easter Monday, April 5th. Service at 12. Dinner at the Ramsgate Commercial Hotel 1.30 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. The Rev. H. A. Serres (Birchington) invites members to tea (5.30 p.m.). Those who wish to accept must send a postcard direct to him before April 1st. For dinner tickets apply to the secretary before March 31st.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Canterbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, April 10th. Notice of motion should reach secretary at least ten days before that date.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Knaresborough on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, Glos., on Easter Monday, April 5th. Cold luncheon 2s. 3d. Tea 1s. 3d. Management Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Service 12.15 noon. General business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Charabancs from Bristol will pick up en route, if convenient. Fare 5s. 6d. Early notification for luncheon, tea or charabanc should be given.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.**—The Lord Bishop of Hereford will (D.V.) dedicate the two new trebles at the official opening on Saturday afternoon, April 17th. All ringers will be most welcome, and special arrangements will be made for all ringers to have a pull. Complete bands, from Plain to Surprise methods, will be given every opportunity, so that the bells may be heard at their best during the afternoon and evening. There is exceptionally good train service from Shrewsbury and Wellington. Train leaves Coalbrookdale 8.15 Saturday evening. Midland bus runs to and from Wellington Saturday nights from Coalbrookdale 6.5, 8.45 and 10.55. Sunday service, from Wellington 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. From Coalbrookdale, 12.45, 4.25, 6.25, 8.25 and 9.47 p.m. All the above connect at Wellington for Shrewsbury. Lodgings can be booked at Coalbrookdale if arrangements are made in good time. G.W. trains leave Coalbrookdale for Wellington on week days 6.20, 7.20 and 9 a.m.—All ringers who propose visiting Coalbrookdale should write to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Salop.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mr. D. J. Nichols has, owing to his continued illness, had to resign the office of general secretary of the above Guild. The Central Committee have appointed the undersigned to act until the annual meeting, and all correspondence should now be sent to R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. A. Paddon Smith, hon. sec. of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, has removed to 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

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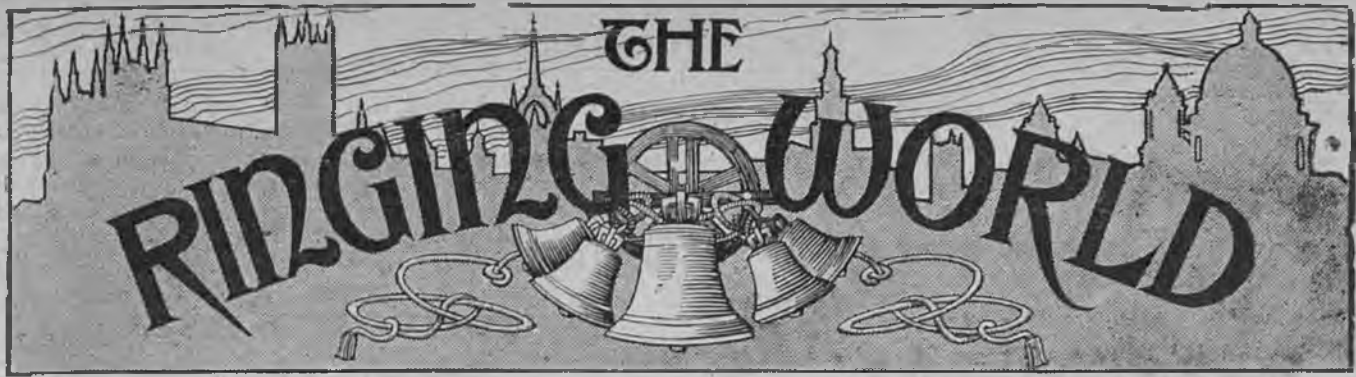
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## RECORD PEALS.

There seems to be no finality to the records which ringers will attempt, and each new longer length seems to be only an incentive to the acquisition of fresh laurels. We publish to-day the official notification that on Easter Monday, at Leeds, Kent, the tower made famous a century and a half ago by James Barham, a company under the auspices of the Kent County Association will attempt a twenty-two thousand of Stedman Caters, the present record of which is the 21,363 rung at Appleton four years ago. Throughout the history of peal ringing there have sprung up from time to time bands who have essayed to put up bigger performances than their predecessors, but there has never been a period when more records have gone by the board than in the last quarter of a century, and that, too, despite the period covered by the war and its after-effects. Although the preceding twenty-five years saw some keen competition for record lengths, which culminated in 1899 with the much debated 17,024 Double Norwich at Kidlington, the present century has seen no fewer than thirteen peals rung of over 12,000 changes in length, and they include the longest peals on all numbers from eight to twelve bells ever accomplished by men without relief. There have been the 17,280 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Over; the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton; the 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne; the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick (to say nothing of the 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark) and the 12,240 Kent Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne. Anyone, therefore, who sets out to beat the existing record length on any number of bells has a big task in hand, and, apart from anything else, has to face a strenuous test in physical stamina and in mental concentration. We can think of no other pursuit in which more collective effort is necessary than in the ringing of a record peal. It is not like records in many other fields of pleasure, where usually it is a 'one man' show; or where, under the urge of keen excitement, a team may, by supreme endeavour, 'go one better' than any previous competitors. To set out upon a record peal is to embark upon a task in which not the energies of one man but of a whole company are slowly dissipated over a long period; where mental alertness is necessary from beginning to end, even when fatigue has sapped the strength of the human frame, for the least lapse, even in a simple method, may bring disaster to the attempt. A record peal, therefore, especially now that the number of changes required is well past the twenty-thousand mark, is a trial which will make demands upon the physical fitness and the mental calibre of the best of men, and the attempt at Leeds will be awaited with interest by the Exercise.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF FORWARD MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY... ..Trebble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 7
WILLIAM TILLET ... .. 2	S. WILLIAM KINSEY ... .. 8
H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
PERCY MAY ... .. 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... .. 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ...Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

First peal of Forward Maximus by all the band, and for the above Guild.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK ATWELL ... ..Trebble	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	*JOHN HAMMOND... .. 7
FRANK J. BAILEY... .. 3	*GEORGE COOKE ... .. 8
GEORGE LARGE ... .. 4	CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 9
ALFRED PARNELL ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER... ..Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLIFIELD. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

\* First peal of Caters.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. WINCH ... ..Trebble	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN BEAMS... .. 2	*GEORGE A. COOK ... .. 7
ALBERT HARMAN... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 8
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. 9
JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 5	FREDERICK G. MILES ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON ... ..Trebble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 6
MRS. L. W. JACQUES ... .. 2	H. EDWARD NORMAN ... .. 7
PERCY HARRISON... .. 3	WILLIAM H. CLARK ... .. 8
HORACE F. STUBBS ... .. 4	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... .. 9
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5	RALPH HOBBAARD... ..Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

First peal of Stedman Caters by the conductor.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS. — On Sunday, March 14th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 540 Grandsire, 480 St. Simon's, and 240 Plain Bob (10 callings): Miss N. Grassby 1-2, J. Bray 3-4, G. Hobbs (conductor) 5-6. First quarter in three methods 'in hand' by all.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BRISTOL.

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
On Wednesday, March 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-FORT,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble	THOMAS F. KING... .. 5
FREDERICK G. LEARER ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 6
REGINALD G. GILBERT ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 4	URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROY WILKINSON... .. Treble	*CHARLES COOKE... .. 5
ERIC M. ELLIOTT ... .. 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... .. 6
*EDWARD LEVERSOUGH... .. 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES... .. 7
CHARLES DYKE ... .. 4	*LEWIS A. WEARE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

\* First peal.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. TURNER ... Treble	† RICHARD A. HICKTON ... 5
* FREDERICK J. GOY ... .. 2	LAURENCE CHADBURN ... 6
JOHN W. BODTH... .. 3	ALBERT JOYCE ... .. 7
EDWARD JOYCE ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.

\* First peal on inside bell. † First in the method.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Monday, March 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. Treble	† GEORGE BAILEY... .. 5
* ALBERT CHILVERS ... .. 2	DAVID WHITING... .. 6
ALFRED OAKES ... .. 3	HUBERT J. DAY... .. 7
GEORGE CATERNOLE ... .. 4	WILLIAM STEGGALLS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

\* First peal on eight; and great credit is due to him for the way he struck his bell, as he has only one arm. † First peal in the method. The above band reside in seven parishes.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, March 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

DANIEL COOPER... .. Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5
FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 2	* GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 6
* ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 3	* FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
* JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 4	CHAS. H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. First peal in the method, and quickest peal on the bells. \* First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. G. E. Hoare) and family for their kind hospitality after the peal.

WYE, KENT.—On Friday, March 5th, after the induction of the new Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 7, 6, 8 covering; S. Cacket 1, J. Jordan 2, W. Henniker 3, C. Head 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, T. Pewport 6, G. Youngs 7, S. Jordan 8. First quarter for the ringers of I and 6.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, March 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB & BOB MAJOR (SPICED), 5066 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY... .. Treble	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

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CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 3	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

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HALIFAX, YORKS.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE... .. Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 5
GEORGE NAYLOR ... .. 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 6
JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 3	* RONALD SQUIRES ... .. 7
ARTHUR GILL ... .. 4	FRED SALMONS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. HARDY. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

\* First peal, and first attempt.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 5
JOHN COOK ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 3	JACK BRANCH ... .. 7
PETER CHARMAN ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. CONYARD. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of treble and second

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

† OWEN BAYES ... .. Treble	HENRY GOLDING ... .. 5
* WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 6
† AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	JESSE POPLETT ... .. 7
† FREDERICK J. REEVES ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal, and first attempt for Major. † First peal of Major, and first attempt. ‡ First of Bob Major. The 31st anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 5th. The 7th ringer was re-elected a member of the association. First quarterly peal for the district.

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

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	JOHN SMITH ... .. 5
* ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 3	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 7
JOHN BASS ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal in the method.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

JARROW, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* THOMAS YARROW ... .. Treble	† JOHN GEORGE ... .. 4
JAMES E. SCOTT ... .. 2	* WILLIAM ROBSON ... .. 5
EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 3	† ERNEST GOSDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. A. HERN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Ringer of treble belong to Jarrow; 5th to South Shields; remainder to North Shields.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 4
HORACE J. SMITH ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

First peal in method on the bells. First peal by the Guild on these bells.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Seven different 720's.

MISS ELIZABETH J. ADDISON Treble	JOHN P. BARKER ... .. 4
EDMUND THOMPSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. CLARK ... .. 3	GEORGE SLATER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Ring as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. R. S. G. Green, M.A.).

ASTLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Viz., two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT J. ARROWSMITH ... Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4
THOMAS W. ARROWSMITH ... 2	G. WILLIAM EDDULPH ... 5
CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

C. S. Ryles was elected a member of the Guild before the commencement of the peal. All the ringers are under 22 years of age.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

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

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 1-2	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3-4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7-8
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 181). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal 'in hand' in the county, by the Guild, and by all the band.

**'OLD MOORE'S' BIRTHDAY.**

On a recent Saturday, 'Old Moore's' birthday was duly celebrated at King's Norton, in real ringers' style. Attempting his first peal, our secretary gave a very good account of himself, considering the length of time he has been ringing. After 2½ hours our efforts came to grief by a 'swop course.'

I should like to explain why our worthy secretary is sometimes referred to as 'Old Moore,' but be sure it is not due to any disrespect to the old gentleman. For some years he has been very fortunate in not having a full-time occupation, and is regarded locally as the village handyman. He wastes his time chiefly by being secretary of the St. Nicolas' Guild of Ringers, head teacher at the Council School, organist and choir-master, lay reader, etc., and doing all the parochial work that others cannot or will not do. His 55 years of inactivity have dealt very kindly with him, as he is fairly robust, and not at all bad looking, but we have warned him that, if he sticks to ringing, he will not only have blisters on his hands, but crow's-feet on his face.

After the peal attempt, he exhibited with pride a handful of medals, but was very pleased that he did not turn into the little grease spot that we had prophesied. Adjourning to the Navigation Inn, we sat down to a slashing sucking-pig supper, and all the refreshment one could desire, at the invitation of 'Poor Old Moore.' The way some of us devoured that little pig gave one the impression that we were taking a loving farewell of a very near relative. After the little pig had vanished we proceeded to an enjoyable evening with the hand-bells, and musical items were rendered by Messrs. Withers, Moore and Dowding.—Mr. F. B. Yates, on behalf of the band, thanked Mr. Moore for his kindness in providing such a capital spread, and one of the company quietly remarked that he wished he had as many birthdays as Walker, who usually manages to get four in a year when he wants a peal or two.

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**PRESENTATION AT YORKTOWN, SURREY.**

On Sunday morning, for morning service, also a farewell to Mr. J. Smith, late captain of St. Michael's, Yorktown band, who has left the district, and is now at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. B. Hawkins, was rung in 45 mins.: E. Hunt 1, F. Ewens 2, F. Marchant 3, B. Hawkins 4, H. Hunt 5, F. Nye 6, C.Q.M.S. G. Gilbert 7, H. Hunt, sen., 8.

The members of the local band have presented Mr. J. Smith with a handsome silver-mounted walking stick, engraved with the inscription: 'Presented to Mr. J. Smith, from the Yorktown Bell Ringers.' Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith and family departed with good wishes for every success and happiness in their new sphere.

**BELLS BROADCAST FROM VANCOUVER.****GREAT NEW YEAR RECEPTION IN FAR WEST.**

The bells of the Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, where the first peal in Canada was rung on July 1st, 1911, were broadcast on New Year's Eve, and from reports the results were the finest, from many points of view, achieved by the Canadian National Railway Broadcasting Station. The experiment roused special interest and appreciation, and particularly is it noteworthy that it stirred in the hearts of settlers from the Old Country happy and tender memories.

The 'Vancouver Sun' said 'directly the sound of the bells ceased telephone messages came into the "Sun" office, telling how the peal had been heard in distant places, and what pleasure it had given to radions over a radius of many miles.' But more interesting still are some of the letters which reached the Broadcasting Company. A few extracts are worth publishing, and we should like to know what other sounds than bells rung in the good old English fashion could have awakened such feelings.

'We are now listening to bells ringing in the New Year,' wrote one lady, 'and it's lovely; it's the first time I have heard a peal of bells since I came to Canada nearly 14 years ago. At my home town, Newbury, England, one of the churches there had a peal of bells, and they were played exactly as these bells were played of the Holy Rosary Pro-Cathedral. Thank the bell ringers for giving us such a pleasure.'

'I am writing to tell you,' said another, 'how very much we enjoyed hearing the bells chime the Old Year out and the New Year in. We had talked about the bells at home in the Old Country, and told our children how they rang on Christmas morning and also New Year's Eve, and last night we all sat around the fire and listened to them for the first time for 19 years for me, and 25 years for my husband, and we both said it was the best thing we ever heard on the radio.'

From Fair Cakes, Sacramento, Mr. Ernest Pouting wrote: 'We had lots of your jazz hornblowing from our stations here, but being from Essex and not having heard the real church chimes since leaving the old Country, now over 17 years, it brought that little tear of remembrance that after all the church chimes are the only message at the appropriate time.'

W. A. Dexter, of Alameda, California, U.S.A., wrote to the C.N.R.V.: 'Would you please acknowledge reception of swing chimes of the Pro-Cathedral Holy Rosary ushering in the New Year. Of all the celebrations we heard yours was the finest, and it was only by accident I tuned in on it. I was astonished when I heard where it originated, such volume and clarity. I can assure you it was enjoyed as nothing else was. I think it would be splendid if the broadcast of the chimes could be made a regular feature, at least, say, on Sundays. It would surely help to make radio really worth while.'

These characteristic expressions of opinion from sons and daughters of the homeland show how deeply the memory of bells dwells in their hearts.

Before the ringing began, the announcer, speaking from the belfry, gave a short description of the bells, and explained how they differed from the ordinary chimes of Canada and the United States. He also referred to what had been performed on them in the past. The microphone was then switched from the ringing chamber to the instrument above, which was situated some 20 feet outside the tower on the roof of the church, and the word 'go' was given. A few excellent rounds were rung with the bells half-muffled, followed by two courses of Grandsire Triples rung at a slow pace. This concluded about two minutes to midnight, when Mr. A. C. Limpus, who was waiting aloft ripped off the mufflers and gave the signal for the tenor to strike midnight. Following the last stroke, some excellent open rounds were rung, followed by a short touch of Grandsire, lasting some 7½ minutes. Every detail went off perfectly.

The ringers were: A. F. Hodges 1, W. Sampson 2, A. King 3, Geo. W. Foster (conductor) 4, Frank Dunaway 5, Mathew Bennett 6, A. B. Lomas 7, R. H. Sapper 8. The greatest distance between points where the bells were heard was as far as is known 1,470 miles, viz., from High Prairie, near Lesser Slave Lake, Alberta, to San Francisco, California.

**DEFIANCE.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Religious controversy is rightly barred at ringers' meetings, but it seems to have got into the Johnson Commemoration Dinner, of all places. I am quite sure you will not open your columns to religious controversy, but there is an aspect of what was said which does concern ringers, and I will mention it in such a way as, if possible, to avoid offending anyone.

But first I must tell the gentleman who said that the clergy at their ordination give their solemn pledge to observe the tenets embodied in the 39 Articles, that this has never been the case. Up till the nineteenth century we had to affirm our adherence to them; but now for 50 or 100 years all we are required to do has been to express our 'Assent' to them, and it is carefully explained to us that this means only a very general agreement with them, for all parties are agreed on this, that some of the statements in these Articles, which were believed to be right when they were drawn up, are now known to be wrong.

The same gentleman referred to fifteen churches in Birmingham which were openly defying the Bishop. Now, I doubt whether any of these fifteen churches have any towers yet, let alone bells, so it does not seem to be in any way a matter that concerns a ringing meeting. But my point is, that none of the clergy thus attacked could be present then to defend themselves. I hope, therefore, you will allow me to say that very many people, perhaps most people, would say that the words I have quoted convey a very wrong impression of the position.

I will not say more on this point, but there was another point which does concern ringers. The secretary, it seems, had been asked why this dinner is usually held in Lent; and he replied that they did not intend to alter it. Is not this a defiance of Church Order, and that an order which is not disputed or doubted, as in the other case?

May I beg of ringers to continue, as in the past, more sympathetic with those they differ from than most Churchmen are?

And that I may practice what I preach, I may say that I find that Mr. Trollope is hurt by the words I used about his writing, in especial 'not honest,' and 'eat his words.' I did not intend these expressions to be taken seriously, but merely in a 'Pickwickian' sense. As they have done harm, I will acknowledge that I ought not to have written them, and am eager to withdraw them. Nothing that I wrote was intended to be in the least personal and I hope no one so misunderstood me.

HERBERT DRAKE.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the North-Western Division was held at Thaxted on Saturday, March 6th. Fortunately the weather was favourable, and a large company attended. Members and visitors arrived from Epping Town, Epping Upland, Roydon, Nazeing, Maldon, Braintree, Bishop's Stortford, Sawston, and Swindon. The eight bells were kept in constant use from 3 p.m. until 4.45 p.m., when the Rev. Conrad Noel conducted a short ringers' service, and gave the address. Afterwards, at the Swan Hotel, 35 members were supplied with tea. The Rev. C. Noel, presiding, welcomed the ringers to his tower, and complimented them upon their afternoon's performance. To this, the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) replied, and thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for the warm welcome he had extended to the ringers.

Mr. H. Dew (District Master) took the chair at the business meeting. It was suggested that Hatfield Broad Oak be fixed for the next meeting-place, and this was agreed to. After the business meeting, most of the company returned to the church for more ringing. During the day, touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung.

**NORTHERN DIVISION.**

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Kelvedon on Saturday, February 27th. The Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Croft) conducted the ringers' office, and gave an impressive address. The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association). Tea and meeting followed. Mr. F. Claydon, District Master, presiding, supported by Mr. W. J. Nevard, District Master, N.-E. Division, Messrs. W. Keeble, D. Elliott, W. Elliott, and 46 members from eighteen parishes.

The meeting expressed its regret at the enforced absence, through illness, of the district secretary, Mr. W. H. Dyson.

One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Dunmow as soon after Easter as the work of rehanging of these bells is completed.

Touches of Bob Minor, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung on the heavy and melodious ring of six, which are in excellent going order.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## SHIPWAY AND QUEX PARK.—THE QUEST FOR PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The peal of twelve bells at Quex Park was put up by J. P. Powell in 1819, and about the same time he induced Shipway to go and live at Birchington and act as instructor to the band he was forming. Quex Park is a large park with a mansion, which lies a mile or two inland, behind Birchington, a seaside village in the Isle of Thanet, not far from Margate. The bells hang in a tower specially built for them, called the Waterloo Tower, in the middle of the park, and at a considerable distance from the house. It is of brick; the main structure is circular, with four smaller circular turrets, one at each corner (if I may be allowed to talk of the corners of a round building). These act as buttresses, and carry the staircase. The base of the tower is flanked by four buildings, one of which has been consecrated as the mausoleum of the squire's family. The others are storerooms. The tower is surmounted by an openwork iron spire, copied from the stone at Faversham Church, and similar in general design to those at St. Dunstan's, London, and Newcastle Cathedral. The tower is surrounded and screened on all sides by trees. It is anything but a handsome building, but the general situation makes it an ideal spot for an enjoyable ringing expedition.

The bells are a peal of twelve, with a tenor of fifteen hundred-weight, and are still by far the lightest twelve ringing bells in England. They are not particularly good bells, and as a peal are decidedly a failure. When they were made, founders had not solved the problem of making really good little bells with high-pitched notes. Whatever opinions one may hold of the relative merits of the best of the old and the new big bells, there can be no doubt whatever that in very light peals modern bells are incomparably superior to old ones. Such peals as Surfleet; St. Martin's, Epsom; or the Loughborough foundry (to mention only three), could not have been cast a hundred years ago.

Ringing at Quex is done from the ground floor, and, as the bells hang in two tiers, and there are several floors between them and the ringers, the hearing is defective. The little bells especially are very difficult to distinguish, but the circle is a good one. On the wall of the belfry are painted the records of all the peals rung in the tower down to the time of the war. It is the intention now, I believe, only to record the first peals in any method or any peal of outstanding interest. The present owner of the estate, Major Powell Cotton, is naturally proud of his unique possession, and keeps the bells in order, but as is almost inevitable there is no local band, and they are only rung by visiting ringers. Any band who wishes to ring in the tower, or attempt a peal, can always be sure of getting permission, and receiving every kindness and courtesy at the hands of Major Cotton.

Besides the twelve bells, there are other very interesting things to be seen at Quex Park. In a turret over the stable is a clock which chimes on three bells, one of them dating from pre-Reformation times, which originally belonged to one of the city churches of Canterbury. It was one of a ring of five that was sold during the eighteenth century by the churchwardens, probably to raise money for some repairs to the church. Two more bells, one of them, if I remember rightly, an Eastern bell, hang in the Waterloo tower but cannot be rung or used in any way. Grouped at the base of another tower in the park is a big collection of field guns of different sizes and dates. The house itself contains a magnificent collection of wild animals from all parts of the world. It ranges from tiny little beasts up to lions and elephants, giraffes and hippos. Every one of them was shot either by the Major or Mrs. Cotton, and it is said to be by far the finest collection ever shot by one man.

When Squire Powell built his tower, he, of course, wanted ringers, and Major Cotton told me that every man and boy on the estate was expected to learn to ring. What success Shipway had as an instructor I do not know, but he certainly did give a filip to ringing in that corner of Kent. At St. John's, Thanet, the parish church of Margate, is a board recording a peal, and at Quex a peal of Bob Triples was rung. J. P. Powell rang the tenor to the latter, and notwithstanding his enthusiasm, this seems to have been the limits of his practical ringing. In 1825 he visited Norwich to ring at Mancroft. He tried the tenor there, but finding it too much for him, he covered some Stedman Triples on the light eight. Under the tuition of Shipway he attained a considerable proficiency as a composer, chiefly in Stedman Triples. He published in 1828 a pamphlet of compositions in that method, which does not bear his name, but is said to be by 'An Amateur.' Hubbard printed a quarter-peal by him in his first edition, and this, too, is given as by 'An Amateur.' The Norwich Scholars rang a long length of his, 'double-handed,' either a quarter or a half peal, I forget which. Samuel Thurston was the conductor.

The reason why Powell devoted so much time and labour to Sted-

man Triples was, no doubt, because this was the one thing more than another which was baffling Shipway. When the latter published his 'Campanalogia' he had solved practically every problem that he set before himself. He had got his peal of Grandsire Triples without singles; he had got his peals of Cambridge, London and Superlative; he had got his 12,000 of Treble Bob. But Stedman Triples had proved a harder nut than he could crack. He says, 'A true and complete peal of Triples on this principle has for many years been the constant research of the most eminent professors of the art. The author has paid great attention to the subject, but hitherto without effect; he has, therefore, chosen to relinquish it for the present, rather than delay the publication of the work. The authors of "The Clavis" have published no more than 1,260, deeming that nearly the extent, except by using a multiplicity of bobs, which would keep two bells dodging together behind at various times during fifty-four changes; a practice justly reprobated as being both tedious and unmusical: although peals on that plan have been obtained and rung for want of better.'

And now he was at Birchington with, no doubt, plenty of leisure; he took up the problem again, and interested Powell in it as well. How much of Powell's pamphlet was really Shipway's work we cannot tell, but the latter's influence was great, as can be seen from what Powell himself writes. He begins by saying, 'Professors of the scientific Art of Change Ringing have for many years been endeavouring to compose a whole peal of Stedman Trippies, which might be considered the most perfect by having the fewest number of bobs and singles.'

Shipway's principle appears to me to be the best adapted for that purpose, but all attempts on his principle have failed as yet. There is a very curious peal I have seen composed at Birmingham, which has the 7th bell at home at each course-end, and really is an extraordinary and ingenious peal altogether. I have myself as an amateur been much interested toward the accomplishment of this peal, and although having studied it for the last six or seven years, and having experienced a vast deal of difficulty and perplexity, have also failed. I have, however, been successful in a few "touches" which I have great pleasure in sending forth for the gratification and amusement of all the above societies.'

And then later on: 'Feeling now a conviction of having pursued every plan where I have entertained any idea or possibility of success, and having failed, I do not further hesitate to pronounce this most harassing and perplexing peal of Stedman Triples is totally unobtainable on Shipway's principle, either in five parts; or if in ten having a single at the end of the first half to turn it; and the same number of bobs and singles in the second half, and in the same places as in the first half.'

Shipway's investigations were not altogether fruitless. He did not get the composition he aimed at. But he produced one with 362 calls—240 bobs, 120 common singles, and two Holt's singles. This was the one rung at Clerkenwell in 1834, and was of a succession of peals by different composers, all of whom were trying to reduce the number of calls used in earlier peals. Edwards' peal, composed in 1792, had 722 calls; Cooper's peal, rung in 1819, had 582 calls; Tobbs' peal, rung in 1828, had 622 calls; Thomas Day's peal, rung in 1830, had 422 calls; J. P. Powell's peal had 382 calls; Shipway's peal had 362 calls; and William Hudson further reduced the number to 262. Later he beat this with a peal with 248 calls, and James Lockwood went one better with one with 244 calls. All these contained In-Course Singles, besides bobs and ordinary singles.

About 1831 Shipway published a broadsheet which gave the peals of Stedman Triples which had been composed up to that time. Before that time he was back again in London. No doubt he found the country too slow. He had left Bath, where he could get ringing up to Treble Ten, because the art did not advance so quickly as he wished. At Birchington he was in a worse case, and for all the inducements that the squire held out he longed to be back once more among the steeples of London. Once he left Quex, and was induced to return, but he soon quitted it again, and returned to his old companions in the Cumberland Society.

## M.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see in your columns the notice of the above meeting. It contains the following, with regard to the facilities for ringing: '(except during the time of association service). Last year, at Leicester, the same notice was displayed in all the towers, yet the bells of St. Margaret's were rung during the service! I should like to ask, therefore, will the notice be observed this year at Burton-on-Trent or not?—Yours truly,

W. R. E.

CHESTER.—On March 8th, 1,344 London Surprise Major, at St. Mary's-within-the-Wall: J. W. Davies 1, J. Hayes 2, H. W. Wilde 3, A. J. Hughes 4, J. Swindley 5, R. Sperring (conductor) 6, J. Morgan 7, S. Jones, jun., 8.

**NOTICE OF RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.  
TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND OF STEDMAN CATERS.**

On Easter Monday, April 5th, 1926, ten members of the Kent County Association will (D.V.) attempt 22,033 of Stedman Caters at Leeds, Kent. Starting time, six o'clock in the morning.

**KENSINGTON RINGERS' DINNER.**

**ST. MARY ABBOTS' GUILD ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.**

The annual dinner of the St. Mary Abbots' Guild took place recently in the Parish Hall, when 27 members and friends sat down to an excellent meal. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Marling-Roberts, M.A.), supported by the two churchwardens, Messrs. R. Carter and H. Kenyon. Among the guests were the Rev. S. A. Spackman, who was, until lately, chaplain to the Guild, and also Messrs. R. A. Daniell, C. F. Winney and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bishop G. Forrest-Browne, and Messrs. E. G. Stibbons and A. W. Davis.—Bishop Browne, in his letter, stated that he very much regretted not being able to be present, as when he used to live at Bristol the ringers played a great part in his life, but he found that, at the age of 93, it was impossible for him to attend evening gatherings of any description, though he very much enjoyed hearing the bells, and if he went anywhere, it would be to a ringers' gathering.

After everyone had enjoyed all the good things to the full, the Chairman proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was enthusiastically honoured.

The toast of the 'St. Mary Abbots' Bell Ringers' was next proposed by the Chairman, who wished the Guild success, and said their ringing was very much appreciated by the parishioners, and no complaints had reached him during the past year.—Mr. W. E. Garrard, in replying, said it pleased him very much to hear that the ringing of the bells was appreciated, and that the Vicar had not been troubled with complaints. He thanked the members for their support to the Guild during the past year, and hoped that it would continue.

Mr. A. V. Selby then proposed the toast of 'The Chairman,' to which the Vicar suitably replied.

'Visitors and absent Friends' was proposed by Mr. A. B. Bennett, who told the company that it gave him great pleasure to welcome visitors to the dinner, especially Mr. Kenyon, who was present for the

first time. In reference to 'absent friends,' the speaker mentioned the name of Bishop Browne, and also of two ringers, Messrs. J. S. Wilde and W. R. Madgewick, now in Australia, one of whom, Mr. Madgewick, rang at St. Mary Abbots' on the last occasion that he came to England. He also welcomed the Rev. S. A. Spackman to the gathering.

Mr. Daniell replied, and stated that, although he now took no active part in ringing, it pleased him to hear the bells.—The Rev. S. A. Spackman also responded in a very happy speech, expressing his great pleasure at meeting old friends again, and recalling past incidents of great interest to the members. He also gave the company a most interesting description of his work in his parish in the East of London. His speech was received with great applause.

Mr. A. B. Bennett next proposed the 'Health of Mr. R. Carter,' thanking him most heartily for his great kindness to the Guild at all times.—Mr. Carter replied, stating that it gave him great pleasure to do anything for the Guild, and wishing the ringers every success.

This concluded the toast list, and the rest of the evening was given over to harmony, some good songs being given by Messrs. A. B. Bennett, R. A. Daniell, A. F. Harris, J. A. Dart, H. G. Miles, E. G. Locke and M. Giel. The Rev. S. A. Spackman and Mr. J. A. Dart acted as accompanists.

A course each of Grandsire and Stedman Caters was rung on the handbells, Messrs. R. A. Daniell, C. F. Winney, W. E. Judd, A. F. Harris, H. G. Miles and C. W. Roberts taking part.

A most enjoyable evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'God save the King.' The members wish to thank everyone who helped to make the gathering such a success, especially Mr. Carter, whom the Guild cannot thank too much for his kindness.

**BISHOP OF LONDON VISITS RINGERS.**

At Hornsey, on Sunday, March 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: G. Northcott 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, A. Howell 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: G. Northcott 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, J. G. Nash 4, T. Langdon 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Rung for service, and also in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of London on the 40th anniversary of his first sermon. The Bishop, with the Rector, paid a visit to the heltry, and gave his blessing to the ringers. His lordship also gave a short address, and spoke very highly of the work of the ringers in ringing the bells to call people to church.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Albert Chivers, who rang his first peal at Eye, Suffolk, last week, has only one arm, and is to be congratulated upon the way he rang and struck his bell.

Mr. Kippins' mono-mark, 'N.B.G.', as applied to the Croydon tenor (27th February) is equally applicable to Great Bentley (February 6th), where the 7th became 'Is-a-belle.' Our Bentley correspondent did not state that 'we finished the peal with the clapper out.' Is this possible?

Several bell hangers want to know if the hon. secretary of the Central Council, as an architect, would allow bells to be placed in a tower if it was built with masonry, as shown in the Major's recent sketch for eliminating noise from a belfry.

One of the visitors to the St. Martin's dinner was overheard in the Bull Ring asking 'the way up to the Cedar room.' Apparently he was anxious to have a touch of 'Imperial' or O'Cedar Mop. Alfred, put the Padd-on!

Another well known Midlands' ringer, found near Bishop Rydler's Church very early on Sunday morning, was inquiring the way to Gem Street, and explained that he was anxious to see where the early Cuckoo Netchells.

Peals of Forward Maximus have been few and far between, but one was rung on Saturday at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, thus adding another to the many methods of which peals have been scored in this famous belfry. The band would be interested to know how many peals of Forward 'Twelve-In' have been rung.

The first peal of Reverse Bob Major was rung at Harrietsham, Kent, on March 23rd, 1751, conducted by James Barham.

The College Youths, on Sunday, March 23rd, 1783, did ring in this steeple (Fulham) 5,020 Old Double Caters, in 3 hrs. 32 minutes, being the first peal ever rung in that method.

A peal of 'Double Twelve-In' was rung at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, by the College Youths on March 24th, 1784, and two days afterwards they rang 6,048 'Real Double Twelve-In,' at St. Saviour's, Southwark.

March 18 was the anniversary of a memorable handbell performance. On that date, in 1895, Mr. Harry Williams called a peal of Bob Major from 5-6 while blindfolded. The peal was rung for the Yorkshire Association in 2 hrs. 23 mins., and the other ringers were John and Joseph Thackray and John Whitaker. Mr. Williams still rings occasionally with the St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, company, and he is employed at New Wortley Cemetery.

March 20th is the anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich Royal ever rung in the Midlands. This was, at Duffield, Derbyshire, on Monday, March 20th, 1893, composed and conducted by the late Sir Arthur Heywood.

In Mr. J. Hunt's letter, which appeared in our last issue, with regard to the false peal of Double Norwich, the writer is made to appear as if he withdrew all claim to the correct version of the composition. It was the late Dr. Carpenter who withdrew all claim to the peal, leaving Mr. Hunt in undisputed authorship.

There is a day's work before Mr. A. H. Pulling and his merry men on Easter Monday if they achieve what they set out to accomplish. At Leeds, Kent, there is to be an attempt for 22,033 Stedman Caters, which will be a 14 or 15 hours' job. Shades of Barham!

We understand that certain ladies are already assiduously practising eating soup with chopsticks, in preparation for the next Johnson dinner.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on May the 25th (Whit Tuesday) next, at Ipswich. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any motion should be sent before April 24th.

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, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

The following Guilds have already paid, in the order given: Peterborough, Norfolk, Bath and Wells, Ladies', Llandaff and Monmouth, Dudley and District, Ely, Salisbury, Lincoln, and Surrey.

## LIVERPOOL PEAL TO REMAIN INTACT.

**ST. PETER'S BELLS TO BE REHUNG AT ST. HELEN'S.**

As a result of the representations made by the Lancashire Association, and their president, Canon Elsee, the bells belonging to St. Peter's Church, Liverpool, which it was proposed to split up, so that only eight would be left in the ring to be transferred to St. Helen's Church, the complete peal of ten, we are informed, will now be hung in the lower of the latter church.



**TWO BELLS AT A TIME.**

**MR. EDWIN HIMS' PERFORMANCE.**

Few men can handle two church bells at the same time, fewer still have rung two to a peal. Mr. Edwin Hims, of Rochester, as we recently recorded, has succeeded in this unusual task, by ringing the 2nd and 3rd to a peal of Minor at Launton, Oxfordshire. He has, however, long been an adept at handling two ropes, and was one of the first to do so. Years ago he used to ring two bells for evening service at All Saints', Oxford, and since going to Rochester he has constantly rung two bells in Triples for the Sunday service, as well as doing the conducting.



[Photo by W. Harris Morgan.]  
Mr. E. HIMS RINGING TWO CHURCH BELLS.

Mr. Hims is probably better known to the older generation of ringers, for he has done comparatively little peal ringing in recent years. He has no record of his peal performances, but the two most notable achievements in which he has taken part are the 17,024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Kidlington, Oxon, on May 22nd, 1899, in 11 hours 15 minutes, in which peal he rang the 7th; and the 11,328 London Surprise Major, at Drayton, Berks, on Sept. 17th, 1896. Mr. Hims has rung peals from Minor to Maximus, and, in addition, is a composer of no mean ability, his most notable composition being the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major, which was rung at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, and which took him twelve months, in his spare time, to obtain.

**A PEAL CHALLENGED.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the publication of a peal of Superlative Surprise as having been rung at Turner's Hill on Saturday, February 27th, I would like to mention that I, among others, had the pleasure of listening to the last two-thirds of the ringing. The striking generally was good, but the point I want to get at is, what happened during the last four courses?

From a listener's point of view, the ringing during that period was such as to cause me to suggest that it was not a true peal. Generally speaking, this part of Sussex is not a district where one would expect to find ringers enthusiastic enough to make a journey with the object of listening to a peal. But on this occasion the unexpected happened, and I am very much surprised at the conductor allowing such a performance to be published as a peal.—Yours truly,

'LISTENER.'

**THE BELLS OF LYDD.**

**NEW RING OF EIGHT AT THE 'CATHEDRAL OF THE MARSH.'**

By E. EDWARDS.

Saturday, March 6th, will be long remembered in the ancient town of Lydd as one of the most important and interesting days in its history, for it was the occasion of the dedication of the church bells.

The Church of All Saints, dating, in part, from Saxon times, chiefly built eastward in the 13th century, lengthened westward in the 14th century, and finally completed about 1450 by its magnificent perpendicular tower, is one of the most beautiful in the county of Kent. It is the longest parish church in the Diocese of Canterbury, measuring from east to west 199 feet, and its tower is 132 feet in height. Situated in this corner of Kent, so rich in noble churches, it is often designated the 'Cathedral of the Marsh.'

Its bells, only five in number, had been long in a parlous condition; they were pronounced unsafe to ring, the framework was decayed, and the tenor bell cracked and chipped beyond repair. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were consulted, and upon their advice the five old bells were recast with metal added, and the ring augmented to a peal of eight. The bells have been hung in a solid teak frame, and tuned on the Simpson principle. The whole work has been most successfully carried out, and, in the opinion of all who heard it, Lydd now has a peal perfect in tone and quality, and unsurpassed in the county.

The dedication ceremony was a short festal evensong, commencing with a hymn, in procession, sung by the choir and a large number of clergy from neighbouring parishes. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Collins (the Rector), assisted by the Rev. Dr. Lummas. The Dean of Canterbury gave an address of great interest, in which he described the history and various uses of bells from early times, and referred to bell ringing as a great work in the house of God. The choir and clergy then moved in procession to the tower, singing the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' and the Mayor (Mr. Arthur Finn, F.S.A.) requested the Dean to dedicate the bells to the honour and praise of God. The bells then rang out for the first time.

At 4.15, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was begun by the selected band from the Kent County Association. This was broadcast by the R.B.C. with great success, and brought telegrams of congratulation from Wales and France, while innumerable letters had been received from all parts of the country, expressing admiration of the sweetness of the bells, and the excellence of the ringing.

At 5 o'clock the Mayor entertained the ringers of the district, with the choirmen and sidesmen of the church, to tea at the Town Hall, about 90 being present.

Some friendly discussion took place on the much debated subject of Simpson tuning, and it was unanimously agreed that nothing could be more beautiful than the bells which had been heard for the first time that day.

A word of praise should be given to the excellence of the singing of the choir during the service. The Mayor and Mr. E. C. Mitchell shared the duties of presiding at the organ.

Too much cannot be said of the splendid work carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who spared no trouble to ensure a satisfactory result.

On Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. W. Player (Stone) 1, C. W. Player (Stone) 2, R. Birch (Hythe) 3, H. S. Humphrey (conductor, New Romney) 4, A. C. Kay (Ashford) 5, A. G. Wratten (Hythe) 6, E. W. Powell (Ashford) 7, S. J. Bouldeu (New Romney) 8.

**FIRST PEAL OF LONDON AT NETLEY.**

The peal of London Surprise, at Netley Abbey, Hants, on Saturday, was the first peal on the bells since November 30th, 1912.

After the peal the band were kindly entertained to an excellent meat tea at the Victoria Cafe by the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Henty Summers), who is himself a ringer, and an hon. member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his kindness and welcome.

It is very gratifying to know the local band are anxious to join the Guild, and thus affiliate the tower again to the Guild.

**READING'S VETERAN VERGER.**

On Friday, March 5th, the bells of St. Laurence's Church, Reading, were rung half-muffled, as a last mark of respect to Mr. G. Foxell, for more than 50 years verger and parish clerk, who passed away on March 1st, at the ripe age of 99 years and eight months. The following touches were rung: 518 Grandsire Triples: R. T. Hibbert 1, Miss D. Blencowe 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss V. Robinson 4, J. W. Higgs 5, C. Brown 6, H. Tucker 7, H. Simmonds 8. 504 Stedman Triples: C. Brown 1, Miss M. Cross 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss V. Robinson 4, J. W. Higgs 5, H. Tucker 6, R. T. Hibbert 7, W. Hibbert 8. Also 306 Grandsire Caters.

## THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER. A BROAD HINT TO EDGBASTON.

(Continued from Page 170.)

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the hon. secretary, responded to the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild.' If he had been able to do anything at all for the Guild it had been due almost entirely to the loyalty and hearty support of the officers, and of every member. They were a very loyal body indeed, and the secretary would indeed be a 'ring' if he could not get on with such a body behind him (applause). They were particularly fortunate in having Alderman Pritchett as their presiding Ringing Master. At their annual meeting they re-elected him, and they would not let him resign as long as they could induce him to accept office (applause). He was an ornament to the Guild, and a distinguished man outside ringing. Continuing, Mr. Smith said they as ringers thought 'no small beer' of themselves. They thought they were an important body of men, and perhaps they might be, but it was well sometimes to take notice of what other people thought of them. The following appeared in the 'Birmingham Mail' recently: The diocese of Exeter has 3,000 bell ringers. In other parts of the country the trouble is 'foot-and-mouth disease' (loud laughter). 'Foot-and-mouth disease', of course, was a very mild term compared with some of the things which would be orators in the Bull Ring sometimes called them (laughter). Proceeding, Mr. Smith said they had had a very successful year. They did not regard peal ringing as the sole hall-mark of a good or successful society, but their chief object was to perform efficiently in the belfries on Sundays for Divine Service. He took strong objection to their work being described as a means of calling people to church. It was one of the greatest acts of worship that ever took place in connection with any church—a good peal of bells well rung (applause). It had nothing to do in these days with calling people to church. They had an excellent band at St. Martin's, and there were good bands at, among other churches, Erdington Parish Church and Catholic Church, King's Norton, where an excellent job was made of recasting the bells, and where, if the ringers were not altogether satisfied, they were not grumbling at the tone of the bells, but because they were anxious to get two more (hear, hear). They could do very well with an excellent peal of ten in that neighbourhood—they were not too well off near the city for ten-bell towers—and he hoped at no distant date that they might be able to congratulate the King's Norton men on having two more bells. There were also excellent hands at Perry Barr and Solihull, and a good six-bell company at Edgbaston. Unfortunately the band there was considerably better than the bells warranted (laughter). The bells were not in keeping with the church to which they belonged, and he could not understand how the people of that wealthy parish put up with their piffling little peal of six (laughter and hear, hear). The Vicar of Edgbaston was present that night, and they all hoped he would take steps to provide his ringers with a peal of bells worth ringing on. If their use was merely to call people to church, he suggested that the Vicar had a very poor congregation (laughter). The speaker added that at St. Martin's they had been able to do a little special ringing in connection with the mid-day services on Thursdays, and it was a fact that on many Thursdays they had rung eight, ten, and, sometimes twelve bells. He doubted whether there were many places in the country where they could get together twelve ringers to ring voluntarily for an ordinary mid-day service on a week-day (applause).

### A HANDBELL GIFT.

Mr. Albert Walker submitted 'The Visitors,' and said they welcomed the Birmingham clergy who were present, as they also did the representatives of the numerous ringing societies from all over the country. They were specially delighted to have with them Mr. Challis Winney (applause), so that they could bestow on him the welcome which he always gave to visitors to London, where he was a real 'guide, philosopher and friend.' He would find many friends in Birmingham, and he hoped he would now come every year (applause). They also welcomed Mr. Young, the secretary of the Central Council. They had to thank Mr. Young for all he was doing in trying to alleviate the suffering of their dear old friend, Mr. John Carter. Mr. Young had brought with him Mr. Carter's handbells, which he (Mr. Carter) desired he (the speaker) should accept as a personal gift. He accepted those bells as their Deputy Ringing Master, and he took it as a tribute to the Guild that they had been presented to him. Mr. Carter hoped that a peal each of Forward Major, Royal and Maximus would be rung on them, and in this they would endeavour to gratify him (applause). In conclusion, Mr. Walker again welcomed the visitors, and wished success to their respective associations.

Canon Blofeld, who first replied to the toast, said the gentle hints thrown out about the bells at Edgbaston had been going home for some little time, and he had dropped gentle hints in his parish. After what he had heard that evening he would continue to drop hints, a little less gentle, perhaps. He had found it difficult just at this mo-

ment to make a positive appeal. It would be a great help to them to have a good peal of bells, but his parish, in common with others, was being appealed to strongly for large sums of money to provide, not bells, but more churches for the one hundred thousand people in that diocese who at the present time had no church in their own district, and he found it difficult, therefore, to make a positive appeal for what was, to some extent, a luxury for themselves. But that did not mean that he would not take still fuller opportunity of reminding people that here was an opportunity for a gift, either in memory of someone or for some other high reason, to provide Edgbaston with what they certainly ought to have (applause). He was always an optimist, and he did not think he would leave Edgbaston without seeing these bells hung and hearing them rung many a time (applause). He agreed with Mr. Smith in the view that the ringing of church bells was as essential part of the worship itself, and he admired the spirit which was always manifest among ringers in doing all they could in promoting their particularly high calling.

Mr. C. F. Winney had a cordial reception when responding to the toast, and had some interesting reminiscences to tell.

Mr. E. A. Young also replied, and remarked that dinners like that had a great value in maintaining the social atmosphere which was characteristic of ringers. It was all to the good that St. Martin's Guild held a gathering of that kind to preserve the memory of Henry Johnson, and he hoped the traditions which had been set up would long continue.

### 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Mr. Frank Smallwood proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World.' He complimented the editor upon having, since the very first number, written the weekly leading article, which always gave them something to think about, and also upon the splendid fight which the paper had put up in the endeavour to save Coventry bells. He stood, said the speaker, for the protection of the Exercise from the results of acts of vandalism, and the support which was given to ringing in every way was a great asset to ringers. Ringers in their turn, therefore, should support the paper, and should do their utmost to increase the circulation among those who at present did not subscribe to it. He often wondered what would happen if the editor got tired of his task and gave it up. Would the Central Council take over the paper? It certainly could not be run by a body of the financial standing of the present Council, which affiliated members at half a crown a time. While they had a good man at the head of affairs they should support him, and increase their support so that he might do what he knew it was his desire to do, give them a larger paper at a cheaper price (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in responding to the toast, said the solution of a larger paper at a lesser price was a larger circulation. Like the B.B.C. programmes, the contents of the paper was often criticised, some critics being of opinion that it was too 'high-brow,' and others that it was too 'low-brow.' Within the limits of the present size it was impossible to satisfy everyone, and the most important thing at the moment was more pages. That was an expensive course, and it was not fair that the extra cost should, under existing circumstances, fall either on himself or on the present readers. The people who should provide the money were those ringers who at present did not buy a weekly copy. If these would, just for a few weeks, demonstrate their willingness to regularly support the paper by becoming subscribers, it would be possible quickly to decide if a permanent enlargement of 'The Ringing World' was a financial possibility.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in the absence of Alderman Pritchett, who had had to leave to attend another gathering, gave 'The Chairman.' Their Rector was already very much appreciated in that city. London's loss was Birmingham's gain, and although they did not want to pat their own backs it was gratifying to know that there was still one place a man might go to after London, and that was Birmingham (laughter and applause). They hoped, as they believed, that the Rector had a distinguished future before him and some day doubtless they would see him a Lord Bishop (applause). Without wishing him ill-luck, however, he hoped that day, for the sake of Birmingham, might be fairly distant (laughter and applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and the Rector, in replying, said, although he had been present at a great many dinners, that was the first time he had had the opportunity of taking the chair, so that one of his pleasantest memories would be associated with the honour they had conferred upon him in that assembly (applause).

This concluded the speeches and the proceedings, which had been most enthusiastic and enjoyable, concluded with the National Anthem.

The whole of the vocal music was splendidly sustained by Mr. Tom Davies and Mr. Dai Thomas, who each gave some delightful songs, and were also associated in duets, Mrs. Tom Davies being the accompanist. Tunes on handbells, played by Messrs. A. Walker, T. Miller and H. Withers, also gave great pleasure.

**SIMPSON TUNING.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have very little to add to what I have already said on this matter. My chief complaint is against the vandalism which is continually going on, in smashing up so many beautiful peals of bells of good mellow tone, absolutely true to ear. Just because some of them happen to be a few vibrations out, a fact which it is impossible to detect except by the tuning fork, they are ruthlessly condemned, and in many instances substituted by bells of vastly inferior quality. There is no denying that five-toned Simpson-tuned bells when rung, produce poor, thin, soulless music, with an enormous amount of hum, and can only be heard to any advantage a long way away, which certainly does not benefit those whom they were intended to benefit.

Let our bell founders drop those two top harmonics. They can then give us proportionately thicker bells with an improved tone. I am pleased to note that this is now being done by 'some' of our founders, and might well be copied by others. We should not then be having bells falling off at the crown, as we have had in more than one instance recently.

Last year I was able to examine a peal of bells, with a tenor of over 30 cwt., tuned on the five-toned principle, and noted how some of the larger bells were laced about on the inside, especially near the crown, presumably to produce the two top harmonics, the inside of some of them presenting an appearance like the waves of the sea. I remarked then to some of my ringing friends that it was no wonder bells fall off at the crown when they are subjected to such unequal vibration, and I should not at any time be surprised to hear of many others sharing the same fate.

Of the peals of bells Mr. Laffin mentions, I have only heard one, the peal of twelve at Leicester, which are undoubtedly a very good peal, certainly not over-Simpsoned, and cannot by any means be classed with a new light peal of eight recently installed in this neighbourhood, which a very musical friend of mine, who lives near the church, describes as the finest set of tin cans he ever heard. I agree with what Mr. Groombridge says, with one exception, where he says a bell is improved in tone when it has been retuned. You may bring a bell in line with the tuning fork by retuning it, but you certainly do not improve its tone. On the contrary, you make the tone harsh and iron, compared to what it was before.

About two years ago a peal was augmented to eight at a church in the Rochester Diocese. The tenor was a tolerably good bell, by Taylor, and had done duty for between forty and fifty years. It was a little out of tone, and was taken away to be retuned. When put in the tuning machine, and its outer skin was cut away, the metal was found to be spongy, and the bell became a 'dud,' and had to be recast. Now, this was no fault of the firm who did the work, but I mention this case, which proves to the hilt the theory I advanced more than three years ago, when I stated that the resonance of a bell lies in its outer skin.—Yours, etc., E. BARNETT.

**MACCLESFIELD'S SPLENDID RING.**

Dear Sir,—May I have a few lines, in answer to Mr. Walker's invitation to the ringers who have had new peals recently to give their opinions re the old and new methods of casting the tuning?

We had here what I always thought were a very good peal of ten bells, eight by Rudhall, and the trebles by Taylor. The tenor cracked about sixteen years ago, and, because we proposed a scheme to make them into a peal of twelve, we had, for various reasons, to wait a long time to get the job completed. Personally, I think this has been a blessing in disguise, as I don't think we should have had as good a peal as we have got now if the job had been done at once. I have heard nothing but praise for the twelve bells we have got now, and although I thought our old peal were good, they were not to be compared to the present ring.

When the bell hanger, Mr. R. Lane, came to hang them, the first words he said to me were, 'You have got in your tenor one of the best bells for its weight we have ever turned out at Loughborough.' When, at the opening day for ringers, one of the church officials asked for the opinion of visiting ringers, the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook said he had never heard better trebles than the first four bells.

Mr. Barnett, in his letter, said Simpson-tuned bells were always thin, and of the tin can type. We have got no tin cans in ours.

Mr. Lilley says he thinks Shrewsbury bells will want a lot of beating, and I am of the same opinion as regards Macclesfield. We have got a beautifully balanced peal of good tone, and no howlers, which are a credit to the firm who cast them, and everybody here thinks the £2,000 they cost well spent.—Yours truly, J. NORBURY.

**SURPRISE MINOR AT FULMER.**

On February 15th, at St. James' Church, 720 Wells Surprise Minor. On March 2nd, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor. On March 10th, 720 Primrose Surprise Minor: J. W. Harrison 1, Miss P. M. Moss 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, F. Corke 4, H. Wingrove 5, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 6. First in these methods by all the band.

**REVIVAL OF RINGING AT BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.**

On Wednesday, March 3rd, at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Polchampton) and the members of the Parochial Church Council, the members of the Holy Trinity Society of Guildford visited the Parish Church of Bramshott, Hants, with the object of reviving change ringing there. Demonstration touches were rung in Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, and one or two of the local men also took part in some of the ringing.

After ringing, the visitors were entertained to supper in the Liphook Village Hall, at which the Rector presided. Those also present included the Rev. A. H. Taylor and the Rev. A. H. Bowles, Colonel Overton and Mr. W. H. Wright (churchwardens), Mr. A. C. Dryden, Mr. W. R. U. Critton and Capt. Spriggs (members of the Church Council), and about twenty young men of the parish who are interested in the art, and anxious to learn to ring.

Afterwards, the Rector proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Holy Trinity Society, and Mr. A. H. Pulling, who responded, gave some practical advice on change ringing, which was very much appreciated, and at the conclusion of his remarks he was accorded musical honours.

Mr. W. H. Wright, who made all arrangements necessary for the ringing, including the provision of a conveyance for the visitors from Liphook Station to the church, and Mrs. Wright, who was responsible for catering for the supper, must have worked very hard to make the evening such an enjoyable one.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 6th. About 30 members were present, including ringers from East Crompton, Todmorden (Unitarian), Newhey, Teesfield, Crossstone, Milnrow, Todmorden Parish, Balderstone, Middleton, Ashton and Disbury. Touches in various Minor methods, including Grandsire, Kent and Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine and Plain Bob, were rung during the afternoon and evening. In the evening, two framed peal boards were unveiled, one by Mr. Mason, one by the churchwardens, and the other by Mr. G. Wild, the chief ringer. They each expressed their pleasure in being asked to unveil the boards, and afterwards a vote of thanks to them was passed.

The business meeting then followed, the Vicar of East Crompton, who extended a hearty welcome to those present, being in the chair.

A vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. J. Harrison, of Heywood, was passed.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Whitworth on April 10th, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the tower and bells, and also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, brought the meeting to a close.

**BELLS ON THE GRAMOPHONE.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Referring to your correspondent's letter re gramophone records and bell ringing, the only record which, to my knowledge, reproduces changes on bells is one issued by the 'His Master's Voice' people—the Gramophone Co., R. 599, 10-inch. The description in their catalogue is 'Changes on Ten Bells,' so it is probably a recording of 'popular changes.' It was made by the carillon at Bournville Village.

I might warn your correspondent against the Columbia records of the Trinity Chimes of New York, as the trebles are dreadfully flat. Of course, these are only hymn tunes.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. HIGGS.

**BOW BELLS.**

Sir,—You were so kind as to print a letter from me, on the subject of gramophone records, in your issue of January 22nd, and I have now to thank Mr. H. F. Cooper for the information he supplies in your issue of February 12th. From Mr. A. L. Coleman, I have heard also of the following, which is actually on sale, and which I have thus been able to obtain:—

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Much has been said of late on the subject of preserving records of the past. Present-day records become in time records of the past; and one wonders why it is more gramophone 'records' of ringing have not been taken, especially on some of the more celebrated rings of bells. In the recent case of Coventry bells, it would have been possible, with the help of the gramophone, to have preserved some record of them rung in peal for the benefit of those of the present day, as well as for posterity, and as an example of the work of the 18th century bell founders, which it seems is doomed to vanish.—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

Beechwood, Old Cailton, Norwich.

### 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.

**HARBORNE.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, March 14th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: L. Grosvenor 1, E. Cairns 2, S. Grove (conductor) 3, F. H. Hawkins 4, G. W. C. Virgo 5, N. James 6, T. Otley 7, R. D. Clark 8. Rung, with the bells half muffled (6 and 8 covering), as a last mark of respect to Mr. H. Grosvenor (for 40 years tower keeper at the above church), who died earlier in the day.

**CAERPHILLY, GLAM.**—On Sunday, March 14th, for evening service, at St. Martin's Church, and also for the 15th anniversary of the opening of the bells, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins., the first quarter by all the band: S. Addicott 1, E. Dare 2, W. Pike 3, P. Jones 4, A. Addicott 5, W. Dare 6, H. Broughton (conductor) 7, G. Cooke 8.

**RICKMANSWORTH.**—At the Parish Church, on March 14th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Croseley 1, H. W. Kirton 2, T. Stephenson 3, F. W. Elliott 4, A. Jones 5, E. Hookham 6, J. B. Marks 7, J. H. B. Freeborn (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 5 and 6; and by a local band.

**NORTH REPPS, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, March 14th, for evening, 720 Grandsire Doubles (six extents each differently called), in 24 mins.: E. L. Riscrow 1, J. W. J. Brown 2, C. Pooley 3, H. F. Carter 4, F. N. Golden (conductor) 5.

**SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.**—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, March 14th, 720 Ipswich Surprise: W. Halford 1, W. R. Drage 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, March 14th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Rowlinson 1, Miss K. A. Jutson 2, E. Wakeling (first in the method) 3, Miss A. M. Dale 4, W. H. Waldron 5, J. J. Jutson (conductor) 6.

**CHIPPING BARNET.**—On Sunday, March 7th, at St. John's Church, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: T. Smith 1, R. Sturgeon 2, F. Chandler 3, J. Sumpter 4, R. Roffey 5, F. A. Milne (conductor) 6, H. J. Eldred 7, G. Herbert 8.—On Feb. 27th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 49 mins.: T. Smith 1, S. Casley 2, F. Chandler 3, R. Roffey 4, J. Sumpter 5, J. A. Dart 6, H. J. Eldred (conductor) 7, S. Child 8.

**ELM, CAMBS.**—At the Church of All Saints, before evening, on Sunday, March 7th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: R. Welbourne 1, S. J. Haw 2, F. Crofts 3, L. Fletcher 4, G. F. Mason (conductor) 5, R. W. Crofts 6.

**PORTISHEAD.**—A very impressive service took place at Portishead Parish Church, on Sunday, March 7th, to consecrate the new burial ground, which piece of land adjoins the church, and was presented by the late Mr. R. Hudleston (churchwarden). Numerous clergy were present, and the church was crowded. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 minutes for this service: Miss G. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes 2, W. Edwards 3, Miss H. Orchard 4, J. Nisbet 5, A. E. Colburn 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8.

### PUBLICATIONS.

'HANDBELL MUSIC.'—Catalogues from W. Gordon, 37, Norwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport.

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### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 13th. Most of the towers in the division were represented, ringers being present from Rotherham, Tickhill, Arksey, Wath, Handsworth, Barnsley, Doncaster, Bolsterstone, Wortley, Ecclesfield, Ramoor, St. Marie's, All Saints', and the Cathedral. Out-county members were also present from Norton, Bolsover, Dore, Eckington, Chesterfield and Killamarsh, bringing the number up to about 50.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, the vice-president (Mr. F. Willey) presiding. The Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, Devon, was elected an out-county life member, and Messrs. E. Davenport, A. S. Robinson and R. Johnson, of Dore, were elected ringing members. Mr. F. Clark (Arksey) was re-elected secretary for three years, and was heartily thanked for his past services. Messrs. G. Holmes (Sheffield Cathedral), G. Clark (Arksey), C. D. Potter (Barnsley) were re-elected to serve on the committee for three years.

It was resolved that a letter of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. William Lomas, of the Cathedral company, be sent.

For the joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division area, Whiston, near Rotherham, was selected, if the necessary arrangements can be made; the date to be Saturday, June 19th.

Mr. G. Lewis gave a short account of the arrangements made to date for the annual association dinner, and appealed to all who possibly could to try and be present at that function.

Votes of thanks to the Cathedral authorities and to the local band brought the meeting to a close.

### CANON ELLACOMBE'S BOOKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Borrett asks what became of Canon Ellacombe's books? I imagine that they were scattered. A few years ago I purchased 'An Account of Church Bells,' by the Rev. William C. Lukis, M.A., F.S.A., which is inscribed, 'The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe from the Author.' It contains a number of manuscript notes, and two reviews, one cut from 'The Guardian,' of December 8th, 1858, and the other from 'The Athenaeum' of December 19th, 1857.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Wishaw.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Hythe on February 27th, when 20 members attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. Dale), who also presided at the tea and meeting, it being the last occasion that he would do so before his retirement.

Ten new members were elected, and Sellindge was chosen for the next meeting-place, in April.

Touches of Stedman, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were brought round till 8 o'clock, and a very successful meeting came to a close.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, March 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 12 noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head.—F. Hutchinson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Weetwood Lane, Headingley, Leeds.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, March 20th, when a good attendance is requested. Bells available in the afternoon and evening. Short, attractive service at 4.45 p.m. Subscriptions to be in by that date.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at All Saints', Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (by the kind invitation of the Rev. G. M. Hanks). Business meeting to follow. St. Saviour's tower will also be open from 6.45 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 10, School Lane, Standish.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 20th. Tower open at 3.15. Cheap tickets issued on the Southern Railway.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Rotham on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, March 20th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those who apply to Mr. W. Hemings, Ringer, Royston. All ringers are cordially invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Highworth on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Framden on Saturday, March 20th. Tea at the Greyhound Inn at 4.30, at a charge of 1s. each. Business meeting to follow. Helmingham bells also available, and it is proposed to ring there first, at 2.30. Subscriptions may be paid at this meeting.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on March 20th at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 o'clock. Business at 6. Everybody cordially welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest will be held at Lightcliffe (near Halifax), on Saturday, March 27th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. All those desiring tea must notify me not later than March 22nd. Tea 1/6 each.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Banksfield View, Halifax.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Rooms at 5 p.m., for those who advise me not later than Thursday, March 25th. Business meeting in Talbot Inn at 7.30. A good attendance is requested.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Short service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea, at 1s. 3d. per head. Applications for tea tickets to be made to Mr. G. Thornton, Church House, Sherburn-in-Elmet, not later than Wednesday, March 24th. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7. A good muster of members is expected to be present. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Meeting in Vestry at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.—W. Underwood, Assistant Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Winterbourne on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify me by March 23rd.—P. C. Williams, Branch Sec. (pro tem.), 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 24th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belper, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, March 27th. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for those who notify Mr. Felix Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth, on or before March 25th. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Burton-on-Trent. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen's (8) and Winhill (6) will be available all day (except during the time of association service). Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in St. Paul's Institute. A short service will be held at St. Paul's at 4 p.m., at which the Rev. H. E. Worthington, M.A., R.D. (Rector of Seales) will preach. Collection for Bell Repair Fund, and it is hoped all members will attend. Meat tea will be served in St. Paul's Institute at 5 p.m., followed by the general meeting. All intending to be present at tea (1s. 6d. each) must advise Mr. Ronald H. Dove, 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent, on or before March 29th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Secretary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Easter Monday, April 5. Service at 12. Dinner at the Ramsgate Commercial Hotel 1.30 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open for ringing, St. Laurence's (10), St. Peter's (8), St. John's, Margate (8), Birchington (8), Quex Park (12). The Rev. H. A. Serres (Birchington) invites members to tea (5.30 p.m.). Those who wish to accept must send a postcard direct to him before April 1st. For dinner tickets apply to the secretary before March 31st.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Canterbury.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1926. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address, in the Cathedral at 4.15. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 31st. As the allowance will not cover the cost, a small charge will be made. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Shepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Knaresborough on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will take place at the Cathedral, Chester, on Easter Monday. Meeting 11 a.m. Service 12.30 p.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Chester. Dinner 1.15 p.m. in the Refectory. Tickets 2s. 6d.—Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, Glos., on Easter Monday, April 5th. Cold luncheon 2s. 3d. Tea 1s. 3d. Management Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Service 12.15 noon. General business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Charabancs from Bristol will pick up en route, if convenient. Fare 5s. 6d. Early notification for luncheon, tea or charabanc should be given.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Banstead, on Easter Monday, April 5th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Hopkinson). Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea (1s. 3d. per head) should notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, not later than Thursday, April 1st. A good attendance is requested. All are welcome.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 5th, at Norwich. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Michael Coslany (8) will be available. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m., at which the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich will preach. Luncheon (2s. 6d. per head) will be served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, Norwich, at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting. All intending to be present at the luncheon must advise the general secretary on or before Thursday, April 1st. All ringers are cordially invited.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Gosforth, Newcastle, on Easter Monday, April 5th, it being the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells. Bells available from 10.30 a.m., short service at 1 p.m. Dinner in the Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m., at a charge of 2s. 6d. per head, to those only who send their names to Adam Deas, 8, Howard Place, Gosforth, on or before March 29th next.

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Axminster on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8). Service, Parish Church, 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, April 10th. Notice of motion should reach secretary at least ten days before that date.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch.—The next meeting of the Forest Branch will be held on March 27th at Awre. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at Red Hart Hotel. All ringers who intend to be present must let the Secretary know by March 25th. —Oliver Thomas, 44 Lewerne Street, Lydney, Gloucester.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 5th. Service at Great St. Mary's at 12 noon, address by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Rector of Castle Camps. Luncheon and general meeting at the Dorothy Café at 1 p.m. The bells of Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew the Great (8), Trumpington (5), will be available. The Secretary will be glad to know how many may be expected at luncheon by March 31.—R. Copman, End House, Owlestone Road, Cambridge.

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Silvertown on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.15, 1s. each. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 6th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.**—The Lord Bishop of Hereford will (D.V.) dedicate the two new trebles at the official opening on Saturday afternoon, April 17th. All ringers will be most welcome, and special arrangements will be made for all ringers to have a pull. Complete bands, from Plain to Surprise methods, will be given every opportunity, so that the bells may be heard at their best during the afternoon and evening. There is exceptionally good train service from Shrewsbury and Wellington. Train leaves Coalbrookdale 8.15 Saturday evening. Midland bus runs to and from Wellington Saturday nights from Coalbrookdale 6.5, 8.45 and 10.55. Sunday service, from Wellington 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. From Coalbrookdale, 12.45, 4.25, 6.25, 8.25 and 9.47 p.m. All the above connect at Wellington for Shrewsbury. Lodgings can be booked at Coalbrookdale if arrangements are made in good time. G.W. trains leave Coalbrookdale for Wellington on week days 6.20, 7.20 and 9 a.m.—All ringers who propose visiting Coalbrookdale should write to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Salop.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS** (Established 1921).—Meetings for handbell practice will be held at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, at 8 p.m. the last Friday in every month. Business meeting if necessary. Few seats only left in charabanc for Painswick on Easter Monday.—Edgar Guise, 'Elder Cottage,' St. Michael's, Bristol.

**DEATH.**

**SMITHSON.**—On Sunday, March 14th, at 22, Hooton Street, John W. Smithson, aged 43 years, dearly beloved husband of Louisa Smithson.

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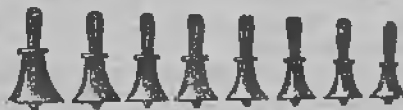
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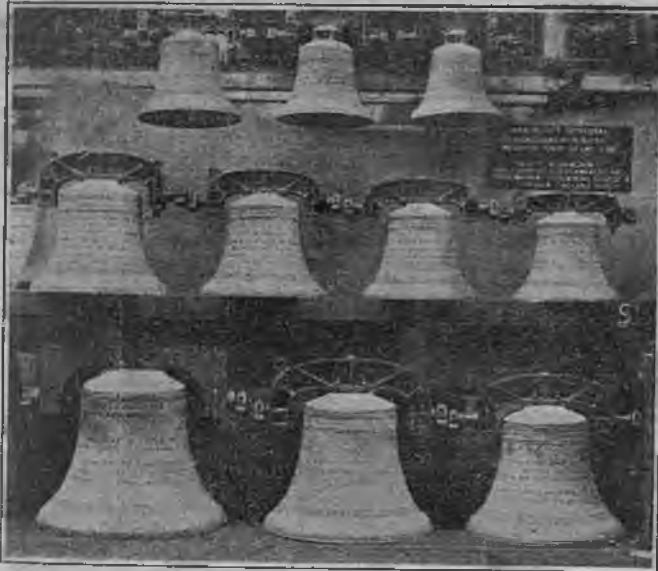
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### SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To-morrow is an anniversary of considerable interest to ringers. It is the centenary of the first, and, as far as we are aware, the only peal of Superlative Surprise Royal. On Monday, March 27th, 1826, at All Saints' Church, Huddersfield, 5,400 of this method was rung by a local band at the first attempt. Allowing for the fact that this company was, in its day, one of the most advanced, as it certainly was one of the most enterprising in the country having within the five preceding years rung, among other things, peals of Superlative Surprise Major, New Cambridge Surprise Major, and Cambridge Surprise Royal, the performance was both noteworthy and meritorious. It was Shipway, whose work for the Exercise Mr. J. A. Trollope is now discussing in his 'Notes by the Way,' who gave us this method of Royal, and it was Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, one of the most able composers of that day, who made the peal possible by producing the composition. Unlike many of these old performances, where the truth of the composition is in doubt through the disappearance of the figures, this peal at Huddersfield has stood the test of time, for the composition has been preserved.

If the method had been produced in these days there is every probability that someone would have disputed it as the true extension of Superlative Surprise. At the Central Council meeting, in 1913, the Rev. H. Law James moved a resolution, expressing the opinion of the Council, to the effect that the method as published by Shipway was the same method as Superlative Surprise Major. The Council discussed, not the problem, but their ability to judge the subject, and adjourned it for a year, when the motion was ultimately withdrawn, in view of the general feeling that the Council was not competent to express an opinion. Now, at that time, we fancy, the peal of 1826 was unknown to the members of the Council, but the Wakefield performance practically sets the seal on the question, and we doubt if anyone would now seriously challenge its claim; especially as it is backed by so eminent an authority as Mr. Law James, who, if we remember rightly, produced figures to show that the plan, and that plan alone, upon which Shipway extended the method would enable Superlative to be extended symmetrically to infinity.

This peal at Huddersfield, therefore, has an added importance, in that it was not only the first of Superlative Royal, but clinched in practical and traditional manner the question as to what method should be designated Superlative Surprise Royal. The fact that Superlative Surprise Royal is not practised to-day is hardly a matter for wonder. Although more intricate than Cambridge, for the reason that the place making is broken up and the direction of the work is variable, the method is not to be compared with its

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rival, but it is rather surprising that, as a matter of curiosity, some of the expert companies have not rung a peal of it. In this centenary year, at all events, one may hope to see a peal of it rung. It would be an interesting performance, and one which, as a passing variation to the general trend of present ringing practice, should not be above the attention of the eminent exponents of Surprise Royal ringing.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

GREENWICH.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5078 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.... <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD E. RICHARDS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	*FREDERICK J. CULLOM, JUN. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE DAYNES ... .. 9
HENRY HOSKINS ... .. 5	THOMAS JAKEMAN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.  
\* First peal on ten bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5127 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... <i>Treble</i>	†ALFRED J. BOLL ... .. 6
GEORGE W. STIBER... .. 2	C.O.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 7
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 8
*MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETS ... .. 9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5	ALFRED H. POLLING... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5640 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

S. TAYLOR ... .. <i>Treble</i>	C. W. BRETT ... .. 5
*E. G. BRETT ... .. 2	W. J. WALKER ... .. 6
KEV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 3	F. FAIRBEARD ... .. 7
W. SPICE ... .. 4	E. G. BUESDEN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd and 4th.  
\* 150th peal.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 6
WILLIAM ELDRIDGE ... .. 3	LEWIS LOVE ... .. 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE ... .. 4	WALTER BARRATT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral on Wednesday, January 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. P. Chulow 1, E. H. Chulow 2, G. E. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, T. Foster 5, E. Foster 6, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, J. F. Milner 8. First quarter by ringers of 2 and 3.—On handbells, at Stoneyard Practice Room, Southwell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Foster 1—2, J. F. Milner (conductor) 3—4, E. H. Chulow 5—6.

SALFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY S. KELLEY ... .. Treble	ALBERT LEES ... .. 5
FRANK STONELY ... .. 2	WILLIAM FITTON... .. 6
HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	HAROLD LEES ... .. 7
WALTER BROWN ... .. 4	THOS. BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK STONELY.

First peal, and first attempt by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 4th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Hy. S. Kellett, who is also a service ringer. Also to Mr. Alec Lees. Mr. Thos. Brown was elected an association member previous to starting.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, March 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6000 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HARRY WITHERS... .. Treble	CHARLES WEBB ... .. 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 6
HARRY WILLIAMS ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
JOHN EATON ... .. 4	JOHN WITHERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to Mr. H. Grosvenor, who for many years was towerkeeper at the above church.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CHARLES MASON ... .. Treble	*J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 2	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 6
*GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 3	*JOHN THORPE ... .. 7
*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	FRANK WYCOMBE... .. 5
*HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. MARTIN.

First peal of London on the bells. \* First peal of London.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*J. ALFRED BARRATT ... Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 5
*MISS EDNA WEBSTER ... 2	GEORGE WRST ... .. 6
PERCY PRICE ... .. 3	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 7
LAURENCE CHADBURN ... 4	J. FREDERICK GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. S. PRICE.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Freda, youngest daughter of the conductor. Miss Webster hails from Collingham.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. Treble	JOHN YATES... .. 5
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 2	*THOMAS GRIMSHAW ... .. 6
WILLIAM GOULD ... .. 3	ERNEST LEATHERBARROW 7
WILLIAM HAMPSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

\* First peal of Major. All the ringers belong to the local band.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN... 5
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 2	WALTER SMITH ... .. 6
MISS FREDA ORR... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Cambridge 'inside' by Miss Chapman, and first in the method by the association in which a lady has taken part.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Treble	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 5
*DANIEL COOPER... .. 2	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 6
*JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 7
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 4	FREDK. J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BROWN ... .. Treble	WILLIE HOLT ... .. 5
WALTER STAFF ... .. 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 6
THOMAS ROLLERSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM HORAN... .. 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. Tenor

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On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. Treble	HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 2	JOHN KING ... .. 6
*GEORGE CLAPHAM ... .. 3	JAMES T. WARD ... .. 7
LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 5th and 6th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RICKINGHALL, SUPERIOR.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR COOK ... .. Treble	ALPHEUS BERRY ... .. 4
*JOHN COOK ... .. 2	CLERMONT J. MORE ... .. 5
†BERTIE HARRISON ... .. 3	†WILLIAM STEGGALLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALLS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Ringers of 1st and 2nd belong to Rickinghall; 3rd to Diss; 4th to Thornham Magna; 5th to Paigraive; tenor to Dickleburgh.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REV. L. G. KETCHLEV ... Treble	W. SHORE ... .. 4
W. ROSEWELL ... .. 2	H. PROUT ... .. 5
G. HASELL ... .. 3	*E. BARTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PROUT.

\* First peal.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G. sharp.

*LEONARD W. SHIP ... Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 4
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 2	MUS. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. 5
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3	†CECIL C. BISOP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. C. BISOP.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, the 'go,' as unanimously agreed at the previous district meeting, leaving nothing to be desired.

MERSHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: Four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F. sharp.

BERNARD WELLS ... Treble	*JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 4
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5
*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	CHAS. H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal on six bells. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

ELM, CAMBS.—On March 5th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: R. Welbourn 1, S. J. Hawe 2, L. Fletcher 3, P. Jackson 4, Geo. F. Mason (conductor) 5, R. W. Crofts 6. This is the first 720 at this church by a band of local service ringers.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK E. RINGROSE ... Treble	*JAMES G. NASH ... .. 4
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	*HERBERT J. ELDRED ... .. 5
*CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in more than one method.

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN, GOSPEL OAK,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Southwell, London, Wells, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Durham.  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST T. BUTLER ... Treble	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 2	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

The first peal on the bells since rehanging.

WADDINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's differently called.  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT YATES ... .. Treble	JOHN HIRST ... .. 4
ROLAND HALL ... .. 2	FRED READ ... .. 5
ARTHUR INGHAM ... .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal on these bells, which were cast in 1774 by Pack Chapman. A. Ingham belongs to Churchkirk; remainder to Rishton.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 7½ cwt.

†WILLIAM OLIVER ... Treble	*NORMAN PARK ... .. 4
*ROLAND CLARK ... .. 2	†FRANK W. LUPSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. PORTER ... 3	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PARK.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th. This is the first peal on these bells since 1912.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 39E, MEANWOOD ROAD,

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

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

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

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

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**SIMPSON-TUNING.**

**WHERE DOES THE RESONANCE LIE?**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—There is not the least doubt at all, Mr. Laffin has given it us in a nutshell; and, briefly, in plain but forcible English, has told us what is the cause of all this comment on Simpson-tuning. Those who are so prejudiced against it know that what Mr. Laffin wrote in 'The Ringing World' of March 5th last is the truth, and nothing but the truth. My congratulations to Mr. P. O. Laffin.

In the end one feels convinced we shall convert Mr. Barnett; that is, if he would come away from the 'sunny South' and come nearer the icy North than the Leicester twelve, which he agrees 'are undoubtedly a very good peal, certainly not over-Simpsoned.' That's done it! Simpson-tuning (as we know it) is not half done, or over done, but it's done 'just' as we Simpsonites like it, and as we get it from the leading founders of the day. Surely Mr. Barnett will agree the Leicester twelve 'might well be copied by others.'

Concerning bells that are a few vibrations out, Mr. Barnett says this is 'a fact which it is impossible to detect except by the tuning fork.' Really, when will Mr. Barnett realise that if he cannot detect vibratory loss, or gain, without the aid of a pitch-fork, there are people in this land who can! This is not conjecture, and if he will reason with himself he can only arrive at one conclusion, and that is, nature in her wisdom endowed mankind with diversified senses, and that accounts for one hearing what another cannot, or will not! As Mr. Barnett has mentioned the tuning fork, may one ask him a question? Is that fork forged, or cast to the standard pitch, or is it 'skinned' till it becomes the requisite standard? He speaks also of a bell which was found to be 'spongy.' Now, Mr. Barnett has let the 'eat out of the bag,' and we understand how far he is advanced in the science of metallurgy.

Admitted that years ago Mr. Barnett advanced his theory, 'that the resonance of a bell lies in its outer skin,' but I maintain that not only the outer skin, but also that theory, is rubbish! If I am wrong I am open to correction, but only when Mr. Barnett has shown us a bell that is nothing but outer skin! Will Mr. Barnett tell us what that metal is for which comes within the outer skin? If we are to believe his theory, all that which comes between the outer skins is 'mute'!

One may be pardoned for advancing a common-sense theory, and say (1) The resonance of a bell lies in the alloy, which must form one homogeneous whole, free from porosity! (2) The distribution of the metal in a bell—as well as the composition—has much influence on the tone, and founders who know how to do so, and can Simpson-tune, just 'skin' off any malproportions which are detrimental. (3) The Worshipful Company of Painters Paperhangers and Decorators have a practical knowledge of skin-deep tone in paint or paper, but it would be ridiculous, and the very height of presumption, for that body to attempt to lecture on the resonance of metal till they have passed through varying stages in the School of Metallurgy, and know a bit about blow-holes-and-sand, cohesive attraction and repulsion, and the tensile strength of that alloy which alone is resonant, and of a truth lies WITHIN the outer skin.

Take that! And wait for York! They won't be over-Simpsoned, nor half done. That's the faith of all Simpsonites, such as

IRENEUS.

**SOME COMPARISONS.**

Sir,—There is one, and only one!—'Tis a truism, and we can only say what Shakespeare said, by saying what he said—

'That rises like the issue of a king;  
And wears upon his baby brow the round  
And top of sovereignty'!

With Mr. Groombridge I differ, there is only one Simpson-tuning, and that is Simpson-tuning! (there is no alternative) which is good! and it is because it is the 'Round and top of sovereignty' which is causing all the 'fuss'! Mr. E. Barnett says: 'A Simpson-tuned bell is always a thin bell, and when it is rung gives out a note which savours very much of the "Tin Can" type, because it has been robbed of the amount of metal necessary to produce a good, bold rich note.' I am going to put my old friend into a quandary, or the handstroke tittum position. Pardon the poetic diction. For—

'A little learning is a dangerous thing,  
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring'!

Mr. Barnett seems to me to be very interested in the Simpson-tuned peal, but from what I can gather from his letters his knowledge is very limited indeed on the subject. He talks about 'robbery,' 'the Tin Can type,' and thin bells, which is good proof that he is talking, or writing, without the knowledge he would have us believe he has. What has my friend got to say about that bit of interesting reading at the bottom of page 140 in the recent issue of the 'R.W.'? Mr. Barnett will, perhaps, pardon my saying that he is on the 'wrong horse,' and I am inclined to think he is slightly mixed, and is confusing 'Simpson-tuning' with 'bells tuned to modern ideas.'

What is my friend's opinion of Coalbrookdale? The old tenor of eight was a ton in E, 'this bell, we are informed, has been lowered to D without recasting, and is of splendid tone. . . . The tenor is one pound short of 19 cwt. . . . (and) they are not Simpson-tuned.' Will our friend denounce or vindicate this 'robbery' of 113lbs. of metal taken from the tenor alone? Will he tell us in what way he considers that reduction will affect this bell, whether she will be 'Tin Can type,' or a good, bold rich note? Reader, these are fair questions, but they are nasty ones for Mr. Barnett to answer, and is only a turning of the tables on my old adversary, for these bells are not Simpson-tuned at Coalbrookdale. And come—

'Come all the four corners of the world in arms,  
and let me hurl a 'real Simpson-tuned peal' in your faces, to wit, 'the bells of St. Mary, Ilkeston'—they, with their own brazen lips, refute anything which any Simpson critic may have to say, either against tone or robbery of metal.

Let our friend study these facts, let him go into detail, and find out from this peal alone where thin bells are to be found. I quite agree, our friend has a perfect right to his own opinion but he must also agree that other people hold an equal right, and there are people N., E. and W. also, as well as the South, who have ears to hear, eyes to see, and have an idea of what constitutes a bell inside and out!

Here below find the Ilkeston weights and notes side by side, old and new:—

The Old Peal.				The New Simpson Peal.					
	C.	Q.	Lb.	Date	C.	Q.	Lb.	Date	
Treble	...	5	2	12 E	1902	4	3	0 E	1910
2	...	5	2	5 D sharp	1902	5	0	27 D sharp	1910
3	Rudhall	5	0	17 C sharp	1732	5	3	20 C sharp	1910
4	Oldfield	5	2	9 B	1660	6	2	11 B	1910
5	Oldfield	6	3	3 A	1660	7	1	25 A	1910
6	Rudhall	8	2	7 G sharp	1749	9	0	8 G sharp	1910
7	Rudhall	10	2	9 F sharp	1732	11	3	3 F sharp	1910
Tenor	...	16	0	0 E	1902	17	0	9 E	1910

For invidious reasons, the name of the founder of the 1902 bells is withheld, and the new peal was founded by 'Strad-e-various,' and he redistributed the metal, and these bells are 'GOOD,' second to none in the county.

Will Mr. Thomas Gofton confirm this statement? He, I understand, was held spellbound by their beauty of tone! and has got the 'twin sister' installed in his tower.

A final thrust, Mr. Editor, Simpson-tuning is established, and it's come to stay, and in the ear of the 'Simpson-tuner,' I whisper—

Ye tuneful ploughman, bear in mind  
Your labour is for future hours;  
Advance—spare not—nor look behind—  
Plough deep, and tune with all your powers!

for—A.M.D.G.—and His Church!—Yours sincerely,  
A. TOUNSEND BAKER.

**WHAT A YORKSHIREMAN THINKS.**

It's cappin' what science hes done for this world,  
What ease it hods aht to mankind,  
It's oft streytned aht what affliction hes curled,  
Bud it's bet when it comes to t'curled mind.

When some fowk's bethowt 'em to hev ther own way,  
If it's nobbud to shew 'at they can,  
Ye might just as weel ax a dog to eyt hay,  
As ax 'em to act like a man.

An' 't'ales 'at they tell ye aabout this an' that,  
To cover that curl i' ther mind,  
If it isn't 'at t'top o' yer head's varry flat,  
Yer thowts'll be varry unkind.

An' if it sud happen, 'at they're i' that class,  
'At's spend all ther life goin' to t'school,  
They'll just stand 'an tell ye, this thing's come to pass,  
An' leave ye to gape like a fool.

An' then they'll be capt 'at Trades Unions, an' strikes,  
An' say t'workin'-class hes goan mad,  
An' still they melt bells up 'at t'workin'-man likes,  
For t'sake o' ther awn passin' fad.

Becos they wer anxious to hev a machine,  
'As horses could work wi' a gin,  
Wor they to break stuff up, 'at others hed gien,  
I sud think it's nowt short of a sin.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**

As Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will be published on Thursday. This necessitates going to press one day earlier than usual, and correspondents are requested to note that all matter for publication should reach this office as early as possible, and in no case later than Monday.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**

**SHIPWAY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ART OF RINGING.**

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

Shipway published his 'Campanalogia or Universal Instructor in the Art of Ringing' in three parts, which, with reprints, appeared at different dates during the years 1812 to 1830. The title page says that it was printed for the author, and sold by Sherwood, Neely and Jones, Paternoster Row, and by all booksellers and newsmen. The 1830 reprint was printed by Charles Wood and Son, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, and sold by Sherwood, Gilbert and Piper, Paternoster Row. We are told that it contains 'full and comprehensive instructions for the young practitioner, with a variety of methods and peals both curious and entertaining, each method arranged under its proper system, on an entirely new plan, including such new compositions as will be either useful or ornamental to the Exercise, in which is introduced the favourite systems of TREBLE BOB, WITH VARIATIONS, also general rules for composing, calling (or conducting), and proving peals; and the manner of bringing bells into rounds when required. The peals composed and collected from the authors, and carefully revised.' The title page of the 1816 edition differs from the above, and adds that the book contains 'an account of the origin of bells in churches with the principal peals of bells in England.' The claim is made, you see, to deal with the whole of the subject of ringing, and in his preface the author tells us that he 'presumes to add' that it 'is the most complete treatise ever published on the subject.' And after studying the book, I think we must admit that he has fairly justified his claim.

The one thing which strikes us most about Shipway is that he was eminently a man of system and order. He first of all saw exactly what he had to do, he mapped it out in proper proportion and order, and he carried it through according to a regular and well thought-out plan. None of the books on ringing is better arranged than this one, and though it is a big book, running to over seven hundred pages, there is no need of an index; one can always know exactly where to look for anything that is wanted.

The book opens with 'a concise account of the origin of bells in churches,' followed by 'a short view of the antiquity of ringing in peal, and the origin of change ringing, with a list of the principal peals of bells in England.' This part of the book is of comparatively little value; Shipway probably thought he ought to include it for the sake of completeness. He then comes to his main subject, which he divides into three parts, which were published separately. In the first he gives a lead end of each of a selected number of methods, with rules for ringing it. In the second he deals with composition and proof, and gives touches. The third part consists of peals.

His selected methods he divides into twelve systems, each system consisting of a method and its variations. These systems are as follows: 1 Bob, 2 Place, 3 Grandsire, 4 Union, 5 Oxford Bob, 6 Court Bob, 7 London Court Bob, 8 Norwich Court Bob, 9 Stedman's Slow Course, 10 Treble Bob, 11 Stedman's Principle, 12 Shipway's Principle. Except in the case of Treble Bob the variations comprised in any system consist of the Single, Reverse and Double on all numbers, both odd and even. These variations do not easily apply to Treble Bob methods, and, in that system, he includes not only Oxford and Kent, but the three Surprise methods, London Treble Bob, Imperial, and College, Cumberland and Morning Exercise. Of the systems, Place, Court and Shipway's Principle were his work, and entirely new. Oxford Bob was new, except for the double variation on six bells; London Court was new except for the double variation on eight bells; Norwich Court was new except for the double variations on eight and ten bells; Stedman's Slow Course was new except for the double variation on six bells; of the Treble Bob methods, London Treble Bob and London Exercise on all numbers were new, and so, too, were the extension of College Exercise to Caters, and Morning Exercise, Imperial and Superlative Surprise to Royal; and the even bell variations of Stedman and the double and reverse of the same method were new. Double Norwich Maximus was new to Shipway and the London ringers, who did not know that about the same time the Maneroft men had not only produced it, but were ringing it.

It will be seen that Shipway's contribution to method construction

was very large, but it cannot be said that his new methods have proved of any particular value, or have been to any extent adopted by the Exercise. As I have already told, peals of Place Triples, Major and Caters were rung by the Cumberlands, but after then the method, of which Shipway seems rather proud, died out. No doubt, the fact that a bell lies for three consecutive blows in one position was sufficient to condemn it in the eyes of ringers. Still, constructionally, it is a very interesting method, and worth studying by those who are interested in the theory of ringing.

I have already given the version on seven bells. Here is Double Place Major. It will be seen that the plan of the method is quite simple. All the bells plain hunt backwards; that is, the odd bells come down and the even bells go up, and they lead and lie at back and hand instead of hand and back. To make this work fit in with the plain forward hunting of the treble, every bell has to make two places as it passes that bell, one on either side of it, and the bell next the treble's whole pull before and behind has to lead or lie three blows. Now, it is one of the great constructional laws of methods that when any bell makes two places on either side of the treble immediately next it, the result is to reverse these two bells in coursing order. This is how Double Norwich is constructed, and it is what I have called a 'Court Shunt.'

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 2 1 3 5 4 7 6 8
- 2 3 1 5 7 4 8 6
- 2 3 5 1 7 8 4 6
- 3 2 5 7 1 8 6 4
- 3 5 2 7 8 1 6 4
- 5 3 7 2 8 6 1 4
- 5 7 3 8 2 6 4 1
- 7 5 8 3 6 2 4 1
- 7 8 5 6 3 2 1 4
- 8 7 6 5 3 1 2 4
- 8 6 7 5 1 3 2 4
- 6 8 7 1 5 3 4 2
- 6 8 1 7 5 4 3 2
- 6 1 8 7 4 5 2 3
- 1 6 8 4 7 2 5 3

- 1 0 3 0 0 0
- 0 1 0 3 0 0
- 0 0 1 3 0 0
- 0 0 3 1 0 0
- 0 0 3 0 1 0
- 0 0 0 3 0 1

This operation by itself will produce on eight bells the lead end, 13527486. In Double Place Major you have got as many of these Court Shunts as you can have, i.e., ten. You have also got Second's and Seventh's, when the treble is leading and lying (the Extreme Shunts). Each of these Extremes by itself will give the same lead end as a Court Shunt. And so the lead end of Double Place Major will be 2345678, transposed by 3527486 twelve times, i.e., 6482735.

Some later composer tried his hand at improving Shipway's method. His object was to get rid of the three consecutive blows, and to vary the method just enough to do that, and bring up the same lead end. Here is the result of his labours, which was printed by Hubbard, under the title of London Place Major. I imagine that it was called London, because below the treble it is something like the arrangement of London Surprise.

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 2 1 3 5 4 7 6 8
- 2 3 1 4 5 7 8 6
- 3 2 4 1 7 5 6 8
- 2 3 4 7 1 6 5 8
- 2 4 3 7 6 1 8 5
- 4 2 7 3 6 8 1 5
- 4 7 2 6 3 8 5 1
- 7 4 6 2 8 3 5 1
- 7 6 4 8 2 3 1 5
- 6 7 8 4 2 1 3 5
- 6 8 7 4 1 2 5 3
- 8 6 7 1 4 5 2 3
- 6 8 1 7 5 4 3 2
- 6 1 8 7 4 5 2 3
- 1 6 8 4 7 2 5 3

In this variation the defect of the three consecutive blows is, indeed, done away with but the method is not symmetrical, and the general plan that Shipway had in his mind is entirely spoiled. Neither of the methods has ever been practised, and neither is really worth practising. Shipway's remarks on his method are rather interesting. 'This system originated with the author of these pages by whom it was matured and brought forward in the year 1800. The propriety of thus early introducing it to notice will be apparent if we consider the similarity of operation that prevails between this and the first system (he gives it as his second method next to Plain Bob), for though constructed upon opposite principles, the one consisting of dodging, the other of place-making, yet whatever composition is produced by the one can, with equal certainty and regularity, be produced by the other; and like that may be obtained on any number of bells (from four to twelve) without any dodge whatever; it is, indeed, superior to it in one respect, which is that it is as regular on an odd as on an even number of bells.

'Double Place ringing is the third method of this system, no part of which has yet been rung. This, therefore, may be considered as affording an excellent opportunity to the young admirers of this most

ingenious art of rendering themselves more perfect; for, although rung without any dodgo, the practitioner will find his mind abundantly occupied in the making of places, and as they succeed each other with the utmost rapidity he will find it necessary to bestow the greatest attention when so employed.

The comparison with Plain Bob seems to me very strained, and the appeal to the young ringers is revealing. No doubt then, as always, older ringers were conservative and hard to be induced to take up new methods. What was good enough for our fathers is good enough for us.

**3,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

By A. J. PITMAN.

234587 Continued

672453	2	743526	1
346572	1	267354	2
673425	3	542736	2
546273	1	675342	1
S 375624	2	A 426537	2
463275	1	S 734652	2
524763	1	S 627534	1
S 735624	1	S 436752	2
467235	1	S 724536	1
S 374652	3	S 637452	2
263574	1	B 246537	1
742356	2	378654	2
567234	2	463572	1
S 245367	1	374625	3
S 372645	1	563274	1
563472	1	745326	2
245763	1	S 367245	1
S 732645	1	523467	1
567432	1	745623	1
S 425367	1	S 637245	1
674532	2	746352	3
326457	2	237546	1

Repeat five times, calling Single for Bob at A, and continuing as from B in all but the fourth part. Single for Bob at the half-peal ends. Contains the 120 46's, 67's and 74's at back stroke. Believed to be the first ever produced with these qualities.

Rung at Overseal, Derbyshire, by the Midland Counties Association, conducted by M. Swinfield, on February 6th, 1926.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Framsdon on Saturday last, and was attended by about 20 members from Debenham, Framsdon, Helmingham, Ipswich, Otley, Uford, Earl Soham, and Framlingham. Helmingham bells being available, ringing was indulged in there during the afternoon, after which the visitors proceeded to Framsdon, and partook of tea at the Greyhound Inn.

The business meeting followed, with the Master in the chair, supported by the secretary of the Guild.

A little discussion took place over the question of nomenclature of methods, also on the advisability of getting a practical ringer to assist archdeacons when reporting on the condition of bells and fittings.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting of the Guild at Framlington, on April 17th, and a meeting of the Debenham district at Stonham Aspal on May 1st, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The methods rung during the day included Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London and Stedman Triples.

**EXTENSION OF COURT BOB.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The extension of Double Court Bob to Maximus that I gave in 'The Ringing World' on July 10th last has a progression of 231 to infinity.

Further discoveries have settled the mathematical relationship of Double Court Bob Minor, Double Norwich Major, and the methods known as Double Norwich Royal and Maximus.

Following are the half-way transposition rows: Equivalent to a progression of 345612 from Major upwards, but how it is arrived at is a secret best known to myself for the time being.

- Minor 345612.
- Major 34567812.
- Royal 3759182046.
- Maximus 37521e406t98.

Yours faithfully,  
GEORGE BAKER

**SPLICED MINOR.**

At Backford, Cheshire, on Tuesday, March 9th, at the parish church, a 720 Double Bob Minor: W. Thomas 1, Geo. Jones 2, A. E. Richards 3, H. W. Wilde 4, W. Clarke 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6. Also 720 Spliced Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob Minor by the same band, with H. W. Wilde as conductor.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells at Christ Church, Southport, are being rebung. Owing to the local Point-to-Point Steeplechases, the meeting of the N.-E. branch of the Devon Guild at Silverton, announced for April 10th, has been postponed to April 24th.

While steeplechases and church bells have little in common, it is not uninteresting to know that the former word is derived from the fact that originally this form of racing took place across country with the winning post at some prominent landmark, usually the church steeple.

One hundred years ago to-morrow, on March 27th, 1825, the first, and, so far as we are aware, the only peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung.

A record peal of Treble Bob Royal which stood for a hundred and thirty years was put up by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch on March 27th, 1784. This was a round 12,000, and was the culmination of a period of rivalry in long lengths between the two old London Societies.

On March 27th, 1815, 10,008 Grandire Caters was rung at New College, Oxford.

The only peal that was ever completed in that method—a peal of 5,040 'New Double Triples,' was rung at Shoreditch on March 28th, 1750.

The first peal rung by a band of Kent men was at Wye on March 29th, 1736. It was a peal of Grandire Triples.

A peal of 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung on April 1st, 1727, at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, in 6 hours 28 minutes. A next year will be the bi-centenary, perhaps the present Norwich ringers will begin to think of suitably celebrating the event.

Mr. J. F. Galyer, who rang his first peal of London Surprise last Saturday at Beddington, is only 16 years of age. His progress has been rapid, for he only learned to pull a bell 15 months ago, and his opportunities are limited, as his work keeps him engaged on Saturday afternoons in the ordinary course.

## THE LATE MR. GEORGE BOLLAND. REQUEST FOR ANNIVERSARY MUFFLED PEAL.

The will of the late Mr. George B. Bolland, of Tong, Yorkshire, a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association and member of the Central Council, has just been proved.

Mr. Bolland left £4,221 (net personally £4,071). He bequeathed a sum to the Vicar and Church Council of Tong Church for the benefit of the ringers, and expressed a desire that the latter should ring a muffled peal on the anniversary of the testator's death.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I shall be much obliged if, through your columns, you would allow me to ask whether any representatives of the Central Council who may have saved their agenda leaflet of the Salisbury meeting in 1924, will kindly send it to me. Unfortunately, through an oversight, the spare leaflets were not brought back from the meeting, and there is consequently not one for the Council's archives. Such a donation will be much esteemed.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.

## THE TURNER'S HILL PEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I shall be pleased to answer the letter criticising the above, if your correspondent will: (1) Specify his charge; and (2) sign his name. Anonymous attacks of this description should not, in my opinion, be admitted to your columns.—Yours, etc.,

KEITH HART.

## BOW BELLS ON THE GRAMOPHONE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was rather puzzled on reading Mr. Burton's letter in last week's 'Ringing World' regarding the Homochord Record of Bow Bells. Being one of the band, I thought it would be a good idea to have one tried over, which I did, and found that Part II. side gives all rounds, and Part I. side call changes, including a good many repetitions of the 'Whittingtons.' This is exactly as I expected. Where Mr. Burton gets his Cinques from I do not know. Still, the record gives a very fine reproduction of the tone of Bow bells, especially if the rate of the motor is adjusted to produce the note of the tenor, which I think is B. Also a soft needle should be used.

I shall be pleased to post any ringer a record who cannot get one locally, on receipt of postal order for 2/6, plus postage.—Yours faithfully,

F. G. SYMONDS,  
52, Church Road, Lon



**THE FIRST PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE ROYAL CENTENARY OF A MEMORABLE PERFORMANCE.**

A peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung for the first, and, so far as our information goes, only time at All Saints' Church, Huddersfield, one hundred years ago to-morrow. The extension from the Major was obtained by Shipway, who published it in his 'Campanologia' in 1816. Whether it was ever practised elsewhere than in Huddersfield we do not know, but this Yorkshire tower had an exceedingly capable band at that time, and, after ringing what was believed to be the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 1821, they went on to Cambridge Major and Royal, and then accomplished the Superlative Royal. That they were proud of their performance is only natural, and a record of it, surmounted by a woodcut of the church and giving in addition to the customary particulars the figures of the method and the peal, was printed and privately circulated. The record is as follows:—

On MONDAY, March 27th, 1826, the COMPANY of All Saints' RINGERS, Wakefield, ascended the Tower of the Parish Church, and had the honour of Ringing, in a masterly style a true and complete Peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, consisting of 5,400 Changes, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes by TEN MEN only (Tenor weighing 31 cwt.). The great superiority of this Peal over any other is it being the only true Peal ever rung in the Kingdom in so intricate a method, and will be a standing laurel for the Society for ages to come. The Peal was composed by Mr. JOSEPH TEBBS, of Leeds, and was by him presented to the Society, and rung by them at the first attempt. The peal was nobly conducted by Mr. WILLIAM WOODHEAD, and Rung by the following Persons:—

**THE BAND as STATIONED:**

Mr. William Fawcett	... ..	Treble
Mr. Joseph Sugden	... ..	2nd
Mr. Mark Blackburn	... ..	3rd
Mr. George Pickering	... ..	4th
Mr. John Hall	... ..	5th
Mr. James Gill	... ..	6th
Mr. Joseph Gill	... ..	7th
Mr. Thomas Netherwood	... ..	8th
Mr. William Woodhead	... ..	9th
Mr. Robert Collett	... ..	Tenor

The Peal.

- 45236
- 62834
- 56234 First Part-end.
- 34562 Second Part-end.
- 62345 Third Part-end.
- 45623 Fourth Part-end.
- 23456 Fifth Part-end.

For the benefit of those who have not seen the figures of the method, and have not access to a copy of Shipway's work, we append half a lead of Superlative Surprise Royal.

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
- 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9
- 1 2 4 6 3 5 7 8 9 0
- 2 1 6 4 5 3 8 7 0 9
- 2 6 1 5 4 3 7 8 9 0
- 6 2 5 1 3 4 8 7 0 9
- 2 6 1 5 3 8 4 0 7 9
- 6 2 5 1 8 3 0 4 9 7
- 2 6 5 8 1 0 3 4 7 9
- 6 2 8 5 0 1 4 3 9 7
- 6 8 2 5 1 0 4 9 3 7
- 8 6 5 2 0 1 9 4 7 3
- 6 8 5 0 2 9 1 4 3 7
- 8 6 0 5 9 2 4 1 7 3
- 8 0 6 9 5 2 1 4 3 7
- 0 8 9 6 2 5 4 1 7 3
- 8 0 6 9 2 4 5 7 1 3
- 0 8 9 6 4 2 7 5 3 1
- 8 0 8 9 4 7 2 5 1 3
- 0 8 9 6 7 4 5 2 3 1

Shipway gives the figures of Superlative Royal under the heading of 'Trebis Bob Royal, with variations.' There are only three given, viz., Morning Exercise, Imperial and Superlative. He remarks, 'The Oxford and Kent methods being omitted, the following are inserted as specimens of the manner of putting those difficult methods on ten bells; such as the surprise, imperial, etc., peals; and which, most probably, will only serve for the speculation of the curious. But if at any time there should be found a set of ingenious men, bold enough to attempt such difficult methods on ten or twelve bells, I

have no doubt that they would be enabled to produce, if desired, more than is here inserted; as I have only given one of the exercise and surprise peals, with the imperial.'

**THE RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.**

**EASTER MONDAY'S BIG JOB AT LEEDS.**

The announcement that an endeavour is to be made at Leeds, Kent, on Easter Monday, to put up a new long length record, by attempting 22,033 Stedman Caters, has aroused considerable interest in the Exercise, and the band of Kent Association men will start with good wishes for their success from all quarters.

The company will be a mixed one, and includes several well-known names. The 'man at the helm' is that brilliant conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, who, among other things, called the 19,738 Stedman Caters on handbells in 1912.

Mr. H. R. Newton, one of the band holding the existing record, the 21,365 Stedman Caters at Appleton on April 22nd, 1922, writes: 'Good luck and a good peal is the wish of H. R. Newton to Mr. Pulling and his band on Easter Monday next at Leeds.'

The attempt will almost coincide with the anniversary of the 40,320 Bob Major rung at Leeds on April 7th and 8th, 1761, in 27 hours. James Barham and twelve other ringers took part in this peal.

James Barham, who was the leader of the Leeds Youths, died in 1818, having been a ringer from the year 1744.

The tower at Leeds is a curiosity, in that it is little higher than it is wide. It was built in the year 1119.

The tenor is a very good bell of just over a ton, cast by Joseph Hatch, of Ulcombe, a parish in the neighbourhood.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH AT PADBURY.**

A meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Padbury on Saturday, March 20th. This meeting had been previously arranged to take place at Chicheley on Saturday, March 6th, but had to be postponed at short notice owing to serious illness near the church. An outstanding invitation from Padbury was, therefore, accepted, and the meeting proved to be quite a success, the attendance numbering about 30, which was considered good, seeing that Padbury lies rather wide of those towers in North Bucks which are in union with the branch. The following were represented: Bleckley, Beachampton, Buckingham, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Shenley, Twyford, and the local ringers. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Padbury (the Rev. Dr. W. K. Firminger), it being the first time that he had had the pleasure of addressing the North Bucks branch, he having spent many years in India at Calcutta. On returning to England he accepted the Padbury living. The Guild form of service was used, and a friend of the Vicar (Dr. Faulkner), who was on holiday from India, and who only arrived the previous day, very kindly officiated at the organ.

Tea had been provided near the church, and the Vicar welcomed the members to tea as his guests.

After tea was over, the secretary stated that he had no special business to bring forward, only to explain why they could not hold the meeting at Chicheley, as previously arranged. He hoped to visit that place at a later date. He selected Padbury because he had been specially asked to visit that tower as soon as convenient, and thought it an opportune time. It would appear by the attendance that it had been quite a success. He wished most heartily, on behalf of the North Bucks branch, to thank the Rev. Dr. W. K. Firminger for so kindly entertaining them at Padbury, and felt sure that the members appreciated what he had done, and hoped that they would have the pleasure of coming again.

The Vicar responded, and remarked on the good work that such organisations did. The branch could visit Padbury at any time when they cared to come.

Votes of thanks were also passed to Dr. Faulkner for officiating at the organ (it was learned afterwards he fulfils a position of organist in Calcutta), and also to the ladies for providing tea and attending to the requirements of visitors.

This brought a most pleasant meeting to a close, and further ringing took place, the methods including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, while Minor methods ranged from Plain Bob up to London Surprise.

**M.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the note signed 'W. R. E.,' as I have no bona-fide member on the roll with these initials, and the writer prefers to be nameless the matter cannot be discussed.

My notice appeals to all members to come and join in the service, and I sincerely trust this will be generally responded to. Further comment is needless.—Yours truly,

ERNEST MORRIS,

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

Gen. Hon. Secretary.

**17,440 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.**

By E. TIMBRELL.

234567	M	I	O	4th's	5th's	W	H
372654							
647253	2	1	1				
427365	1	1					
275346	1	1				1	2
673542	2	1	1				2
765342	2	1	1		2	1	1
463257	2	1					1
682347	1					2	1
542637			†				2
652437						1	

Four times repeated.

\* 4th's, Out and 4th's, Out and 4th's.

† 4th's and In.

This is the longest length yet composed in the method. Hitherto the greatest number of true changes of Treble Bob Major has been Mr. J. W. Parker's 17,280 rung at Over, Cheshire, on July 21st, 1923.

**BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

The March meeting was held at Royston, near Barnsley, on Saturday, March 20th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and was kept going until 4.15 p.m., when, by special invitation, service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Lambert), who, while brief in his selection of suitable prayers and hymns, gave an address, which was wide in its warm judgment and happy inspiration.

Tea followed, under equally happy auspices, in the Schoolroom, about 40 sitting down. All were then invited to join in a photographic group taken in front of the church porch, the Vicar and officials of the association being in the centre.

The business meeting was held in the Schoolroom, many interesting items being dealt with in detail.

The next meeting may be at South Kirby.

The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing.

**VETERAN BLACKPOOL RINGER'S DEATH.**

A well-known figure in Lancashire ringing circles has passed away, in the person of Mr. Robert Rawcliffe, whose death took place at his home, Rawcliffe Farm, Lytham Road South, Blackpool, on March 16th. He had been a ringer for more than half a century, and came of an old and honoured Blackpool family, for there have been Rawcliffes in Blackpool since its village days.

The deceased was one of the band of eight ringers who, fifty years ago, rang a peal of welcome in the belfry of St. John's Parish Church to the first Mayor, the late Dr. W. H. Cocker. He afterwards became chief ringer at South Shore Parish Church, where he served for 25 years, from the time the bells were dedicated, after being recast and rehung in 1898. He resigned in 1923, after having occupied the position of hon. secretary of the Fylde branch of the Lancashire Association for a number of years. He had also served for some years as sidesman at South Shore Parish Church.

Until his health gave way, Mr. Rawcliffe was very regular in his attendance at service ringing and meetings.

Mr. Rawcliffe leaves a widow, two sons, and two daughters to mourn their sad loss.

The funeral took place at Bispham Parish Church on Saturday last, and on Sunday the bells at South Shore Parish Church were rung half-muffled.

Mr. Rawcliffe's son is now one of the ringers at South Shore.

**DEATH OF A SHEFFIELD RINGER.**

MR. J. W. SMITHSON, OF ALL SAINTS' BELFRY.

The death took place, at Sheffield, on Sunday, March 14th, of Mr. John William Smithson, who passed away in his 44th year. The deceased was a ringer at All Saints' Church for over 25 years, being the eldest son of the late Mr. William Smithson, who also was a ringer at the same church for a long period.

The funeral took place on Thursday, March 18th, when deceased's brother ringers acted as bearers from the church to the grave, after a very impressive service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Largie). At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. A. Craven, C. Harrison, W. Stubley, and the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, Precentor of the Sheffield Cathedral, all members of the Yorkshire and the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Associations.

In the evening, touches of Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung at All Saints', with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect by his colleagues, and friends from the Cathedral, St. Marie's and Dore.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 13th, when the proceedings began with ringing on the bells of St. Thomas's Church. A service was conducted by the Vicar of Dudley, the Rev. Canon Phelps, R.D., president of the Guild, who also gave an eloquent address. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the King Street Schools, where tea was in readiness, the funds for which were provided by subscriptions collected by Mr. Herbert Sheppard, from prominent members and friends of St. Thomas's congregation, who are all staunch supporters of the Guild. The following ladies presided at the urns: Mrs. John Goodman, sen., Miss A. S. Payne, Miss E. Marke and Miss Bessie Sheppard.

At the business meeting which followed, the president occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. Arthur Spittle, vice-presidents.—The Chairman, on behalf of himself and the churchwardens and Parochial Church Council, gave the members a most hearty welcome to the Parish Church and to Dudley. Apologies were announced from Mr. C. E. Lloyd, M.P., Messrs. Naylor and Watson (churchwardens), Mr. F. R. McDowell, Mrs. Phelps, Miss Piggett, Mrs. Holbrook, and others.

The Secretary referred, in very feeling terms, to the terrible tragedy that had occurred in Dudley in the families of two of their most respected members, Mr. Arthur Spittle and Mr. James Bayliss, and a vote of sympathy was passed.

The secretary then read his annual report, which, with the balance sheet, was duly confirmed and passed.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, the Rev. Canon Phelps, R.D.; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. E. Lloyd, M.P., J. W. Naylor, H. Watson, F. R. McDowell, Harry Mason, Arthur Spittle and J. M. D. Tait.

Mr. John Goodman, jun. (Dudley) was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. Herbert Sheppard was re-elected as hon. secretary, and thanked for his valuable services to the Guild during the past year. Mr. S. J. Hughes (treasurer) was re-elected, as were also the hon. auditors, Mr. E. Evans (Sedgley) and Mr. T. Justice (Bilston). Several new members were added to the roll of performing members.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wombourne, providing the usual permission was obtained.

Other business of a routine character having been transacted, a vote of thanks (proposed by Mr. Harry Mason, and seconded by Mr. Arthur Spittle), was accorded the president for his kindness in welcoming the Guild to Dudley, for conducting the service in church, for his eloquent and forceful address, and for the use of the tower and bells and schoolroom. The subscribers to the tea fund and the ladies presiding at the tables were also thanked, and a similar vote was passed to Mr. Cutler, the organist, for the musical portion of the service.

The President briefly replied, on behalf of all concerned, and several members then returned to the belfry, and kept the bells merrily ringing until nearly nine o'clock.

**OFF TO NIGERIA.**

Mr. W. Hibbert, junr., sailed for Nigeria on Wednesday week, and will be absent for two years. On Monday, Mar. 15th, a party of ringers met for some farewell touches at St. George's, Heaviley, Stockport, when Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung, but the breaking of a rope put a finish to an attempt for a touch of Double Norwich. On handbells, 413 Stedman Caters was rung by A. Barnes 1-2, H. Jackson 3-4, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 5-6, F. Page 7-8, W. Hibbert 9-10.

Mr. W. Hibbert served for two years in the office of steward in the Ancient Society of College Youths, but was unable to accept the Mastership this year owing to his removal from London, and was thus prevented from following in the footsteps of his father, Mr. R. T. Hibbert.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.**—On Monday, March 15th, at St. Mary's Church, four courses of Cambridge Surprise Royal (1,440 changes), in 55 mins.: J. Belchem 1, L. H. Page 2, J. W. Cornford 3, S. W. Baybut 4, J. Barrett 5, W. Dudley 6, S. W. Corden 7, E. W. Furbank 8, H. T. Wilson 9, W. H. Judd (conductor) 10. Longest length by ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and tenor.

**MINIATURE BELLS**

have raised money for many "Bell Funds." Let them raise it for yours. Inquiries to: John P. Fidler, 9, Bean Leach Road, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.

**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.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 21st, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. H. Hollier 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Coles 3, J. A. Trollope 4, A. Cutmore 5, W. R. Grimwood 6, T. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. W. Driver 8, H. Belcher 9, H. Page 10.

**BARNES.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday afternoon, March 21st, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Kingston, 1,260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, W. C. Stacey 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

**WINDSOR.**—On Sunday, March 14th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Phipps 1, W. P. Cross 2, F. Smith 3, F. Knight 4, L. Stilwell 5, C. T. P. Brice 6, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 4th and 7th.

**GRAVESEND.**—On Sunday evening, March 14th, for Divine service, in 22 mins., 70 London Surprise: Cyril Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, J. Buries 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Sunday, March 14th, at St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. James 1, J. Evans 2, A. C. Jones 3, W. D. Matthews 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, W. H. Wright 8. Arranged for Mr. W. D. Matthews, of Corston, Bath.

**WHITLE-LE-WOODS.**—At St. John's Church, on March 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,152 changes), in 44 mins.: T. Beaver 1, H. Lucas (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, Adam Blogg 3, E. B. Coxhead 4, F. G. Bradley 5, A. Hartley 6, C. Salisbury 7, Alfred Blogg 8.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, March 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8. Rung in honour of Mr. J. Roberts (sexton at this church) attaining his 70th birthday.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, March 7th, at the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, 1,268 Grandsire Triples, in 59 mins.: T. O. Bone 1, J. H. Parrott 2, F. Parrott 3, S. Penfold 4, J. Martin 5, F. Smith (conductor) 6, H. Hills 7, F. Taylor (longest length) 8. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, and the anniversary of the first peal by the local Guild.

**CHICHESTER.**—On Sunday morning, March 7th, at the Cathedral, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: A. D. Rowe 1, W. Falconer 2, F. B. Tompkins 3, W. G. Bull (Bognor) 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. Heffer 7, A. Tugwell 8. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to A. Tugwell.

**CHELMSFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, March 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 minutes, by the following: H. Cutter 1, C. Gentry 2, R. Clark 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, H. Smale 5, L. J. Clark (conductor) 6, J. Wood 7, G. Cooper 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', on Sunday, March 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Cook 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. P. Roe 3, W. J. Ellis 4, S. W. Crabb 5, E. A. Hull (conductor) 6, C. A. Button 7, W. Patmore 8.

**ST. ALBANS.**—On Sunday, March 7th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 52 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. Swinson 2, W. H. L. Buckingham 3, J. Blow 4, J. Malran 5, C. Jeffs 6, S. Lindsell 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

**CHELSEA.**—At the Church of St. Luke, on Sunday, March 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: H. W. Mance 1, C. P. Mitchell 2, J. Watkin 3, H. H. Mance 4, W. J. Dean 5, H. S. Ellis 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, A. G. Newman 9, H. Mance (conductor) 10.

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

**FELKIRK, YORKS.**—On Sunday, March 14th, at St. Peter's Church, for Matins, and again for evensong, 720 Plain Bob Minor: L. Roebuck 1, H. Cooper 2, M. Perry 3, D. Smith 4, C. Normington 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, March 7th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Bryant 1, R. A. Pardon 2, Miss R. G. Hawkesworth 3, Miss E. E. Hardeastle 4, Miss E. E. Chapman 5, Miss F. E. Orr (conductor) 6, J. C. Doel 7, F. E. Collins 8, C. W. Roberts 9, F. W. H. Sergison 10.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On Sunday, February 28th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans, the Mayor and Corporation to the Parish Church for the commemorative service for the jubilee of the incorporation of the borough, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in 48 mins.: F. Hunk 1, A. King 2, A. Smith 3, H. Walker 4, R. Wilson 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

**SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on February 28th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: A. Bolton 1, G. Duncan 2, G. A. Peck 3, F. Barber 4, G. Kemball 5, R. Loughton 6, J. C. Pollard (conductor) 7, H. Barber 8.

**WIGSTON MAGNA.**—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on Feb. 28th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,344 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Pacey 1, W. Brewin 2, H. Carter 3, A. Chamberlain 4, W. H. Humberstone 5, A. Ward 6, F. Lloyd 7, J. Carter (conductor) 8. Also rung to celebrate the gift of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On Sunday morning, Feb. 28th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. T. W. Coles (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, C. T. Coles 2, G. S. Morris 3, J. C. Adams 4, J. H. Wilkins 5, F. C. Maynard 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, R. Maynard, jun., 8. Rung to oblige the brothers E. and G. S. Morris, of Leicester.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', on Sunday morning, Feb. 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. T. Coles (conductor) 1, H. A. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, H. Ellis 4, C. Button 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, E. A. Hull 7, W. Patmore 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: S. W. Crabb 1, H. A. Barnett 2, \*W. J. Ellis 3, H. Ellis 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, \*J. G. Nash 6, E. A. Hull 7, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 8. \* First quarter-peal in method.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday evening, Feb. 14th, at St. Margaret's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,187 changes): R. Grant 1, F. Sharman 2, A. Ballard 3, E. Morris (conductor) 4, W. Tanser 5, L. Johnson 6, E. Whitehead 7, G. S. Morris 8, J. Morris 9, J. Grant 10.

**MORTIMER, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Feb. 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: E. Barret 1, F. Ham 2, G. Parsons 3, W. Ford 4, A. Ham 5, H. Puzer 6, E. Holloway (conductor) 7, C. Horton 8. First quarter-peal by all the band except the 7th ringer, and first attempt by tenor and treble ringers. First quarter-peal by the local band, who are all Sunday Service ringers.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday evening, Feb. 7th, at St. Margaret's, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques, in 55 mins.: \*R. Grant 1, F. W. Sharman 2, \*L. Johnson 3, E. Morris (composer and conductor) 4, A. Ballard 5, J. Morris 6, A. Cattle 7, \*W. Tanser 8, \*W. H. Clarke 9, E. Whitehead 10, G. S. Morris 11, \*J. Grant 12. \* First quarter of Cinques.

**HOUNSLOW.**—On Sunday, February 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Gash (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, S. Stilwell 2, P. G. Goddard 3, J. Milner 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, W. F. Ellingham 8.

**EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—For Matins, on Sunday, Feb. 7th, a 720 of London Surprise Minor: P. W. French 1, J. W. Lake (conductor) 2, A. E. Larkinson 3, A. J. Holmes 4, F. Blood 5, T. L. Bainbridge 6. Rung to oblige Mr. F. Blood, who was paying a flying visit to Bourne.

**EXETER.**—At St. David's Church, on Feb. 7th, in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Oke 1, J. Arbury 2, F. Gardner 3, A. W. Searle 4, T. Laver 5, W. Lethbridge 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, — Webber 8. — For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Luxton 1, J. Oke 2, F. Gardner 3, C. Carter 4, W. Richardson 5, J. Arbury 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

**LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, Feb. 7th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: T. O. Bone 1, J. Martin 2, F. Parrott (longest length) 3, J. H. Parrott 4, S. Penfold 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

**NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, January 31st, for evensong, 720 Cuneastre Surprise: J. F. Ryles 1, J. W. Walker 2, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, W. Corfield 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Walley 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all.—On Sunday, Feb. 7th, for evensong, 720 Ipswich Surprise: H. Witherley 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. W. Walker 3, W. Corfield 4, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6. First 720 in the method for W. Corfield and C. S. Ryles.

**'DE QUACKINABILIS.'**

TO THE NOBLE SOCIETY OF (CAMBRIDGE) COLLEDGE YOUTHS.

Gentlemen,—I have seen a Treatise (not) intituled de Quackinabilis—that is, of Little Ducks, the Language Higher Critics, but penned by a Double Dutchman—being a discourse of playing tricks with little words with traps under the syllables, and I thought it worth a Drake's labour to write something on this art or science, though, when I say 'write,' I mean not that I write, but that my friends write and I attach my name, not that it is my name really as I call myself by three several, and as you are intended to understand mutually exclusive names, and if anyone objects a fault, excuse it with the ringing term of which I am not to know the meaning, being a well-wisher to your recreation, and so no partaker nor reputed expert in it, as all these take their part only for the love of filthy lucre—he was over-belled—and you will much oblige him, whoever 'him' is by failing to point out that, according to the aforementioned treatise, 'him' is the acknowledged clever exponent of this recreation, and is not I, that is—no—is reputed to a well-wisher to your—our—my recreation.

CAMPANISTA SECUNDUS.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At the Parish Church, Bispham, Lancs, on Sunday, Feb. 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), consisting of 540 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Bob, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. Canon Leighton, for 38 years Rector of Bispham Parish Church, who died on Sunday, Feb. 14th, and was interred. It was mainly through the Canon's efforts that the peal of eight bells was placed in the church as a war memorial. The Canon retired from the living about four years ago, and has been residing near Mansfield, Notts: G. Parkinson 1, A. Parkinson 2, J. Jackson 3, G. Dewhurst 4, R. Benson 5, C. Sharples (conductor) 6.

**NEW MINOR METHODS.**

At St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, the following three new Double Surprise Methods were rung by the local band, and at the first attempt: February 11th, for practice, Audley; February 21st, for morning service, Stoke; February 28th, for evening service, Stafford, conducted by Mr. W. Wheeldon.

**LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON.**

A correspondent of the 'Nottingham Evening News' writes as follows: 'Has Loughborough lost interest in its fine War Memorial Carillon? Certainly appearances seem to point to this state of affairs. I visited Loughborough yesterday with the idea of ascertaining when recitals are given on the bells. At the gate of the park the only notice was almost indecipherable owing to fading. This notice informed the visitor that the tower could be ascended for a fee of sixpence. There was no indication of the time recitals are held. I asked several passers-by, but they all expressed complete ignorance, and their faces almost expressed surprise that anybody should be showing interest in the Carillon.'

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.**—On March 20th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes), after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method: W. Thomas 1, R. Sperring 2, J. Hayes 3, A. J. Hughes 4, J. Swindley 5, J. H. Riding (first quarter in the method) 6, J. Morgan 7, S. Jones, jun. (conductor) 8.

**PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, March 15th, by all local service ringers, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, in 60 mins.: J. Belcham 1, L. H. Page 2, J. W. Cornford 3, S. W. Baybutt 4, J. Barrett 5, W. Dudley 6, S. W. Gordon 7, E. W. Furbank 8, H. T. Wilson 9, W. H. Judd (conductor) 10.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Tuesday, March 9th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 47 mins.: P. Lane (first quarter-peal on treble) 1, D. Cooper 2, F. Jennings (first quarter in method 'inside') 3, A. J. Trappitt 4, F. E. Darby 5, G. Jennings 6, C. H. Kippen 7, T. G. Bannister 8, J. F. Galyer (conductor) 9, J. Avery 10.

**STONY STRATFORD.**—On Saturday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Giles' Church, in 50 mins.: W. G. Clarke 1, T. C. Tompkins 2, W. M. J. Pedley 3, Edwin Yates 4, H. C. Edwards 5, W. Bonham 6, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 7, C. Gear (first quarter) 8. The above quarter-peal was rung, half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. W. W. Meadows, late churchwarden at St. Giles' Church.

**EASTER MEETINGS.**

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 5th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9.30 a.m., and St. Peter's (6) from 12 noon. Luncheon will be at the Silver Grill Restaurant, near St. Paul's, at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will take place at the Cathedral, Chester, on Easter Monday. Meeting 11 a.m. Service 12.30 p.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Chester. Dinner 1.15 p.m. in the Refectory. Tickets 2s. 6d. — Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.), are available for ringing all day. Lunch will be provided in the Church Room at 1 p.m. Members 1/6, non-members 2/-. Those intending to be at lunch must notify the Secretary not later than Thursday, April 1st, first post.—T. Metcalfe, 26, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Axminster on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8). Service, Parish Church, 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Gosforth, Newcastle, on Easter Monday, April 5th, it being the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells. Bells available from 10.30 a.m., short service at 1 p.m. Dinner in the Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m., at a charge of 2s. 6d. per head, to those only who send their names to Adam Deas, 8, Howard Place, Gosforth, on or before March 29th next.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 5th. Service at Great St. Mary's at 12 noon, address by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Rector of Castle Camps. Luncheon and general meeting at the Dorothy Cafe at 1 p.m. The bells of Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew the Great (8), Trumpington (5), Old Chesterton (6), 3 to 7.15 p.m., will be available. The Secretary will be glad to know how many may be expected at luncheon by March 31. — R. Copeman, End House, Owlestone Road, Cambridge.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, Glos., on Easter Monday, April 5th. Cold luncheon 2s. 3d. Tea 1s. 3d. Management Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Service 12.15 noon. General business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Charabancs from Bristol will pick up en route, if convenient. Fare 5s. 6d. Early notification for luncheon, tea or charabanc should be given.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., address by the Dean of St. Albans; 6 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. If you are coming, let me know, if possible, to make catering easy.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Easter Monday, April 5. Service at 12. Dinner at the Ramsgate Commercial Hotel 1.30 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open for ringing, St. Laurence's (10), St. Peter's (8), St. John's, Margate (8), Birchington (8), Quex Park (12). The Rev. H. A. Serres (Birchington) invites members to tea (5.30 p.m.). Those who wish to accept must send a postcard direct to him before April 1st. For dinner tickets apply to the secretary before March 31st.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Silverdale on Easter Monday, at 4 p.m. Bells (6) available all day.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Burton-on-Trent. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen's (8) and Winshall (6) will be available all day (except during the time of association service). Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in St. Paul's Institute. A short service will be held at St. Paul's at 4 p.m., at which the Rev. H. E. Worthington, M.A., R.D. (Rector of Seales) will preach. Collection for Bell Repair Fund, and it is hoped all members will attend. Meat tea will be served in St. Paul's Institute at 5 p.m., followed by the general meeting. All intending to be present at tea (1s. 6d. each) must advise Mr. Ronald H. Dove, 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent, on or before March 29th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Secretary.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 5th, at Norwich. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Michael Coslany (8) will be available. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m., at which the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich will preach. Luncheon (2s. 6d. per head) will be served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, Norwich, at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting. All intending to be present at the luncheon must advise the general secretary on or before Thursday, April 1st. All ringers are cordially invited.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Penistone on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from noon onwards. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea, 1/- per head, will be provided if sufficient numbers are notified to Mr. George Hill, Barnsley Road, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, by April 1st. Will members please observe this modest request?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual meeting.—At Bury Cathedral on Easter Monday there will be a short service at 3.30. Tea, followed by meeting in the Large Room at the Abbey House at 4 p.m. (free to all sending names by Wednesday, March 31st).—Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Banstead, on Easter Monday, April 5th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Hop-

kinson). Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea (1s. 3d. per head) should notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, not later than Thursday, April 1st. A good attendance is requested. All are welcome.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1926. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address, in the Cathedral at 4.15. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 31st. As the allowance will not cover the cost, a small charge will be made. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheppcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Knaresborough on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. General meeting in Church House at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served at a charge of 1/9 per head, and applications for tea tickets must reach Mr. F. Smith, Glenroyd Park Parade, Knaresborough, not later than first post Tuesday, March 30th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

## NOTICES.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest will be held at Lightcliffe (near Halifax), on Saturday, March 27th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea 1/6 each.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Banksfield View, Halifax.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Rooms at 5 p.m. Business meeting in Talbot Inn at 7.30. A good attendance is requested.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Short service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea, at 1s. 3d. per head. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7. A good muster of members is expected to be present. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Meeting in Vestry at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. — W. Underwood, Assistant Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belper, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, March 27th. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lenton on Saturday, March 27th. Tower open from 4 to 7 p.m. Meeting in tower. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—No practice on Monday, March 29th. Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes', Sunday 4th, at 10 a.m.; Monday 12th, at 6.30, to be followed by the Quarterly business meeting at 8; and Monday 26th at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday 20th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, April 10th, at 3.15 p.m. Notice of motion should reach secretary at least ten days before that date.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on April 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th; St. Magnus', on the 15th and 29th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The 29th annual general meeting will be held at Fulham on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 4.30, preacher, Rev. J. H. Newsham-Taylor, Rector of Acton. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. at 1/- each to those who advise either of the secretaries by April 7th. *Please do so.* Ringing at Fulham 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30, Putney 3 to 4.15, Hammersmith 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E. 17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W. 4, Hon. Secs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30; 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than April 3rd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton, on April 10th. Bells ready at 4. Service at 5.30. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, and James W. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Secs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church), on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. Holy Trinity bells (8) also available afternoon and evening.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Rd., Devizes.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.**—The Lord Bishop of Hereford will (p.v.) dedicate the two new trebles at the official opening on Saturday afternoon, April 17th. All ringers will be most welcome, and special arrangements will be made for all ringers to have a pull. Complete bands, from Plain to Surprise methods, will be given every opportunity, so that the bells may be heard at their best during the afternoon and evening. There is exceptionally good train service from Shrewsbury and Wellington. Train leaves Coalbrookdale 8.15 Saturday evening. Midland bus runs to and from Wellington Saturday nights from Coalbrookdale 6.5, 8.45 and 10.55. Sunday service, from Wellington 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. From Coalbrookdale, 12.45, 4.25, 6.25, 8.25 and 9.47 p.m. All the above connect at Wellington for Shrewsbury. Lodgings can be booked at Coalbrookdale if arrangements are made in good time. G.W. trains leave Coalbrookdale for Wellington on week days 6.20, 7.20 and 9 a.m.—All ringers who propose visiting Coalbrookdale should write to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Salop.

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.15, 1s. each. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 20th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The Bells of St. Mary's, Dunmow, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend, and ringing will continue after the service for the respective companies. Will those intending to be present please let me know so as to arrange for light refreshments, also seats in church?—H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

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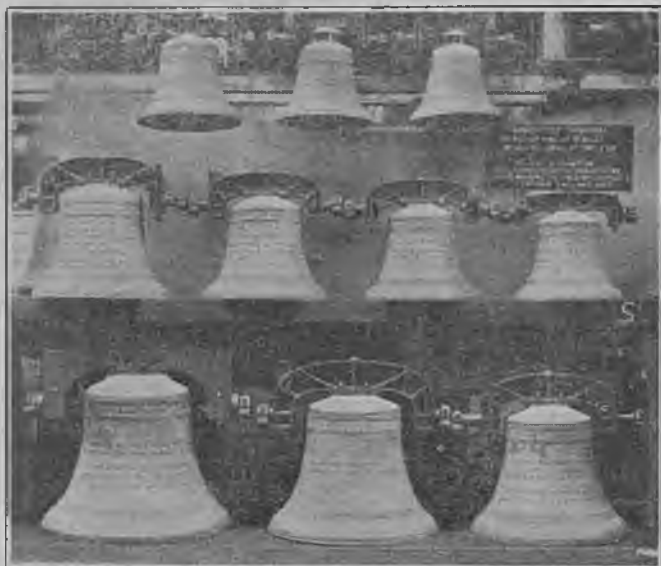
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### METHOD NAMES.

New recommendations on method nomenclature, by the committee appointed by the Central Council to go into this question, are embodied in a report which appears in our columns to-day. The subject is to be considered at the Whitsuntide meeting at Ipswich, but the report makes a timely appearance, in view of the annual meetings of so many of the leading associations which will be held on Monday and in the succeeding weeks. It is hardly likely that there will be any general discussion on the report at the majority of these provincial gatherings, but ringers will be able if they so desire to express their views and so get their opinions represented to the Central Council through their delegates. Moreover, the early publication of this report will give the Council themselves ample time to digest its contents and make up their minds in regard to it.

The recommendations are in somewhat different form to those which appeared in the original report last year, but they cover practically the same ground; hence some of them will be found highly debatable. As will be seen, the committee suggest one or two primary principles in regard to method naming with a view to avoiding the muddle which has arisen in the past through a method having more than one title, or the same name being used for more than one method. In addition, they propose that for the future the use of only approved titles shall be recognised by the Council. If the Council indicate the limits within which they are prepared to give their sanction, we imagine that these points will be readily agreed to by all except those who decline to be governed by any rules, and who desire to be a law unto themselves.

Some of the remaining recommendations, however, are likely to be challenged either wholly or in part, and particularly those which relate to the changing of existing names. Had it not been for the Peals Analysis Committee's obduracy in extending the application of floral names to new methods—the science of change ringing, after all, has nothing, even remotely, to do with horticulture—the proposal for finding new titles for old methods would probably never have been made. Ringers generally would have been content to let sleeping dogs lie, but to have a further instalment of this absurd class of nomenclature—absurd, that is, for what is, after all, a mathematical science—thrust upon them naturally aroused them to opposition. The Nomenclature Committee's efforts in regard to the alterations have been directed to substituting place names, but even so objection to individual changes is bound to arise, as well as the opposition which may be expected from some quarters to the whole principle of

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interference. The early publication of the report will, however, as we have already mentioned, provide everyone with the fullest opportunity of giving mature consideration to the details, and the rank and file of the ringers will, in a large number of cases, have the chance of expressing their opinions if they wish to do so.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. 8
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 10
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN... .. 11
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

CBALLIS F. WINNEY... .. Treble	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 7
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER... .. 2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 3	FRANCIS E. DAWE ... .. 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 4	JEFFREY R. GAMMON ... .. 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5	THOMAS H. TAPPENDER ... .. 11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 6	HENRY C. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JAMES SWINDLEY... .. Treble	HARRY OVERTON... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 8
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 4	RICHARD S. HOLDING... .. 9
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise Royal in the county by the Guild, and by all the band. Rung at the second attempt, without practice, by an entirely resident band. Mr. H. F. Holding's 60th peal. Ringers of 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th and tenor belong to the local band; treble and 2nd to Chester; and 7th and 8th to Eccleston.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HARRY MILES ... .. Treble	CYRIL BENNETT ... .. 5
FRANK TUFFREY ... .. 2	WILLIAM STONE ... .. 6
JACK JUDGE ... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... .. 4	ALBERT MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BOREHAM, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Boreham peal, including Ernest Runter, Harry Warne, Hirzel Edwards, Thomas Lincoln, William Keeble, Walter Arnold, Edward P. Buckingham, Arthur Head, and Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS T. GORTON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE. First peal in the method. A. Head's 100th peal. Rung to celebrate the presentation of silver drums to the 1st Bath Essex Regiment at Chelmsford on the above date.

WIDFORD, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Widford peal, including George Miles, Albert Rainbird, William Dudley, Henry T. Wilson, Harry Turner, Stanley W. Baybutt, Ernest W. Furbank, William D. Leggett, and Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Frodsam peal, including Cyril Valentine, Miss N. M. Bibby, Henry C. Collyer, John E. Bibby, William Bibby, Henry W. Wilde, Edward Jenkins, Francis Bibby, and Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by E. JENKINS. First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method in the county, and by the Guild with a resident band.

DARTFORD, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Dartford peal, including Henry Rayner, Isaac G. Shade, Herbert E. Audsley, Edward Brown, John H. Cheesman, James George, C.S.M. James Bennett, Richard Jenkins, and Tenor.

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

On Tuesday, March 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Willesden peal, including Edward Lankester, Charles T. Coles, George M. Kilby, George R. Pye, Gilbert R. Goodship, Cecil V. Ebberson, William J. Nodds, J. Armiger Trollope, and Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES. First peal in the method.

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BUSHEY, HERTS. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Bushey peal, including William Seeley, George M. Kilby, Cecil V. Ebberson, Harry Kilby, Horace E. C. Goodenough, Maurice F. R. Hibbert, William G. Whitehead, Walter Ayre, and Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT. First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and by the association. This is the 150th peal upon these bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES; Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Middleton peal, including John Hollows, William Berry, James Arrowsmith, James Jacques, Samuel Holt, Thomas K. Driver, James H. Bastow, Frank Berry, and Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY. Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of James Arrowsmith, senr. All the band are local men.

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

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS, A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Erdington peal, including Jonathan Preston, William J. Meers, George F. Swann, Samuel Grove, Morris J. Morris, William Dowding, Thomas H. Reeves, and Herbert C. Spencer.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN. First peal of Surprise.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE. THE LLANDAFT AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; T. DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Bridgend peal, including G. William Hollis, Alfred Talbot, Ernest Stitch, John W. Jones, Charles H. Perry, Alfred W. Wright, Albert J. Pitman, and William H. Wright.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY. First peal of Triples. First peal with a bon bell. The ringers of 1st, 3rd and 7th hail from Aberavon; 2nd from Newton Nottage; 4th from Newport; the rest are local.

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

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes, AT THE (R.C.) CHURCH OF ST. MARIE, A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES; Tenor 25 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Sheffield peal, including George Lewis, Sidney Briggs, Arthur Knights, James Evinson, John Thorpe, Robert Harrison, Percival A. Knights, and Colin Harrison.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, March 15th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Tompkins 1, C. Munt 2, C. Henley (conductor) 3, A. Brinklow 4, A. V. Good 5, H. Golding 6. Longest length by ringers of treble and 2nd, and longest length 'inside' by ringer of 4th.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 25 cwt. 16 lb. in D.	
ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Treble	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 3	JOHN WOOD ... .. 7
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

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

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS RILEY ... .. Treble	JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 3	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 7
CHARLES MASON... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

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

CROYDON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. Treble	*AMOS W. CLARK... .. 5
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 6
ALBERT HARMAN... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. 7
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 4	DANIEL COOPER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

\* 100th peal. First peal as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

STOCKPORT.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT ST. BEECH ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

*HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
*FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3-4	ALFRED BARNES ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Major in hand. First peal of Major in hand as conductor.

STONY STRATFORD. — On Monday, March 22nd, at St. Giles' Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: W. Clarke 1, H. Tompkins 2, H. Edwards 3, T. Tomkins 4, E. Yates 5, W. Bonham 6, W. Pedley 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all except conductor.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Wednesday, March 17th, 720 Kent Treble: H. Saunders 1, J. Smart 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, K. Stewart (first 720 'inside' and first attempt) 4, E. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BURMARSH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6060 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... Treble	CHARLES TRIBE... .. 4
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 2	*EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. 5
*ERNEST W. POWELL... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. C. J. Olyphant).

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5046 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (Plain and Treble Bob rung alternately). Tenor (approx.) 8 cwt. in A.

*MISS MARIE P. CROSS ... Treble	*MISS ADDIE A. FISHER ... 4
MISS NANCIE DENYER ... .. 2	MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... .. 5
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3	C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

\* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal in more than one method in which five ladies have taken part. Miss Cross was proposed a member of the above Guild prior to the peal.

BERKHAMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being one 720 rung on the plan of Mr. A. J. Pitman, and the remainder of peal with ten different callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK NORRIS ... .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 5
*FRED BLUNT ... .. 2	*SIDNEY T. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. REEVE ... .. 3	ERNEST W. SMITH ... .. Tenor
OWEN BAYES ... .. 4	

Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

The 6th, being cracked, was left out. \* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method, and first as conductor. Ringer of 7th elected a member previous to starting. Ringer of treble is 70 years of age, and has been a member of Berkhamstead band of ringers for 52 years. Rung in honour of the birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent, and two each of Oxford Kent and Plain Bob.

HAROLD HARDY ... .. Treble	CHARLES E. WEBB ... .. 4
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 5
FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 3	THOMAS B. NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. NEWTON.

Ring to celebrate Mr. C. E. Webb's 40th year as a ringer at the above church.

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**EASTER MONDAY PEALS.**

Conductors of peals rung on Easter Monday are requested to post reports the same night, so that as many as possible may be included in our next issue, and save congestion in our columns in the succeeding weeks.

**CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'****LONG PEALS AND THE PUBLIC.—PEAL RINGING CLASSIFICATION.—SHIPWAY AND SHAKESPEARE.**

Some people are never happy unless they can get one better than the rest. We see it in all walks of life, among both sexes, in all creeds and countries. Mrs. Jones like to out-do Mrs. Brown in the smartness of her hats just as much as Mr. Brown longs to out-vie Mr. Jones in the size of the gooseberries which he grows. If Mr. Phineas Grabham can 'put it over' Mr. Theophilus Snatchit in a deal in bananas or imported rabbits he inwardly rejoices, while outwardly showing that calm and inscrutable countenance which we are taught to associate with those who do the big things with other people's goods. And do not we all feel cock-a-whoop if we can do something in the way of ringing which some other fellow cannot or has not done? The microbe of 'go-one-better' eats into the vitals of all of us more or less if we have a ha'porth of ginger in our composition, and we are usually so reckless about it that, like a certain peer, whose utterance has passed into an historical saying, we are usually prepared to 'damn the consequences.' We mind not what the public may say about us, it may be even more forcible than the above quotation, but we ought to be a little wary of what we inflict upon the listeners. Wasn't it a mistake, for instance, to ring a seven thousand and something of Cambridge Maximus at Bow? Those who are interested in ringing admire the ability of men who can put up a performance like this—and I am one of the greatest admirers of these men—but what must the people who are not interested in ringing think about it? I mention this, not specially to criticise the ringing of this peal in the midst of a great city, but as an illustration of what sometimes happens when the ringers think only of themselves.

And now we come to the point. In arranging for the record-breaking attempt on Easter Monday, has the public been considered? I have never had the pleasure of visiting Leeds, and for aught I know there may not be a house within a mile or two, but if it stands anywhere near the village street—well, much as I like bells and ringing, my sympathy will go out to the parishioners. In old James Barham's days, apparently, they had to like it or lump it, but the times have moved since then, and folk are not so inclined to take things lying down. In these days they quickly sit up, and I hope that when the bells are getting towards the end of that twenty-two thousand irate villagers will not make the ringers 'sit up' as well. We all hope for the best, however, and will await with interest the result of this test of muscle and brain. There will be a certain fitness in things if the longest length single-handed is rung in the tower where the longest length of all was rung. No one, I think, disputes that the 40,320 was rung there in 1761, but out of the thirteen who are said to have taken part I wonder how many of them saw the clock round at a stretch, as the ten men will have to do, and more than do, if they are to get home with the peal they are out for next Monday?

It is wonderful what ringers will put up with in the shape of personal discomfort in order to get a peal. Even a common or garden five thousand will give some men such crops of blisters as keep their hands tender for a week; yet they even take a pride in them. But ask the same men to suffer similarly for the sake of digging an allotment, and—well, they'll tell you that's a different story. And I suppose it will be the same at Leeds next Monday. Ask those same ten men to dig in their respective gardens for fourteen or fifteen hours without pause, without food, aye, and without a drink, and what would they answer you? If I am mistaken in my surmise, I have a pretty expansive plot of ground which needs digging, and which they can come to any day by appointment and demonstrate the fact that it is not merely for ringing that they do these things.

The breeze from the North-East—I don't mean the one that a week or two ago sent us back to our greatcoats by day and hot-water bottles by night, but the one that rustled the pages of 'The Ringing World' recently—has died away, and left a perfect calm, but all the same, whatever may happen in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle, I know there are many ringers up and down the country who feel they are 'out in the cold' so far as peal ringing is concerned. They see week after week peals rung by more or less the same ringers; crack bands who, as an occasional act of grace, condescendingly let in a solitary soul for his 'first in the method,' but who for the most part are an exclusive company. They form the opinion that these men, already set in the seats of the mighty, do not want to be bothered with the humble and meek who have not reached the 'Surprise' stage, or, probably, have not yet got

beyond plain methods. They may be wrong in their view, but that is what they feel. Why cannot the men who belong to this category be organised into peal ringing bands by the associations to which they belong? If this were to be done, and, in effect, second, third and fourth 'class' companies—'class' based upon their ability as method ringers—helped systematically in their peal ringing aspirations by the associations to which they pay their annual subscription—often for no more opportunity than attending an occasional district meeting—there would soon be more enthusiasm among these men. It would mean that sometimes some of the 'top sawyers' would be asked to make a little personal sacrifice to help, but, unless they were utterly selfish folk, I do not think they would mind.

Most ringers will agree with Mr. Keith Hart that when a man wants to challenge a peal he should come out into the open. In effect, a person who challenges a published peal questions the honesty of the ringers, and it would be far better if he said plainly who he was, instead of assuming a *nom de plume*. There is always a disinclination to question the peals rung by others, and I can understand the reluctance a man may feel in calling a performance into question, even though he may honestly feel it has been a distinctly bad one. But when he does publicly cast doubt upon the validity of a peal it would be better for all concerned if he appended his name.

Every reader must have been interested in the peeps into history which Mr. Trollope has been giving us, and I am glad he has been able to tell us something about Shipway, and to give us an expert's valuation of his work. I don't know why, but I have always looked upon Shipway as the Shakespeare of ringing. They have nothing in common that I am aware of, except their initials, but I think of Shipway as having done for ringing what Shakespeare did for literature. Shipway left an indelible mark upon ringing, as Shakespeare did upon poetry. He had knowledge, insight and ability, but perhaps there may grow up a 'Baconian' school of thought some day who will say that Shipway was not the author of the work which bears his name. Some of us got a shock the other day when we first read that perhaps, after all, Fabian, of Cambridge, didn't pen his 'Tintinnologia,' and that we have been under a misapprehension all the time in giving his name to a method he didn't invent. For the moment, however, he seems to be reinstated on his pedestal, but when Stedman comes off his perch, who knows but that Shipway may not follow, and then perhaps someone may even say that 'Notes by the Way' were not written by J. A. Trollope, but by

'CRITICUS.'

**THE LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON.****RECITAL SEASON BEGINS ON EASTER DAY.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have had my attention drawn to your paragraph taken from 'The Nottingham Evening News' regarding the Loughborough Carillon.

If Loughborough has lost interest in the carillon it is a very strange fact, but nevertheless true, that it has been decided to further enhance the appearance of the tower by completing it for all time at a further cost of £1,200. This sum has already been donated, and the work is to be finished this summer.

The notices at the gate of the Park are frequently renewed, but owing to the inclement weather we have been experiencing of late, these notices very soon become indecipherable, and it is unfortunate that the correspondent should arrive when the notice in question had faded.

As there are no recitals during the winter months it is obviously foolish to expect to see notices of recitals which are not to be given. I am surprised at the correspondent stating that all passers-by expressed complete ignorance regarding the recitals, and feel almost certain that if any stranger visits our Park and asks information regarding recitals, etc., almost anyone will be only too pleased and willing to give this information.

Our recital season commences on Easter Sunday, when the first recital will be given at 3.30 p.m. There will also be a further recital on Easter Monday at 3.30 p.m. Recitals will then follow every Sunday at 3.30, and as the weather improves there will be a mid-week recital on Thursday evening. I might also add that arrangements have been made for the carillon to be broadcast on Sunday, the 2nd May.

If any of your readers want any information whatever regarding the carillon I shall be only too pleased to supply it upon receipt of a letter asking for this information, but please disabuse your readers' minds of any ideas that we at Loughborough are not proud of our magnificent memorial.—Yours very truly,

W. E. JORDAN.

Carillonneur to the Borough of Loughborough.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, March 21st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Margaret, 1, 152 Bob Major; J. Stanford 1, G. Woodman 2, P. Charman 3, W. Pettifer 4, J. Branch 5, W. Stanford 6, W. Charman 7, J. Cook (conductor) 8.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CHESTER MEETING.

The second session of the 12th Council (33rd meeting) was held in the historic Refectory of Chester Cathedral, on Tuesday, June 2nd, 1925, at 11 a.m. The chair was taken by the President, Canon G. F. Coleridge. There were present 72 members, representing 41 Guilds and Associations.

The proceedings opened with prayer, offered by the Dean of Chester, who extended a welcome to the Council.

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 Revs. A. H. F. Boughy, E. W. Carpenter, C. C. Cox, B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, F. J. O. Helmore, Maitland Kelly, C. C. Marshall, C. E. Matthews and H. Simpson, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Alderman R. B. Chambers, Messrs. J. Barton, G. Bolland, C. E. Borrott, J. Carter, E. H. Lewis, C. R. Lilley, T. E. Metcalfe, J. T. Rickman, T. H. Taffender and W. Willson.

At this point the Lord Bishop of Chester, who had now arrived, addressed the meeting, and gave the Council a most hearty welcome to Chester.—The President, on behalf of the Council, thanked the Bishop and Dean for their welcome, and the Precentor for his presence.

Arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary explained what had been done in reference to ringers' representatives being elected on Church Parochial Councils. Canon H. J. Elsee thought that further action was necessary, and after remarks by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, the Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. C. T. Coles, E. W. Elwell and F. Wilford, the hon. secretary undertook to send a circular letter to the 36 diocesan secretaries.

The hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. Alexr. Young) presented a financial statement, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £82 17s. 1d., and that the balance, after the receipts and expenditure had been dealt with, was £71 8s. 7d.—The accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

The hon. librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) then presented his statement of accounts, which showed receipts amounting to £8 4s. 3d. from the sale of publications, and an expenditure of £10 9s. 8½d., leaving a deficit of £2 5s. 5½d. The sales had been 250, as against 265 the previous year. The hon. librarian referred to some of the publications of the Council being now nearly exhausted or out of print, and the book of rules now being out of date. Arising out of his statement, it was agreed, on a proposal by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, that the hon. librarian should re-purchase copies of 'Preservation of Bells' held by Canon Elsee, and that he should also be authorized to sell the Corrigenda leaflets at 2d. per set, and further be authorised to obtain copies of the 'Bell News' for the years 1912-1915.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, it was carried that the Council's publications be advanced in price by 50 per cent.

The President stated that the Standing Committee recommend that the Council's 'Rules and Decisions' be brought up to date, and submitted for approval by the Council at the next meeting, which was agreed to.

**ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.**—Those retiring, with the exception of Mr. H. Chapman, were unanimously re-elected, viz., Rev. A. H. F. Boughy, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker (the vacancy not being filled).

**PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.**—The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported on behalf of the committee, and, though he had to apologise for the delay, said that they were now able to produce the result of many years' work, which was all in MSS. After some discussion as to whether the whole or part should be printed, the committee, at the request of the president, agreed to reconsider the matter, and return to it later on in the day.

**THE LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.**—Mr. G. P. Burton reported on behalf of the committee, in the absence of the Convener (the Rev. C. E. Matthews). Mr. Burton was asked by the president to give a verbal report. He regretted that he was unable to make a statement. After a further statement by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (who was able to advert to useful work which was done during the year) on the motion of the president, the verbal statement was accepted.

**METHOD COMMITTEE.**—The Rev. H. Law James reported on behalf of the committee, and said they were now in a position to print the selection of some 70 or 80 Plain Major Methods. Year by year they had regretted the delay, but it was only now that the papers, as finally revised by Mr. Lewis, were to hand. The Rev. H. Law James formally moved the adoption of his report.—Mr. Trollope, in seconding, said that he hoped that the Major Methods would meet with the same success as the Minor, and he strongly recommended the work to the Exercise.

Mr. G. P. Burton, supported by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, deprecated the printing of the methods, especially as another committee (the Nomenclature) might have something to say as to the naming of them, but the Rev. Law James reminded the meeting that the committee was ordered at Lincoln to print the methods and attach the names, and this they proposed to do.—After some further discussion, the report was adopted.

**PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.**—The adoption of the report of this committee (which had already been printed in 'The Ringing World') was moved by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Parker. The former also moved that the names of the conductors of peals be omitted from the analysis, whereupon Mr. C. T. Coles moved further minor alterations, but, at the instance of the president, the report as presented was first adopted.—The Rev. H. Law James then moved that it be an instruction to the Analysis Committee to omit all points for peals, and this being seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, was carried by a large majority.

**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.—Arising from the report Mr. H. Fairclough, in referring to welding cracks in old bells, was prepared to put any member in touch with a firm in Warrington who were able to do such work.—After further discussion as to examples of welding cracks, the Council adjourned for lunch.

**RECORDS COMMITTEE.**—After the interval, the Rev. A. T. Beeston presented the report of this committee, which incorporated two years' records of new methods rung, and the new progressive lengths, which he read to the meeting, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and carried.

The President here called upon the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson to resume the report of his committee. He said that the members had consulted together, and that 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. 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 selections were compiled.—The report was adopted.

**SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBIT COMMITTEE.**—The Hon. Secretary verbally reported for the committee, and explained that the exhibit was still waiting to go into the new science gallery, and that Mr. Carter's ringing machine, which was still at Mr. Young's house, was being put into proper order, and a descriptive book of instructions being prepared to show how it was worked and controlled.—He moved his report, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in seconding, referred to the unique value of the ringing machine, and stated that the committee would be glad to avail themselves of every opportunity given them by the authorities to form a good exhibit.—The report was adopted.

**NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE.**—The report of this committee was read at length by Mr. G. P. Burton, who further explained the attitude of the committee. They admitted that many Minor names had been put right by the Analysis Committee in 1925, but there still remained considerable work to be done. They recognised that many of the old names which seemed absurd to laymen were deeply rooted by use amongst the Exercise. They deprecated the use of the word 'Bob' in many new methods. With regard to the suggested names, it would be seen that they had as far as possible endeavoured to link them with those previously used, where they had made a change. He appealed to the Methods Committee to work in cordial co-operation with them.—The report was seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who submitted that now was the time to get rid of objectionable names, especially in view of the re-issue of the Council's publications in the near future.—Mr. E. W. Elwell moved, and Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded, that the consideration of the subject should be adjourned until the report had been published, the former stating that it would be fairer if further consideration could be given to what they knew was a very difficult problem. He was not certain that some of the proposed names were any better than the old.—Mr. J. A. Trollope stated that the Methods Committee would have to move various amendments if the report was to be considered then. He did not think the use of the word 'Bob' in many methods was always redundant or objectionable. After some remarks by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, in favour of postponement, the Rev. H. Drake, as one of the committee said he had no objection to the adjournment, but he would remind the meeting that a year ago they were informed that the matter was an urgent one. He thought that an opportunity should be given to those who first rang new methods to state whether they approved of a proposed new name. He felt, however, that the Council should give its authority as to what term should be used, and as to the actual meaning of any term. After some further remarks, the motion to adjourn the discussion was carried.—The Hon. Secretary said he would like to propose a vote of thanks to the committee, who had endeavoured to do well by the subject.—This being seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, was carried, whereupon, at the suggestion of the president, the vote was amplified by being accorded also to the other committees for the work they had done during the year.

The hon. secretary then presented the card of instruction as to the care and use of church bells, of which 500 copies had been printed, one of which, at the desire of the Standing Committee, was handed to each of the members then present. It was for the Council now to instruct him how to proceed.—It was ultimately decided, on the proposal of Mr. T. Hervey Beams, seconded by the Hon. Librarian, that a copy be sent to each of the Archdeacons and the Secretaries of the Guilds, with a view to the cards being distributed amongst ringing towers and the Rural Deans.

The President then called upon Mr. Elwell to move his resolution: 'That considering the future possibilities of radio, the attention of the Literature and Press 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 he was desired by the Chester Guild to introduce this motion, as it was felt that reproductions of bell chiming and carillons gave the public the impression that ringing was of a mechanical nature.—The motion was seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried, it being suggested that Mr. A. Paddon Smith might get into touch with the British Broadcasting Company.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett then proposed: 'That this Council, as a general rule, disapproves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten,' pointing out that the music of eight bells was from many points of view the most satisfactory, and that often a good ring of eight was sacrificed for a poor ring of ten, and that these were sometimes placed in towers which were totally unsuitable for them, both in respect to size and strength.—It was seconded by the Hon. Secretary.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and T. Faulkner, having spoken against the motion, and Canon Elsee partly in favour, it was lost by a large majority.

Mr. W. A. Cave moved his resolution: 'That, Rules and Decisions, 1891-1903, page 13 in the paragraphs headed: (a) On nine and eleven bells; (b) on eight, ten or twelve bells, to omit the words "in any one method."—This was seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and carried without discussion.

The Rev. E. S. Powell then moved: 'That, Rules and Decisions, 1909 (Rules 9 and 12), that it be an instruction to the hon. secretary, that he add the names of the proposer and seconder of a motion, when the same is printed in the agenda.' He said that he thought

it would facilitate the transaction of the Council's business.—Mr. G. P. Burton seconded, and the motion was carried nem con.

**THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.**—The President said that the Standing Committee had considered where the next meeting should be held, and he desired to point out that the next one would be in the South-Eastern Counties. Canterbury and Ipswich had been suggested, and on behalf of the Standing Committee, he asked the Council to select the latter.—The Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee having supported this, and offered the Council a hearty welcome on behalf of the Suffolk Guild, the proposal was carried nem con.

**THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.**—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyr reminded the meeting that the Council had entrusted the Oxford Guild with the task of providing this memorial in Oxford. He asked those associations who had not yet subscribed to the fund to kindly do so.

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.'

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks by Alderman Pritchett for the kind welcome given by the Bishop of Chester, the Dean, and the Cathedral authorities.—This was carried nem con., as was also a vote of thanks to the President, proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and also a vote of thanks to the committee and secretary of the Chester Guild, which was proposed by Mr. W. H. Hillier.—This terminated the proceedings, and the Council rose at about 4.30.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

We are asked to state that the proprietor of the 'Herts Advertiser' is anxious to secure a photographic group of the ringers at St. Albans on the occasion of the annual meeting on Monday. The hon. secretary, therefore, appeals to the ringers to assemble in strong force at the west front of the Cathedral at 4.45 p.m. sharp. He trusts there may be a strong muster.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On March 19th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes): F. Fraser 1, C. A. Andrews 2, Capt. Anderson 3, J. Lydiard 4, E. G. Goldring (first in the method) 5, W. J. Jeffries 6, F. Cullum 7, R. Brett-Smith (conductor) 8. Also 1,264 Bob Major on March 11th: H. Flowers 1, F. Fraser 2, J. Hurrell 3, C. Anderson 4, E. G. Goldring (first quarter-peal) 5, W. J. Jeffries 6, R. Brett-Smith (conductor) 7, F. Cullum 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Old Moore' is a boon to all 'Navigators,' for he not only foretells the weather, but gives the high water times. When he smiles, the wrinkles round his eyes resemble a horse's 'withers.' Old P. O. L. ought to have given the time of the pig party—did they pipe at eight or six bells?

In a recent attempt for Cinques at Bow Church, the tenor man performed a sort of mountebank feat, owing to the rope getting under his foot, which projected over the edge of the box. It may easily have been a very serious accident, due to the foolish practice of a somewhat careless habit. Peal ringers should beware.

The Cumberland Association's report, just issued, shows excellent progress made in the past year. The membership is now 16 on the honorary list, 40 performing members and 12 life ringing members.

A Sunday service ringing scheme has been tried for the first time, and Bridekirk, with 565.5 points, came out first, and have been awarded the association's certificate. Cockermouth were second with 431.9 points and Crosthwaite third with 422.3 points.

On April 5th, 1808, a peal of 10,097 Grandsire Caters was rung at Shrewsbury.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 15,072 Double Norwich rung by the Kent Association at Erith in 9 hrs. 24 mins. in the year 1889.

In 1741, on April 7th, the Eastern Scholars rung the first peal of Treble Bob Royal, but this was afterwards found to be false. The peal was rung at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill.

The anniversary of the 40,320 Bob Major at Leeds, Kent, in 1761, falls on April 7th and 8th.

The first peal of Court Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch by the Cumberland Youths on April 7th, 1801.

The long peal of Bristol Surprise Major (12,160) was rung at Knebworth, Herts, on April 8th, 1912.

Mr. George Baker tells us that Shipway's Superlative Royal is not the correct extension of Superlative Major. He says there is no correct extension to ten, any more than London can be correctly extended to ten, and the nearest that can be got on twelve was discovered by Mr. H. W. Wilde. This latter embodies the exact features of the Major, with the 'odd' place belonging to the 5-6 and 7-8 places made in 3-4 and 9-10 respectively, and with three pull dodges instead of double dodges in front and behind except before and after treble work. In the adaptation to ten bells, the extension only runs to a seven-lead 'touch.'

By a slip of the pen we referred to the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal last week as having been rung at Huddersfield, whereas it was at Wakefield, as the extract from the record, which we reproduced, showed.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of London Surprise at West Wycombe, published in our last issue, was Frank Bonham, and the ringer of the 4th in the peal of Minor at Wood Green was John G. Nash, not James G. Nash, as published.

The address of Mr. F. G. Symonds, who can supply gramophone records of Bow bells, is 52, Church Road, London, N.1.

## MONDAY'S RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.

All arrangements are completed for the attempt on the long peal record on Monday next at Leeds, Kent. At 6 a.m. a start will be made for 22,033 Stedman Caters by ten members of the Kent County Association.

Influenza, which prevented one or two well-known ringers taking part in the peal laid hold of the conductor during last week-end, but he hopes to be fit in time for the undertaking. In any event, we learn there will be a hand ready for the peal on Monday.

## SALISBURY GUILD SECRETARY IN CYPRUS AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, secretary of the Salisbury Guild, has had a somewhat exciting experience in the island of Cyprus. In company with the Director of Education he went on a visit to a mining establishment on the north-west coast, where the two visitors were accommodated for the night in a hospital. Next morning, on going out for a stroll before breakfast, Mr. Edwards found one end of the hospital on fire, and within two hours the flames had spread through the whole building. Fortunately, he had plenty of time to remove his belongings, but his companion, in blissful ignorance of the swiftly approaching flames, was quietly taking a bath and on emerging from the bathroom found that his clothes had been carried out of doors. His toilet had to be completed in a clump of bushes.

It will interest members of the M.C.A. to know that the Director of Education in Cyprus is a native of a village near Loughborough, and was at school with one or two of the Taylor family.

SANDY BEDS.—At St. Swithin's Church, on Sunday, March 7th, for morning service, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Fox 1, W. Deacon 2, G. Wells (conductor) 3, W. Holden 4, C. J. Ball 5, T. Bram 6.



**NOTES BY THE WAY.**

**HOW THE ANCIENTS SURMOUNTED SOME OF THEIR DIFFICULTIES.—SHIPWAY AND COURT BOB.**

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The second new 'system of ringing,' introduced by Shipway, was one to which he gave the name of Court. What we now know as Double Court Bob Minor was an old and popular six-bell method, dating from some time about 1700. I imagine it was first rung in London, and was the production of one of the clever and energetic ringers (such as Dolan and Laughton), who filled the gap between Stedman and Benjamin Annable. We hear little and know little about these men, for they were before the days of peal ringing and peal boards, but it is quite safe to say that what they did had more effect on our present ringing than the doings of almost any other men who have since lived. It was they who gave us most of the standard methods, and who brought ringing out of its elementary stages into its present form.

If a man of 1660 were to re-visit us he would be very much at sea. He would not know our methods; most of our terms would be meaningless to him; peal ringing and calling by tubs and singles would be strange to him. But if the first-class ringer of fifty years later walked into one of our bellries, he would not find himself much out of place. He had never rung a peal it is true, and never heard of anyone else having done so; but he, no doubt, had made the attempt, and was looking forward to the time when his attempts would be rewarded with success. He would be able to ring Grandsire and Plain Bob, Stedman and Oxford Treble Bob; and, on six bells Cambridge and London Surprise. Even to-day a man with the same qualification need not feel himself a mere novice.

Ringing is a progressive art; there is always something fresh to be done. However experienced you may be, the methods you have not rung will always vastly outnumber the ones you have rung. But ringing has this striking quality, that owing to the fact that it is based on certain simple strong mathematical laws it has certain outstanding fundamental methods which will never grow out-dated and old-fashioned. As long as the Exercise lasts the standard methods will always remain the standard methods. As time goes on the number of them may be added to (though very slowly); the old ones are not in the least likely to become obsolete. And the great majority of these methods in their present form date from the years just before or just after 1700. There are ten of them in all. Bristol Surprise is the one modern production. Superlative Surprise dates from 1738, and the publication of 'The Clavis,' Grandsire and Plain Bob, composed in the middle years of the seventeenth century, were extended to seven bells and upwards, and equipped with recognised calls and with peals and touches in the closing years of that century, and the early part of the next. Stedman's Principle, designed solely as a five-bell method, and published in the 'Campanalogia' of 1669, was turned into a method for all odd numbers by 1730. Oxford Treble Bob was in regular practice soon after 1700. Cambridge and London Surprise were rung on six bells in Annable's time, and early extended to Major. Kent was an improvement on Oxford, first rung by Barham's band about the middle of the eighteenth century. The tenth method is Double Norwich, and that was intended at first to be no more than the eight-bell extension of Court Bob Minor.

It is not easy to see why every one of these standard methods should be so much more suitable for ringing than any others: why London, for instance, should be the outstanding one of a host of others, apparently just as difficult and as interesting; but we can see why Double Court Minor is a fundamental method. The linked places (4th's and 3rd's) about the treble are a bit of construction which occurs again and again in other and more complex methods. And the method itself has every quality to make it a popular and useful one. It was inevitable, then, that the ancients who were extending Plain Bob and Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob from six bells to eight, and from eight to ten and twelve, should try and extend Court Bob also. But here they had to face a problem which has almost completely baffled all succeeding composers down to the present time. That is to understand what are the real laws and rules of extension.

With the other simpler standard methods there is no difficulty. It does not take much thought to find out what are the correct extensions of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. They are obvious. Not so with Court Bob. And not so with most of the methods other than those I have mentioned. Men worked without any general rules to guide them, and purely by experiment; and the results, generally speaking, have been so very unsatisfactory and unconvincing that it is not surprising that thirty years ago the best of our authorities held the opinion that except for those simple methods there could be no such thing as a proper extension at all.

In the introduction to his 'Duffield' Sir Arthur Heywood says that of all the even-bell methods there was not one, save Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Oxford which could be extended satisfactorily from eight to ten and twelve bells. Until such a method could be found, he felt that there was no hope of any substantial advance in method ringing on these higher numbers. That was why he introduced Duffield.

Neither he nor anyone else at the time knew that in Cambridge the Exercise already had the method required. But then Sir Arthur Heywood and all the other authorities despised Cambridge as almost everything that a method should not be. But the trouble about extension is not that the more complex methods will not extend. It is partly because they do not extend in just the way that ringers want them to do; and partly because there are so many ways and not so few in which they will extend.

The matter should be studied as a whole, and the general rules and laws understood. Then you will find that extensions will come almost automatically. Into these technical matters I do not propose to enter in these notes, I am only concerned at present to point out the difficulties which confronted the men who first tried to get a Court Bob Major. That they should have attempted it was inevitable, and the first Court Bob Major was rung in London early in the 18th century. On Saturday, May 17th, 1735, the College Youths rang 5,040 at St. Laurence Jewry; John Holt called a 5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for the Un on Scholars in 1752; on Sunday, December 16th, 1764, the London Youths rang 5,200 at St. Mary's, Whitechapel; and on October 12th, 1767, the Cumberlands rang 5,312 at the same church. Exactly what was rung on these dates is uncertain. Mr. Jasper Snowdon came to the conclusion that the peal by the London Youths was neither what was afterwards known as London Court nor Norwich Court. But the probability is that most, if not all, of the others were in the former method. At any rate, London Court Bob was a popular method in the Metropolis during the eighteenth century, and is probably the first attempt to extend Court Bob Minor to eight bells. It is an excellent example of how an extension should not be done. Like so many men since his time, the composer took what he thought to be the leading feature of the six-bell method, and tried to reproduce it on eight bells. He argued like this: In Court Bob Minor all the bells single dodge before and after leading and lying and plain hunt elsewhere. This he reproduced on eight bells,

putting in the places so as to give the required result. As the method is obsolete, and probably unfamiliar to most of my readers, I give a lead of it. It does not require very much close examination to see that it is not a correct extension. Meanwhile, the Norwich men, too, tried their hands, at extending Court Bob Minor. I think it extremely possible that (as has been suggested) Double Norwich Royal was composed and rung before Double Norwich Major. On ten bells you do get the single dodging that you find in the Minor, and that, I suppose, is the reason 'The Clavis' people had for saying that in Double Norwich Royal which they call simply Court Bob Royal you have the proper extension of both London Court and Norwich Court. Double Norwich Major was in existence as early as 1750, and was brought to London and published by the authors of 'The Clavis,'

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7
2	4	1	6	3	8	5	7
4	2	6	1	8	3	7	5
2	4	6	8	1	3	5	7
4	2	8	6	3	1	7	5
4	8	2	3	6	7	1	5
8	4	3	2	7	6	5	1
4	8	5	7	2	5	6	1
8	4	7	3	5	2	1	6
8	7	4	5	3	1	2	6
7	8	5	4	1	3	6	2
8	7	5	1	4	3	2	6
7	8	1	5	3	4	6	2
7	1	8	3	5	6	4	2
1	7	3	8	6	5	2	4

who first called it 'Norwich' Court. It is so superior a method to London Court that it very soon superseded its rival. Both of them were known and practised in their double variations only, and both were first called Court Bob without any qualification. This was the state of the case when Shipway set himself to write his book.

Shipway, in his thorough fashion, examined the methods, extended them to all numbers, odd and even, and worked out the single and reverse variations. 'It is a remarkable circumstance,' he says, 'that all the Court Bobs that have hitherto been rung are double, and some there are who cannot understand anything else to be Court but the double method; but this is an error which I trust is here sufficiently refuted.' Remarkable, no doubt, to a methodical man like Shipway, but not so remarkable, after all, when we remember that methods are to be rung, and that the single variations of Court, let alone the reverse variations, are altogether inferior to the double variations.

Further, he compared the two eight-bell methods with the original Court Bob Minor, and as a result he rejected both as proper extensions. 'On eight and upwards a difference of opinion has prevailed in the cities of London and Norwich, as to which should be the right way of producing it from the six-bell method, each party adopting its own plan, and thereby dividing it into two systems. But after a close investigation of the subject, the author ventures to doubt the propriety of them, and he here introduces a third system which, after the most careful examination, he believes to come nearest to what was originally intended by a composition on six bells.' And in his second volume, 'This system of Court Bob was produced by the author, and is intended by him as an improvement on the other two, of the London in keeping the bells together and of the Norwich in the complexity of it, besides being apparently the most proper one taken from the original on six bells as the similarity of its work, and likewise the leads of the treble on each number of bells testify.'

Double Norwich both on eight and ten bells was an esteemed

method with Shipway's contemporaries of the Cumberlands, and they also rang London Court Major. Possibly they objected to his assertion that his new method was an improvement on the others, for in his third volume he says that "here I wish to correct an error in part II, where I observe " it was intended as an improvement, etc.," but although it proves to be so my intention was as stated in part I., when I discovered that neither the London nor the Norwich was the proper Court on eight bells, etc., from the six, and that those Courts in use were the double methods only. The London Court will suit those gentlemen who are partial to the parting of the large bells (as some are both in London and the country), especially as in its natural work the musical positions of the changes are equal, if not superior, to anything which can be brought by bobs in the Bob Major or Treble Bob systems. The Norwich Court will suit those ardent minds who delight in intricacy, and emulate each other in surmounting the difficulties of complex systems; but those who prefer the easy methods will find the author's Court to contain every essential quality of the Norwich."

To which the only objection seems to be that the Exercise has not found it so. Still, there is something to be said for Shipway's point of view. His method is a correct extension of Court Bob Minor, which London Court is not. It is not, however, more correct than Norwich Court, and otherwise is not nearly so good. It is rather difficult to say which is really the best extension. Probably you should make the Court Places in the middle of the half lead, i.e., 5th's and 4th's in Major, and 6th's and 5th's in Royal. In that case, Court Bob Major would be unfit to ring, for a bell would lead from consecutive blows, and another lie the same number. But on ten bells it is a first-class method, and that was what Mr. Law James' band rang some years ago at Surfleet. Here is Shipway's version which you will see is not symmetrical:—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7
2	4	1	3	5	6	7	8
4	2	3	1	6	5	8	7
2	4	3	6	1	8	5	7
4	2	6	3	8	1	7	5
4	6	2	8	3	7	1	5
6	4	8	2	7	3	5	1
6	8	4	7	2	5	3	1
8	6	7	4	5	2	1	3
6	8	4	7	5	1	2	3
8	6	7	4	1	5	3	2
8	7	6	1	4	5	2	3
7	8	1	6	5	4	3	2
7	1	8	5	6	3	4	2
1	7	5	8	3	6	2	4
1	5	7	3	8	2	6	4

**BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LADIES' MEETING.**

Lady ringers of Birmingham district had a very good practice meeting at St. Peter's, Harborne, on Saturday, March 13th. Solihull, Smethwick and Clent were represented, and several gentlemen were also present, amongst whom were Mr. W. W. Worthington (Lichfield), Mr. Waye, Mr. Withers, and others, who all gave valuable help during the afternoon and evening. A party of 27 sat down to a splendid tea, arranged by Mr. and Miss Hawkins.—Mrs. Groves proposed, and Miss Pigott seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. — Petri), who came in during tea, and gave the ringers an invitation to visit Harborne again.—Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Hawkins for making all arrangements and having everything ready; to the local and visiting ringers for the help they always gave the ladies; and to the ladies who had waited on the visitors.

At a discussion after tea, it was decided to have a practice meeting only, at Edgbaston Parish Church, after Easter, if permission could be obtained; also to pay a visit to Clent on June 19th, other meetings to be arranged later.

**LADY SURPRISE RINGERS IN KENT.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I must challenge the announcement contained in the footnote to the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Erith, which is published in 'The Ringing World' of March 26th.

Miss Dorothy E. Orlebar rang the 4th to a muffled peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Tunbridge Wells on June 20th, 1925, and has undoubtedly the honour of being the first lady ringer to accomplish a peal in that method for the Kent County Association. As Miss Orlebar also rang the 3rd to a peal of Superlative Surprise at Tonbridge on January 16th 1925, it is possible that first honours in that method also belong to her. The Tunbridge Wells ringers (while regretting that Miss Chapman's fine achievement must take second place) will be grateful to you if you will publish this correction in 'The Ringing World.'

S. H. GREEN (Conductor).

**THE EXTENT OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.**  
11,360 TO BE ATTEMPTED BY MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Members of the Midland Counties Association are to attempt the extent of 'Real' Superlative Surprise Major at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, April 10th, starting early afternoon.

The composition, by Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, is appended:

	23456	5/4	B	M	5/4	II
	26354	x	—	x	—	
	26543	x	—	x	—	
	64235	x	—	x	—	
	43652	x	—	x	—	
	52645		3			
	36452		3			
	36524	x	—	x	—	
	36245	x	—	x	—	
	64352	x	—	x	—	
A	45623	x	—	x	—	
	23645		3			
	56423		3			
A	26435					
	25634	x	—	x	—	
	46325		3			
	62453	x	—	x	—	
	62534	x	—	x	—	
	62345	x	—	x	—	
	24653	x	—	x	—	
	53624		3			
	46253		3			
B	65432	x	—	x	—	
	65324	x	—	x	—	
	65243	x	—	x	—	
	54632	x	—	x	—	
B	34625					
	34258	x	—	x	—	
	34562	x	—	x	—	
	53246	x	3			
	53462	x	—	x	—	
	24536	x	3			
	24365	x	—	x	—	
C	32546	x	3			
	32465	x	—	x	—	
C	25463					
	35264	x	—	x	—	
	42356	x	3			
	42563	x	—	x	—	
	35426	x	3			
	52364	x	—	x	—	
D	43526	x	3			
	43265	x	—	x	—	
	52436	x	3			
D	23456					

The first 5/4 is 5th's from front, treble leading, and 4th's from behind, treble in 8th's.

The 2nd 5/4 is 5th's from behind, treble in 8th's, and 4th's from front, treble leading.

In the first six parts the Befores are 1st, a natural one, followed by bobs in the two successive half-leads. In the last six parts the first Before is called when the tenor would otherwise have made 7th's under the treble, followed by bobs in the two successive half-leads.

The composition contains the 60 course ends, also 59 each of the middle and wrongs with tenors together. In the peal there are 9,792 changes with tenors together. Where Befores are called in the last six parts the courses are 320 changes each, all other courses are 160 changes.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.—On Sunday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Pethrick 1, E. Pardon 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, E. Hill 4, B. Phillips 5, C. Robins 6, F. Davis 7, W. Richings 8.

**NOMENCLATURE.**

**COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS FOR THE COUNCIL.**

It will be recollected that, at the last meeting of the Central Council, at Chester, discussion on the report, presented by the Nomenclature Committee, was adjourned, until that report had been printed, that is to say, until the next meeting of the Council. By the courtesy of the editor of 'The Ringing World,' the report appeared in full, in the columns of this paper, on the 26th June, pp. 409-410; and a typographical error, as regards para. 111, of the recommendations was corrected in a subsequent number—the 10th July, p. 438. By referring to these pages, the report may be consulted in extenso.

The Committee, while adhering to the views expressed in the report, and although still of opinion that the resolutions therein meet, at the moment, the requirements of the case, desire to present the essential details of that report at the forthcoming meeting of the Council, at Ipswich, by way of resolution.

They feel that, in view of the complexity of the details, there might be some difficulty, as the report stands, in its being tackled by the Council, within the limited time available for discussion.

The resolutions, on the other hand, as now proposed, and as given below, enable the subject to be more easily dealt with piecemeal, and what is, also, of consequence, to be more readily assimilated by the associations.

**THE RESOLUTIONS.**

- (1) No method shall have more than one name.
- (2) No name shall belong to more than one method.
- (3) No name shall contain more than one word.
- (4) Class designations, when added to a name, shall always have some reference to the thing designated. Thus the word 'bob' in this connection shall always, as originally, have reference to dodging.
- (5) The names 'Pasallatessera' and 'Pasallatria' shall not be used in any C.G. publications; should it be necessary to distinguish the classes which were once so designated, they shall be otherwise, and properly, described.
- (6) The fifteen floral names shall be changed.
- (7) The following names shall be substituted:—

Old Floral Name.	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.

- (8) 'Edinburgh Castle' shall be called 'Edgware.'
- (9) In 28 names the word 'Castle' or 'Abbey' shall be omitted, so that they read as follow:—

Beeston.	Laulow.
Belvoir.	Melandra.
Berkeley.	Melrose.
Carisbrooke.	Pembroke.
Conisborough.	Pevensy.
Conway.	Peveril.
Chepstow.	Pontefract.
Dover.	Richborough.
Dunotlar.	St. Albans.
Elstow.	Skipton.
Fountains.	Sherborne.
Glastonbury.	Stirling.
Kirkstall.	Tintern.
Leasow.	Warwick.

- (10) The following 23 names shall be substituted for old and unsuitable names as a first instalment:—

Old Name.	Proposed New Name.
British Scholars' Pleasure (12).	Brillford.
College Bob 4th (21).	Bocking.
Duke of Clarence (24).	Clarence.
Duke of Norfolk (3), alias 'Grandsire Treble Bob.'	Grainsby.
Evening Star (25) (26?).	Eccleston.
Francis Genius (39), alias Tulip.	Tamworth.
Kent Delight (13) (14).	Kenley.
Kentish Delight (7).	Kenilworth.
Loch Lomond (18).	London.
London Scholars' Pleasure (7).	Fullham.
London Victory (27), alias 'Sutton Delight.'	Lambeth.
Lytham Pleasure (14).	Lytham.
Morning Star (6).	Mornington.
Norton-le-Moors (20).	Norton.

- Old Oxford Modernised (17).
- Princess Mary (Royal).
- Queen Victoria (36).
- Ringers' Surprise (33).
- St. James' Youths' Exercise (8).
- Trinity Sunday (15).
- Vale Royal (9).
- Woodcock's Victory (11).
- Wooler (10).

- Dorchester.
- Goldsbrough.
- Victoria
- Preston.
- St. James'.
- Trenton.
- Shaftesbury.
- Woodbridge.
- Ripon.

The numbers in brackets are those under which the methods appear in C.C. Collection

(11) No names or terms, supplementary of, or in substitution for, those published by authority of C.C. should be used until the sanction of C.C. has been obtained.

(12) A supplement to the Glossary, containing new names and terms up-to-date, should be at once put in hand.

(13) In the case of all new methods, which have been rung under names it is proposed to alter, an opportunity should be given to those who first rang them, or to their society, to approve of the proposed new name.

G. P. BURTON,

For and on behalf of the Nomenclature Committee,  
Beechwood, Old Catton, Norwich.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**EASTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at All Saints', Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 20th. Members attended from Bexhill, Brighton (St. Peter's), Crawley, Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Lewes, Heene, Pevensey, Rotherfield and St. Leonards, together with members of the local band. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m., and touches in several methods were indulged in. At the service the Vicar (the Rev. G. M. Hanks) welcomed the members, and gave an interesting address.

Tea was provided in the Parish Hall, through the kindness of the Vicar. About 32 members were present, including the Master of the association (Mr. J. T. Rickman) and the general secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone).

At the business meeting the Rev. G. M. Hanks occupied the chair, and several new members were elected.

Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. G. H. Howse, W. Franks, and A. R. Milne were re-elected on the committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Alfriston, if convenient. Mr. J. T. Rickman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his helpful address at the service, and also for his hospitality in providing tea.—The Vicar, in responding, stated that it had been a great pleasure to welcome the members, and wished the association success.

A collection for the Benevolent Fund realised 8s. 7d. Following the meeting the members returned to the tower, and further ringing was indulged in until 6.30 p.m., when the ringers proceeded to St. Saviour's Church, where the tower was open at 6.45 to 8 p.m., and methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major were practised. Altogether it was a most successful meeting.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**WESTERN DISTRICT.**

The meeting held at Northchurch on March 20th was a very enjoyable one, members being present from St. Albans, Hemel Hempstead, Apsley, Tring, Berkhamsted, Watford, Halton, and the local tower. The bells were raised at 3.30, and the following methods rung during the afternoon and evening: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, College Single, Reverse College Single, Double Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, at which the Secretary rendered a bass solo.—Tea, very kindly provided by the Rector, followed in the Church Room.

The Rector was unanimously appointed chairman of the business meeting, when it was suggested that Great Gaddesden be the next place of meeting on the first or second Saturday in May.

The Secretary reported that the quarterly peal was successful, and so another (Minor) was fixed for as soon after Easter as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kindness, and also for the service, as well as to the organist for his services.

Further ringing then took place until 8.30 p.m., when another good meeting came to an end.

**A HALF-PEAL.**

On Saturday, March 27th, at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Almondsbury, Glos., a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-part) in 88 mins: V. E. Wills 1, W. H. Brown 2, H. Robbins 3, S. H. Wood 4, S. Poole 5, T. Fowler 6, G. E. Capewell (conductor) 7, K. Kingston 8.

**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.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, March 28th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, J. L. Watkins 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, E. E. Bish 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. W. Chapman 6, F. E. Collins 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method with an 'inside' bell, by ringers of 2nd and 4th.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On Sunday, March 21st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, H. Wood 2, R. Wilson 3, A. King 4, F. Hunt 5, L. A. Goodenough 6, T. Kendall (conductor) 7, E. Shane (first quarter) 8.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET.**—At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, for evening service, on March 21st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Leadman Donnison 1, W. Brown 2, F. Pattison 3, Miss Ada Donnison 4, J. Crawford 5, A. Adamson 6, G. Siddle 7, F. Sheraton (conductor) 8.

**WOODBURY, DEVON.**—On Sunday, March 21st, for evening service, at St. Swithin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Manley 1, E. Pook 2, F. Dimond 3, J. L. S. Glauvill 4, A. Kilmaster (first quarter-peal) 5, J. M. Skinner 6, J. R. Hayman (conductor) 7, S. Searle (first quarter-peal) 8.

**CHELSEA.**—At St. Luke's Church, on Sunday, March 21st, for evensong, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal; H. W. Mance 1, C. F. Mitchell 2, G. Watkin 3, W. J. Deau 4, A. G. Newman 5, H. S. Ellis 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. H. Mance 9, H. Mance (conductor) 10.

**PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.**—At Christ Church, for evening service, on March 21st, 720 Bob Minor: J. Williams 1, W. Farrant 2, R. Dutton 3, F. Amos 4, G. Burghall (conductor) 5, W. J. Battle 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Stanbridge 1, W. J. Meers 2, H. C. Spencer 3, G. F. Swann (conductor) 4, J. Preston 5, J. W. Pemberton 6, W. J. Davies 7, J. E. Pywell 8. This was specially arranged for the birthday of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stanbridge, whose ages are 78 and 74 respectively.

**HILLINGDON, WEST.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, March 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Folkard 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, H. H. Lucas (first quarter inside) 3, E. Hauxco (conductor) 4, Miss P. Moss 5, J. H. Lucas 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8.

**ECTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, March 14th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 32 mins.: C. Tapp 1, F. Pinney 2, A. W. Robinson (conductor) 3, H. Tebby 4, C. Tebby 5, F. Harlott 6. All local ringers, and believed to be the first 720 on the bells by a local band since 1760.

**WILTON, TAUNTON.**—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, at St. George's Church, for evening service, 720 Tulip Treble Bob Minor: E. Causley 1, S. Wyatt, jun. 2, A. Wyatt 3, W. Coles 4, A. Hayward 5, G. Coles (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, a quarter-peal (1,260) Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., from Graves' Variation of Parker's 12-part: S. Cockell 1, A. W. Angell 2, G. H. Archard 3, A. J. West 4, W. S. Burbidge 5, H. Moeckridge 6, W. C. West (conductor) 7, W. Waters 8.

**GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.**—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 28th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Harwin 1, R. Bullen 2, A. Bonfield 3, F. Smith 4, E. V. Johnson (first as conductor) 5, E. Young 6.

**CHARING.**—On Sunday morning, February 21st, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins.: S. Cackelt (first 720) 1, L. Prior 2, W. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, W. Heuniker (longest touch as conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6.

**THE NEW BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL.**

The Rev. Bernard Oliver Francis Heywood, lately Vicar of Leeds, and cousin of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, was consecrated Bishop of Southwell on Thursday of last week.

His farewell sermon at Leeds Parish Church was preached on Sunday evening, March 21st. Prior to the service ten courses of Stedman Caters (1,080 changes) were rung by: C. Lawson 1, J. Hutchinson 2, H. Lockwood 3, J. E. Redferne 4, F. Renton 5, J. Jessop 6, L. Drake 7, W. Woodhead 8, W. Ash (conductor) 9, J. A. Teale 10. After service another five courses, with H. Smith ringing the tenor. Mr. Smith has now completed 36 years' constant service ringing at this church.

**EASTER MEETINGS.**

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 5th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9.30 a.m., and St. Peter's (6) from 12 noon. Luncheon will be at the Silver Grill Restaurant, near St. Paul's, at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will take place at the Cathedral, Chester, on Easter Monday. Meeting 11 a.m. Service 12.30 p.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Chester. Dinner 1.15 p.m. in the Refectory. Tickets 2s. 6d. — Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.), are available for ringing all day. Lunch will be provided in the Church Room at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d.; non-members 2s. — T. Metcalfe, 26, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Axminster on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8). Service, Parish Church, 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Gosforth, Newcastle, on Easter Monday, April 5th, it being the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells. Bells available from 10.30 a.m., short service at 1 p.m. Dinner in the Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m.—Adam Deas, 8, Howard Place, Gosforth.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 5th. Service at Great St. Mary's at 12 noon, address by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Rector of Castle Camps. Luncheon and general meeting at the Dorothy Café at 1 p.m. The bells of Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew the Great (8), Trumpington (5), Old Chesterton (6), 3 to 7.15 p.m., will be available.—R. Copeman, End House, Owlestone Road, Cambridge.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., address by the Dean of St. Albans; 6 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. If you are coming, let me know, if possible, to make catering easy.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Easter Monday, April 5. Service at 12. Dinner at the Ramsgate Commercial Hotel 1.30 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open for ringing, St. Laurence's (10), St. Peter's (8), St. John's, Margate (8), Birchington (8), Quex Park (12). The Rev. H. A. Serres (Birchington) invites members to tea (5.30 p.m.).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Silverdale on Easter Monday, at 4 p.m. Bells (16) available all day.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Burton-on-Trent. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen's (8) and Winhill (6) will be available all day (except during the time of association service). Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in St. Paul's Institute. A short service will be held at St. Paul's at 4 p.m., at which the Rev. H. E. Worthington, M.A., R.D. (Rector of Seales) will preach. Collection for Bell Repair Fund, and it is hoped all members will attend. Meat tea will be served in St. Paul's Institute at 5 p.m., followed by the general meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Secretary.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 5th, at Norwich. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Michael Coslany (8) will be available. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m., at which the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich will preach. Luncheon (2s. 6d. per head) will be served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, Norwich, at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting. All ringers are cordially invited.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Penistone on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from noon onwards. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea, 1/- per head.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual meeting.—At Bury Cathedral on Easter Monday there will be a short service at 3.30. Tea, followed by meeting in the Large Room at the Abbey House at 4 p.m. Bells available all day: Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8).—Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Banstead, on Easter Monday, April 5th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Hopkinson). Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. All are welcome.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1926. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address, in the Cathedral at 4.15. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. As the allowance will not cover the cost, a small charge will be made. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Knaresborough on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. General meeting in Church House at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served at a charge of 1/9 per head. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, near Stroud, Glos., on Easter Monday, April 5th. The bells of St. Mary's (12) will be available from 10 a.m. Management Committee will meet at the Vicarage at 11 a.m. Service at St. Mary's Church at 12.15 noon. Luncheon, 2s. 3d. per head, at the Falcon Hotel at 1 p.m. General business meeting in the Town Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at the Falcon Hotel after the meeting. Stroud bells (10) available after tea. Please notify for meals. Charabancs from Bristol leave St. Thomas' Church, Victoria Street, at 8 a.m.—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes', Sunday 4th, at 10 a.m.; Monday 12th, at 6.30, to be followed by the Quarterly business meeting at 8; and Monday 26th at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday 20th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, April 10th, at 3.15 p.m. Notice of motion should reach secretary at least ten days before that date.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on April 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th; St. Magnus', on the 15th and 29th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The 29th annual general meeting will be held at Fulham on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 4.30, preacher, Rev. J. H. Newsam-Taylor, Rector of Acton. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. at 1/- each to those who advise either of the secretaries by April 7th. *Please do so.* Ringing at Fulham 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30, Putney 3 to 4.15, Hammersmith 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E. 17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W. 4, Hon. Secs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30; 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than April 3rd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton, on April 10th. Bells ready at 4. Service at 5.30. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, and James W. Graunds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welton (two miles from Daventry) on Saturday, April 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The first quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Barwell on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. 1925 reports will be available at this meeting. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church), on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea Holy Trinity bells (8) also available afternoon and evening.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Rd., Devizes.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meeting 6 p.m. Notices of attendance must be sent on or before April 5th to Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitworth, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—The next meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Special general meeting to be held in Exeter on Saturday, April 17th. Dedication of peal tablets in Cathedral belfry 2.15 p.m., doors closed 2.10 p.m. Meeting at Trade Hall, 8, Northernhay Place, 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, to those applying before April 13th. Ringing at Cathedral and other Exeter towers. — T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday, April 17th, as this is the most convenient date. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock, presided over by the Vicar. Trains from Manchester Exchange 1.52, 3.15, 4.10 p.m. Excursion fare 1/3 return. Will members make a special effort to be present?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting, Manchester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping, St. John's (8 bells), on Saturday, April 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Pudingham on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m. Tea at Palace Tea Rooms after service, to be followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, April 14th? —C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 17th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Those who intend to be present to tea please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 14th. — A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3. Service in church, with address by the Rev. I. O. Johnson, at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by April 13th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.**—The Lord Bishop of Hereford will (D.V.) dedicate the two new trebles at the official opening on Saturday afternoon, April 17th. All ringers will be most welcome, and special arrangements will be made for all ringers to have a pull. Complete bands, from Plain to Surprise methods, will be given every opportunity, so that the bells may be heard at their best during the afternoon and evening. There is exceptionally good train service from Shrewsbury and Wellington. Train leaves Coalbrookdale 8.15 Saturday evening. Midland bus runs to and from Wellington Saturday nights from Coalbrookdale 6.5, 8.45 and 10.55. Sunday service, from Wellington 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. From Coalbrookdale, 12.45, 4.25, 6.25, 8.25 and 9.47 p.m. All the above connect at Wellington for Shrewsbury. Lodgings can be booked at Coalbrookdale if arrangements are made in good time. G.W. trains leave Coalbrookdale for Wellington on week days 6.20, 7.20 and 9 a.m.—All ringers who propose visiting Coalbrookdale should write to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Salop.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The Bells of St. Mary's, Dunmow, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend, and ringing will continue after the service for the respective companies. Will those intending to be present please let me know so as to arrange for light refreshments, also seats in church?—H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Silvertown on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.15, 1s. each. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 20th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

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*To the Editor.*

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**NEW MINOR METHODS.**

*To the Editor.*

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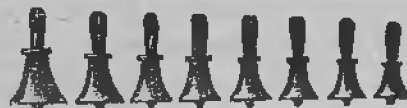
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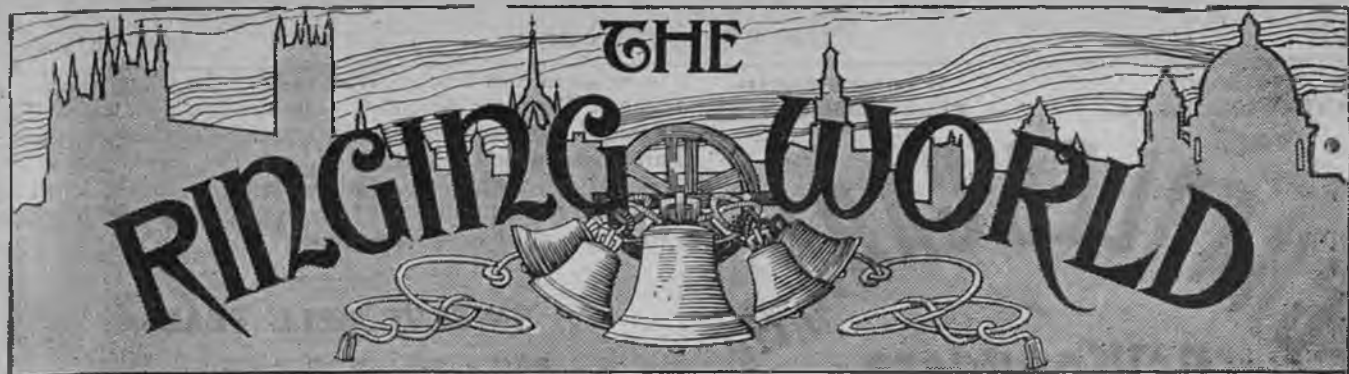
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Here and there among associations there is sometimes complaint of the difficulty of drawing young men into the ranks of ringers, the many counter-attractions of the modern age being blamed. Recently a writer in a local paper expressed the disappointment of the officials of the Halifax Association that more young men do not come forward to take up the art. There is no doubt that present day inducements to easy pleasure—the tendency to watch sport rather than to take part in it, to find amusement in those things which require the least physical or mental effort—divert a large proportion of the youth of the country from any interest in a pursuit—to put it upon no higher plane—such as bell ringing offers. As with most other things into which intelligence and skill enters, there is required in the art of ringing a certain amount of preliminary drudgery, which, not infrequently, effectually deters many beginners, blunts their interest and eventually results in their giving up, after, perhaps, a great deal of work on the part of a tutor. A succession of losses of this kind, not unnaturally, has its effect upon all but the most enthusiastic teacher, and wherever you find a man who has devoted himself to training young ringers you can learn of innumerable failures, and perhaps dozens of disappointments for every single success.

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AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5025 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 34 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	JOHN WOOD ... .. 9
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 4	HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 10
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 11
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 6	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 31 cwt.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	REV. C. W. O. JENEYRN ... 7
HARRY MILES ... .. 2	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 3	*EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 9
ALBERT D. CULLUM ... .. 4	HARRY SEAR ... .. 10
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 5	*RICHARD WHITE ... .. 11
*WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 6	WILLIAM STONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal on twelve bells. W. F. Judge's 50th peal. All the band are resident members of the Guild.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... Treble	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 6
*C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 8
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

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

\* 300th peal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours & Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 7
*PRYCE J. SPICE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 8
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Bung after an attempt for a record peal of Stedman Caters had come to grief.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours & Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	ARTHUR T. VERRALLS ... 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 8
FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 9
ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 5	ALFRED J. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. C. Hart.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	LAURENCE POULSON ... .. 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 2	FREDK. F. MORTLOCK... .. 6
FREDK. L. LEES ... .. 3	WM. R. J. POULSON ... .. 7
MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... 4	FREDK. A. POULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung with deeply muffled clappers, as a last mark of respect to Mr. W. W. J. Roper, a member of the SS. Peter and Paul's Society of Ringers, who was buried on that day.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 5
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
JOHN T. DAVIES... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 4	ALFRED FALLON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Daniel Jones, a former member of the local band, and a much respected member of the above society.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. WILLIAM CRABTREE Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 5
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 2	FRED READ ... .. 6
FRED HINDLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 7
* JAMES SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by MRS. WILLIAM CRABTREE.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble	* J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 2	* PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. 6
* C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 3	* FRED COTTON ... .. 7
* EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First in the method. This composition has the extent of the tenors together, and is the longest peal yet rung in this method.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 5th, 1926, in Five Hours & Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 10400 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN LEE ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7
JOHN F. GALVER ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Longest length rung by the above association, and upon the bells. Longest length by all except C. W. Roberts.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

HAVERFORDWEST, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JOHN W. JONES ... .. Treble	CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 5
FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
JOHN HAMMOND ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal on the bells, which were rehung in 1923 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DERBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

C. JAMES JENNINGS ... Treble	WILLIAM POYSER ... .. 5
* JACK BAILEY ... .. 2	W. HARRY BUNTON ... .. 6
* ALFRED MOULD ... .. 3	† JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4	JOSEPH LORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by J. W. GLEW.

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

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 qr. in G.

IOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

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**CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
(SOUTH AND NORTH BRANCHES.)

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Vincent.

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

Tenor 13 cwt.	
HAROLD MARCON ... .. 2	ERNEST NIDD ... .. 5
GEORGE CHESTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM LLOYD ... .. 6
HARRY THORPE ... .. 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. 4	THOMAS HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

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

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.	
GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 2	SAMUEL WHITE ... .. 5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 2	BERT RIDGWAY ... .. 6
JOHN ISON ... .. 3	THOMAS WRIGHT ... .. 7
CHARLES PAYNE ... .. 4	FRED COTTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWOOD.

Conducted by F. COTTON.

First peal on the bells since they were recast. All the above are service ringers at St. Mary's Church.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**SANDY, BEDS.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Swithin.

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

Being 720 Woodbine, three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. FOX ... .. 2	TOM BARTRAM ... .. 4
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
CHARLES J. BALL ... .. 3	HERBERT FIELDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Ringers of 1st and 3rd belong to Sandy; 2nd and tenor to St. Neots; 4th to Roxton; 5th to Long Stanton. 16 is the conductor's first 720 of Woodbine.

**LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.**  
**THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, March 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Elli.

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

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. 4
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 2	ALAN A. RACKHAM ... .. 5
ALFRED A. RACKHAM ... .. 3	*BRINLEY JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

\* First peal. The ringer of the treble was elected a member previous to commencing the peal, and the band wish to express their thanks to the Rector (the Rev. W. Davies), who kindly provided tea after the peal.

**BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Monday, March 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
H. G. SMITH ... .. 2	J. SMY ... .. 4
A. LING, JUN. ... .. 2	A. A. LING ... .. 5
A. E. SMITH ... .. 3	WM. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. LING, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, March 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Residence of Mr. G. Hobbins.

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

Twenty extents of Grandsire, twelve of St. Simon's and ten of Plain Bob.

MISS N. GRASSBY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 3-4
GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by G. HOBBS.

First peal 'in hand' by all. First peal of Doubles for ringer of 1-2. First of Doubles as conductor.

**LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, March 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD.

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

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

\*H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 9-10

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal by all except the conductor.

**FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, April 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At SUPERLATIVE VILLA.

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 6184 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 16 in B.

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 1-2	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3-4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7-8

WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by E. JENKINS.

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.**

**ONLY THREE COMPETING TEAMS ON EIGHT BELLS.**

The Halifax and District Association held their quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, on March 27th. Only three teams entered for the competition, which was a matter for regret, but there were a number of visitors to listen to the ringing. The contest consisted of 800 changes in any method, and each of those which entered rang Kent Treble Bob. The judges were Messrs. G. H. Hardy (Earlsheaton) and J. Broadley (Bradford). A company of over 50 sat down to tea, immediately after the ringing, the president (Mr. C. E. Carrington) occupying the chair.

Mr. W. Frith (Huddersfield) proposed thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the fine peal of bells, and to the lady friends for providing the tea.—Mr. Squires (Halifax) seconded.

The Vicar of Lightcliffe, in reply, briefly acknowledged the thanks in a few appropriate words. He said that whatever his other qualifications, he could not ring a bell, although he had tried several times. He thought that the officials of each church should take more interest in the bell ringers than they did. Most of them seemed to think that the belfry was another part of the church. He was glad to say that at Lightcliffe they held their ringers in the highest esteem, and three of them had attained a ripe age.

Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe) briefly replied, on behalf of the ringers and ladies, and welcomed the association to Lightcliffe at any time they wished to go there.

The judges gave their decision as follows: No. 1 (Birstall) rung out: No. 2 (Batley), 221 faults; No. 3 (Lindley), 458 faults, 10 penalty, total 448. The president then declared No. 2 (Batley) as winners of the cup.

The Vicar presented the cup to Mr. S. Gibson, the Batley conductor, who suitably replied, and said he wished the members would listen to their striking, for he was assured that Batley could be beaten, although they had won the cup on several occasions.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a successful meeting.

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**'METHOD SPLICING.'**

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

In mixing with ringers on eight bells and upwards, and discussing the value of splicing on the higher numbers, one is forced to the conclusion that they consider the true joining of methods for seven bells and over is based on entirely different principles to the splicing of Minor methods. For that reason even those who are interested in this form of ringing have formed the opinion that the little book with the above title can have nothing to teach them.

This is due in some measure to the limited number of methods practised, for very few of them have the relationships required in Minor methods which will splice. However, it is a matter of fact that, generally speaking, the true splicing of methods on all numbers depends upon the same principles as shown for Minor.

The few exceptions have mostly been illustrated by peals already rung and published, such as Plain Triples (the truth depending upon a change of hunt), Cambridge and Superlative, Oxford and Kent in ordinary courses, Caters, and Cinques, all of which have to be carefully proved one against the other. That these (Major and over) exist is due to the increased number of changes permitting a certain amount of falseness to be overcome.

The rarity of these exceptions goes to show that the mixing of methods on any number will mainly be confined to those having the same changes in a course, or in a lead or number of leads.

Then it follows that anyone who studies 'Method Splicing,' and has taken the trouble to master the principles there explained, will be able to apply them to Triples and Major, and to know whether any method examined is likely to have one or more companion methods with which it will splice.

Take as an instance Double Oxford Minor, and alter fifth's place when the treble lies behind to a whole pull at lead; and second's place when the treble leads to a whole pull behind, and the result is Double Court; alter the first named only, and it is Hereward Bob and the last named only gives Hereward Reverse. 'Spliced Methods' shows that methods varied thus have the same changes in a course, and can be spliced. The same principle must apply to Major, if the extensions are correct; therefore, Double Oxford Major treated in the same way gives Double Norwich, Hereward Bob, and its reverse, and all will have the same changes in a course.

To splice them safely it is only necessary to see that each complete course is rung in one method only.

The same facility for variation is shown in the case of Treble Bob Methods. Instances in Major are the extensions of Surfee' and Hexham Surprise Minor, which may be combined in one peal. Brighton Surprise Major, by Mr. George Baker, gives, in all, four companion methods which will splice, and there are many others.

In the case of Plain Methods it is also shown which methods cannot repeat with each other, if one set is confined to the even and the other to the odd part of a peal, and thus by using two suitable combinations of four methods, eight may be introduced into one peal.

The student of Method Splicing may discover many wonders, such as a short course of two or more leads. Take two well-known methods, Double Oxford and Double Norwich. It has already been said that they have the same changes in a course, and that each complete course should be rung in one method only. However, portions of the course may be rung in two methods, and when it is seen that the first and second leads of Double Norwich do not repeat with the last of Double Oxford, the truth of the following short course, and its alternative A, is assured:—

	A.	
12345678	12345678	
21436587	21436587	Double Oxford
24135678		
42316587		
24361578		
42635187		
24365817		
42638571	42638571	
46283751	24365871	
64827315		
46287135		
64821753		
46812735		
64187253		
61482735		
16847253	14628375	
1. 18674523	M. 14263857	
81765432	41628375	Double Norwich
87164523		
78615432		
87651423		
78564132		
87654312		
78563421	64827351	

75836241	68472531
57382614	
75832184	
57381246	
75318264	
57132846	
51738264	
15372846	18765432
13527486	6. 17856342

31254768	Double Oxford	
32157486		
23514768		
32541786		
23457168		
32547618		
23456781		57382641
32547681		53728461
23456718		
32546178		
23451687		
32415678		
23146587		
21345678		
12436587		13254768
H. 12345678		12345678

By combining the methods in this way the course-ends are brought up in 48 changes, and the 120 course-ends, and at least 637 78's, may be obtained in 5,760 changes. This is well worth ringing, but is likely to prove a 'tough nut' for even a 'cracker' band.

Not the least remarkable feature of these combined blocks is in regard to composition. This is due to the fact that the alteration brings the M. position into the same place as 1. in the basis block, and permits the 120 courses to be obtained in a simple way, which is impossible with complete courses.

The following peal, for which no originality is claimed, is a remarkable illustration of this:—

**5,760 DOUBLE NORWICH & DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR (SPLICED).**

3 Lead Variation.

23456		
A. 36452	M.	6
A. 64352		6
A. 43652		6
63542	1.	H.
53462	1.	H.
45362		H.
34562		H.
54632	1.	H.
65432		H.
46532		H.
56342	1.	H.
35642		H.

Nine times repeated, calling single for bob M. in the fifth and tenth parts.

May be reduced to 5,088 by omitting sets of three consecutive bobs.

If the first part is called as follows, it is reduced to 5,280:—

23456

A. 43652	M.
35642	1.

The courses marked A. are rung in the alternative form as shown.

**RINGERS' PUBLIC DINNERS IN LENT.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wonder whether the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner could be fixed each year in future for the last Saturday before Lent. It would vary very little from the present arrangement, and would bring an extra number of ringers in who do make it a rule not to go in for extras at any rate during that one season. The enterprising officials of St. Martin's Guild could easily make that little alteration, especially as an ever-increasing number of ringers are coming to regard Lent as a non-ringing season (not Sunday service ringing, of course, unless it is on the two last Sundays during Passiontide). I know a place where the early Easter morning pealing was appreciated more than anything by all classes, and raised some to the seventh heaven of delight after a very quiet Lent season. This always prepared the ground for a few extra peals during Easter-tide, and made a good excuse for slipping a long one in, which is worth thinking about in these days. Lent does not last long, and I think that a rest once a year is beneficial for both ringers and listeners, apart from church reasons.

A MEMBER OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**  
SHIPWAY AND METHOD EXTENSION.—NEW CATER  
METHODS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. Drake quotes me as saying that Stedman was the most brilliant and clever ringer that ever lived. I don't think I have ever said anything of the sort. I certainly never intended to. What I did say was that the Exercise has had all along a succession of clever and brilliant men, but never another like Stedman. I meant the words to be taken literally. And what is pre-eminently true of Stedman is true (though in a far less degree) of all the great ringers of the past. Men differ from each other; one made his name and his mark because he possessed this gift, and another because he possessed that. Unfortunately, we know so little about the men themselves, even about those of whose doings we know quite a lot. It is only here and there that we have some hint by which we can reconstruct them. Now nothing, perhaps, so reveals a man as his casual sayings and letters; and, if we only had a few more like those of Melchior I lately printed, we could make the history of ringing so much more real and interesting. As it is, too many of the old ringers are names, and nothing else. I cannot even guess what manner of man George Gross was. Of Holt and John Reeves we know they were gifted composers, but neither has left any writing, for I do not think any of the letterpress of 'The Clavis' is Reeves.

Benjamin Annable stands out vividly as a big man, a dominating personality, a great leader. Of him, perhaps, an interesting sketch could be made. There is a fair amount of material available, only it requires collecting, and that takes time and trouble. Shipway was neither a great leader as Annable was, nor a great writer as Stedman was, nor a composer of the first rank as Holt and Reeves were. He was no genius. He was not a man of original thought. His great gift was, as I have already said, that he was a most methodical and systematic thinker and worker. And such a man can do a lot and go far in a thing like change ringing. This system and method of his are at once the making of his book, and the direct cause of its greatest defect. For when he is dealing with a method he is not content unless he can give it in its different variations, and on all numbers.

Now there are many methods which are excellent in one form, and on one number of bells, but are useless in other forms and on other numbers. To this Shipway shut his eyes. He seemed to think that because, say, Double Norwich Major is a most excellent method he must give single and reverse Norwich also; though they never have and never will prove much more than curiosities. And especially is this shown by his treatment of Stedman's Principle. Stedman on odd numbers is a unique and excellent method, its usefulness proved by two and a half centuries of experience. That does not content Shipway. He must need extend it to even numbers, and to double and reverse variations and gives a number of abortions with bells lying still instead of dodging. They are so much lumber which adds to the size of the book, without in any way increasing its usefulness. Yet it must be admitted that no little skill is shown in the arrangement of these extensions; and that is generally true of everything Shipway does in method construction. You may not always agree with him, but you must always admit that he invariably shows skill and knowledge and ability. But he himself was evidently dissatisfied with these even bell extensions of Stedman; and, because the plan on which he was writing his book, required that everything should be complete and rounded off, he sets himself to supply an adaptation rather than an extension of Stedman's Principle to even numbers. This was his third entirely new system which he called 'Shipway's Principle.' New it was, but original it certainly was not. It was admittedly in everything, not only in form, but also in name, an imitation of Stedman.

I do not think that Shipway had any particular enthusiasm for this system, and certainly the Exercise found no use for it. It was not till a year or two ago that a peal was rung in it, and then, no doubt, more as a curiosity than anything else. And, indeed, experience has proved that only those methods which have a fixed treble are of any real value on even numbers.

The fixed treble working in succession among the other bells allows the tenors to be kept fairly close together throughout, and at the same time gives variety both to work and music. If you do away with it you have to use one of two constructions. Either you must use an alternate quick and slow which makes the greater part of the course a mere jumble, or you must adopt the plan of Duffield and Forward of all your sixes alike, which means that both work and music are altogether too monotonous.

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There is one form of extension which Shipway largely used, and in which he showed real insight into the laws of extension; and that is in the production of an odd bell variation of an even bell method. He did not, perhaps, originate this, but he certainly did reduce it to a general law. When you have a method with hunt and working bells, and you want to extend it to a higher number, the first thing that seems natural to do is to add to your working bells. But you will speedily find that, if the first number is even and the 2nd odd, your extra bell will not fit in with the dodging, and you will have to have more than two consecutive blows in different positions. This is bad enough with Plain Bob, where you have a bell lying for four blows; in such a method as Double Norwich you would have a bell leading and lying for eight blows, which would be intolerable. The way out of the difficulty is to add, not to your working bells, but to your hunts.

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**SIMPSON-TUNING.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of 'S.T.' enthusiasts I would like to reply to Mr. Barnett's assertions in your issue of March 19th. This latest outburst proves to the Exercise that his experience and knowledge of these bells is absolutely nil. He has not the courage even to name the peals that he finds fault with, and so give others the opportunity if they desire of contradicting or disagreeing with his statements. One regiment does not make an army, neither will one light peal of eight condemn Simpson-tuning. Every Simpson-tuned peal in this district gives the impression that they are ten cwt. heavier than they really are, and the clappers do not have to be as heavy as the bells themselves to get any sound out of them. I would remind Mr. Barnett that casting, tuning, hanging and clapping have these last few years been brought to a fine art, and if he thinks that modern foundries are going back to these rule-of-thumb methods that were in vogue years ago he is mistaken. Mr. Barnett, with his super-knowledge, should know to-day (1926) that foundries, when casting, always allow extra metal for the amount that is turned out of a bell in the tuning process. To quote a bell by Taylor cast 50 years ago as an illustration shows that he has not yet woken up. Why! even Taylors, I imagine, would like to forget those days. His theory that the resonance of a bell lies in its outer skin is laughable, and he is the only one who believes it. A good bell has to be correct in shape and have the correct mixture of metal, and modern foundries have given up the idea of throwing into the melting pot any old boots and shoes that happen to lie about the foundry. There are a few ringers who, under no circumstances whatever, will say a fair word for Simpson-tuning, and in their smoke room arguments pose as authorities on the subject, and condemn Simpson-tuned peals which they have never heard and take good care to keep away from.

To those who have an open mind on this subject I would suggest, when an opportunity occurs, a run over to Loughborough to hear one of the best old peals put side by side with a 1926 Simpson-tuned peal. The result, I can assure them, is startling, and would give Mr. Barnett and his friends the shock of their lives. It is interesting to note that Mr. Walker's letter has not yet brought one word of complaint from those who have had their good old peals recast and Simpson-tuned. Yet 'The Ringing World' informs us, year after year, that some of the most noted peals have been recast and Simpson-tuned. No, Mr. Barnett, leave Simpson-tuning to those who understand it and have built up such a large business with it. This could not have been done if the ringers and public were not satisfied with it.

I should like to say that at the recent gathering at Birmingham this discussion on Simpson-tuning was one of the chief topics, and I am very pleased and satisfied with the many kind expressions and letters I have received by those who are evidently in agreement with me.—Yours truly,

PERCY O. LAFLIN.

Sir,—I would like to tell 'Irenæus' that I certainly have never claimed to be a professor of metallurgy; but having worked forty years in the metal trade, I am not entirely ignorant of the nature of metals.

I notice that no explanation has been given why those highly Simpson-tuned bells fell off at the crown if they were not too thin. This fact has been left severely alone. Abuse and ridicule are no argument from the person who hides his identity under a nom de plume.—Yours, etc.

E. BARNETT.

**SOME TOWERS NOT SUITABLE.**

Sir,—I cannot quite agree with all Mr. Barnett has to say on Simpson-tuning. There is no doubt a lot of howl with some of the present Simpson-tuned bells, but not with all. Neither would I class them all as 'tin cans.' In my opinion there is improvement in the system. Shall we see still further improvement? I think so. Again, some towers, I think, are not suitable for Simpson bells, particularly so in confined spaces, with buildings all round, which do not allow the sound to disperse quickly enough. This, I believe, causes more howling than would be the case if the tower were more isolated from other buildings.—Yours truly,

W. REEBLE.

**NOMENCLATURE.**

BY THE REV. H. DRAKE.

This article has nothing to do with the Nomenclature Committee, but merely with finding correct names generally.

Some ten or twelve years ago, Mr. Law James and Mr. Trollope began publishing references to 'Hunting Backwards.' I could not find a sufficient clue in the context to this mysterious operation, and have asked them both, in private letters, and in public, what the words mean; but have been met with absolute silence. Now, however, in 'The Ringing World' for March 26th, Mr. Trollope explains it to mean that 'the odd bells come down, and the even bells go up.' No wonder we were all puzzled, for it seems that 'hunting backwards' is neither hunting, nor is it backwards.

This is an instance of the difficulties into which practical men get, when they try to give names to theoretical processes. When a man is taught to ring, he is shown that, when his bell hunts up, he takes the other bells in the ascending order of their numbers if they are even, and in the descending order if they are odd. You may write them down for him like this: 2, 4, 6, 5, 3, 1, and then it is quite true that if you write that row of figures out backwards—1, 3, 5, 6, 4, 2—you will get the order in which you meet the bells when doing what Mr. Trollope calls 'hunting backwards.' Thus, to call it by that name gives it a very vivid idea which will strike his attention, and help him to remember what it means, quite irrespective of whether it is either true or correct.

As a matter of fact it is neither. The rows of figures which I have written out are not hunting, but the figures of the bells out of which he takes those that he follows in the order designated by that row. This is usually called the 'coursing order,' and the difference between that and 'hunting,' is the difference between *meum* and *tuum*. In the one case, you are thinking of one bell's work, in the other, of the work of all the rest that are ringing. Now this difference in actual ringing does not matter very much. Indeed, the ringing of your bell in the tower is the making one fit in rightly with the other.

But in theory, or in writing out the figures of a method, one does not usually look at the matter from that single bell point of view, with which the beginner in the tower has to be content, nor does one think so much of hunting, which is the work of one bell, as of the coursing order which concerns the bells as a whole.

And if it is incorrect to use the word 'hunting' in this connection, it is also untrue that the motion described is backwards. If one

could prove that either of the rows I have written down were 'forwards,' the other could be truly described as 'backwards.' But, as a matter of fact, each is just as much the one as the other, and therefore such an epithet does not apply to either.

To describe these alternatives as 'coursing odd,' or 'coursing even,' according as one took the odd or even bells in their ascending order, would seem to meet the case, and would have the advantage that the term 'odd' would apply to the less usual alternative.

A few lines further on Mr. Trollope uses the word 'reverse' when the word 'alter' would be quite sufficient. Surely the word 'reverse' is already much too overworked among ringing terms, without adding a new use to increase the existing confusion.

I am very glad that Mr. Trollope has given a few lines to the consideration of the making of three places. I have found that three places, made in the middle, turns the succeeding series of rows upside down; but I have not worked out the matter to see if this was only accidental, or an invariable result. It has always seemed to me that this is a point which is worth more than the summary treatment is usually receives.

This leads me to point out that the process of 'reversing' sometimes means taking the last change first, and so on, until the first becomes the last. Is not this really 'inverting' the rows, and should not the process be called 'inversion'?

'Reverse' is more usually applied to alteration of the columns: you take the last column of figures (or the work done in that column), and put it in the first column, and so on, until once more the first becomes the last. Is it not possible to confine the word 'reverse' to this use? The original arrangement of columns would then be the 'obverse,' or usual one.

**TREBLE BOB MAJOR.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' of the 29th ult. a peal of 17,440 Treble Bob Major by E. Timbrell, which is claimed to be the longest length of Treble Bob Major yet produced. In 'The Ringing World,' dated March 14th, 1924, there is a peal of 25,920, which I produced, and which I have extended to over 26,000 in one part form.

Seeing that Kent and Oxford are variations of Treble Bob, the fact that it is spliced makes no difference.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

[Mr. Timbrell was not responsible for the note appended to his composition. Mr. Pitman's 'spliced method' peal was overlooked when we wrote it, and for this we are sorry.—Ed. 'R.W.']

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Hearty congratulations to Miss Norah Bibby, of Frodsham, on having rung at the first attempt an inside bell in a peal of London Surprise as reported last week. In doing this Miss Bibby has probably created a new record, as this is believed to be the first time father, daughter and two sons have rung a peal together in this method.

A new striking clock is to be fixed in Everton Church, Bawtry, by Messrs. G. and F. Cope and Co., of Nottingham, who have recently completed the renovation of the old clock in Market, Deeping Church, Lincolnshire, made in 1765, and have also just received the order for overhauling the church clock at Crowle, Worcestershire.

Mr. John Carter sends his congratulations to the Ipswich band upon the ringing the peal of Forward Maximus. He says this is only the second peal rung on tower bells, the first having been rung at Birmingham. He believes that one peal has also been rung 'in hand' at Birmingham.

Even in these times some ringers look upon two peals in a day as a considerable undertaking. What must it have been 170 years ago? On April 9th, 1751, John Holt took part in 5,800 Double Bob and 5,040 Plain Bob Major at St. Mary's, Hillingdon.

April 11th is the anniversary of the 13,265 Grandsire Caters at Appleton. This record, has, of course, since been exceeded, but it was a great performance. Appleton, however, still holds the record, with the 21,363 Stedman Caters rung on April 22nd, 1922.

Seventeen years ago next Monday, another record, which still stands as one of the greatest performances ever accomplished, was made—18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough on a peal of bells with 30 cwt. tenor.

Easter Monday, 1914, which in that year was on April 13th, saw the achievement of 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne.

## THE BELLFOUNDER'S REBUKE.

(Verses, upon observing in 'The Ringing World,' that yet another 'ring' of Rudhall's bells, from the old Gloucester Foundry, had followed so many of their fellows to the melting pot.)

Oh! sweet Vale of Usk, why misgivings or fears?  
The bells you have lost, tho' you had had them for years,  
Were at best but a poor lot, in very sad state,  
Out of tune, and—what's worse—all out of date.  
For the Treble was sharp, and the Second quite flat,  
The Third or (say) Fourth badly cracked; and that's that!  
And the rest, you'll remember, were all on the shelf,  
With the Tenor, of course, 'not in tune with itself.'

You say—'But tears of grief and joy,

'So truly beatific,

'Had blended with their tones for years'?

Humph! that's not scientific.

Come! Simpson's notes are quite soft, tho' we'll say they're not bold,  
Still, surely, you'd not let our furnace go cold?

No! Rejoice that we smashed 'em, be careless who groans,  
For though made by Great Rudhall, he missed the 'five tones.'

TEMPLE BAR.

## 'TURNER'S HILL PEAL CRITICISM.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The second half of my previous letter clearly indicates the nature of my criticism, and, upon seeing Mr. Hart's reply thereto, I shall have no objection to my name being published.—Yours truly,

'LISTENER.'

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Leicester district was held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, on Saturday, March 27th. Touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich Major were brought round during the afternoon. Tea was partaken of by 15 members in the parish room, after which the belfry was again visited, when a touch of 'Real' Superlative Surprise Major was successfully accomplished. This was followed by London Surprise, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The London Surprise, however, chose to run round unexpectedly at hand-stroke.

After the bells had been lowered, a move was made to the Talbot Inn, where the business meeting was held. Following the meeting, a course of Stedman Caters was rung on the handbells. Mr. W. Willson obliged with a recitation, and Mr. J. Morris with a song, whilst the 'Old English Gentleman,' by the veteran, 'Old Joe' (Mr. J. S. Needham) was greatly appreciated by all. In conclusion, three leads of 'Treble Ten' were successfully brought round on a light set of handbells kindly supplied by Mr. Needham.



## THE RECORD PEAL AT LEEDS.

A BREAKDOWN AFTER 3½ HOURS.

The attempt to create a new record length on tower bells at Leeds, Keal, on Monday, ended in failure, after three and three-quarter hours' ringing, a mis-call bringing the effort to an end.

The band assembled at the quaint little village, with its equally quaint old tower, no taller than the roof of the church, and nearly as broad as it is high, on Sunday, and rang for the evening service. 'Early to bed and early to rise' was a strictly applied motto, and the party were at the belfry well before six o'clock in the morning. Mr. Herbert Langdon was present as witness on behalf of the band of the Oxford Guild and College Youths, of which he was the conductor, and which set up the existing record. Motoring through the night on the long journey from Appleton came Messrs. William and George Holfield, keen to hear the start.

In the lower the band were positioned as follows: P. I. Spice 1, J. H. Cheesman 2, O. Sippetts 3, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 4, C. H. Dobbie 5, H. E. Audsley 6, G. Gilbert 7, J. Bennett 8, J. T. Dyke 9, J. George 10. Two sixes, and the rope end of one ringer came out of tuck. Then, at 6.17 a.m., away the bells went again on Mr. Louis Head's 22,033 Stedman Caters, and the ringing settled down. At the end of an hour or so, however, the oiler up among the bells got in the way of the eighth and momentarily she dropped, but soon was righted, and, after that, the course-ends rolled up regularly until the first turning course from titmuss to handstroke arrived. Then, 'stand.' The conductor had made a mis-call, and the attempt was finished, to the regret of all, and not least to the Vicar and the good folk of Leeds, who had been keenly interested in the great task. The time of the 'stop' was 10.2, and the number of changes rung 5,940.

The Vicar was one of the first in the belfry to express regret, and he at once offered to place the tower at the disposal of the band at a later date. Without making any excuses, it is only fair to say that two of the band were not really fit for such a gigantic task, for the effects of influenza had not entirely worn off. It is hoped, however, that when next they meet for the peal they will be in better condition.

The rest of the day was not exactly wasted, for the band, after an interval, knocked off a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, just to show, as it were, that they were not downhearted.

### BELLS THAT MADE THE YEWES SWAY AND DAFFODILS DANCE.

Considerable prominence was given to the attempt in some of the London daily papers, and we think the following report from 'The Special Correspondent' of the 'Daily Chronicle' will be read with interest, and, perhaps, amusement:—

Ten Kentish bellringers started an attempt to ring a world record peal of bells at the ancient parish church here at sunrise to-day.

Locked in a twelfth-century belfry without food or drink, they began a 15-hour task at 6.10. They broke down at 10 o'clock, having rung only 5,900 of the 22,033 changes called Stedman Caters.

Thus the ten men who rang the bells of Appleton, Berks, for 12½ hours in 1922 retain the record.

To-day's attempt was a noteworthy one. Mr. Herbert Langdon, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was here to see fair play, and Messrs. William and George Holfield, two of the record-making Appleton team, motored through the night to hear the first bell at dawn.

The Kentish ringers had a short practice before evensong last night, and were all abed by 9 o'clock. As fresh as daisies they stepped out into misty morn at daybreak, and, after being checked by the adjudicator, ascended the belfry and were locked in.

The party were a case of 'Old Uncle Tom Cobleigh an' all.' At their head was 'Old Jimmy George,' of Birmingham, an ex-railway servant, 72 years of age, who came to ring the one-ton tenor bell.

Then there were Percy Spice, of Bromley; Jack Cheesman, of Greenhithe; Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley; Clarence Dobbie, of Teddington; Bert Audsley, of Crayford; Quartermaster-Sergeant Gilbert, of Rainham; Sergeant-Major Bennett, of Chatham; Joe Dyke, of Chilcompton (Somerset); with Fred Pulling, of Guildford, as conductor.

The peal began nobly. Straightway the old tower throbbled with energy, churchyard yews swayed, daffodils danced, gay cherry-trees shook themselves with delight, and scattered blossom over the village while its good inhabitants arose and smiled over their Easter eggs and bacon.

The Vicar, the Rev. S. N. Swain, pondered with pride on the age and wisdom of the bells. 'These bells,' he murmured to me as they rang to the hazy heavens, 'easily make up for all our letters which go to a Yorkshire city.'

At 10 o'clock, nevertheless, the rhythmic message of the bells was tempered by human frailty. Tall Fred Pulling (caretaker at Guildford Grammar School, by the way) was forced to call a stop because three of the bells were out of their order.

With the good grace which grows of long association with bells, Fred smiled as he left the belfry.

'Somebody's memory gone?' I suggested.

'Oh, no,' he replied. 'It has really nothing to do with memory. It's rope-sight that counts. You get the knack of seeing which rope is being pulled before and after your own, and the conductor—that's me—shouts "Bob" or "Single" to certain ringers when they change the progression.

'When I found three were out, I had to "call" a stop.'

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONDAY'S MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE.

The annual meeting was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The committee met in the vestry of Great St. Mary's Church before the short service at noon. In the absence of the Vicar, who has gone abroad, on account of his health, the short service was conducted by the hon. secretary of the association (the Rev. R. Copeman). A forcible and most practical address was given by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Rector of Castle Camps.

The lunch and general meeting took place at the Dorothy Cafe. The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey presided, and 28 members and visitors were present.

The Hon. Secretary read his report, and announced that 26 peals (six on handbells) had been rung during the past year by the association. The accounts were presented, showing a balance in hand of about £9, after paying for the long-delayed report for the years 1921—1924.

It was decided that a report be printed for 1925, members to pay 6d. a copy.

The district secretaries were reappointed, viz. Mr. A. E. Austin (Ely), the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Hunts), Mr. H. W. Giddings (Wisbech), and Mr. W. G. Cross (Marshland).

The hon. secretary was reappointed, and also the auditor (Mr. T. R. Dennis). In addition to these, the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey and R. F. R. Routh, and Messrs. J. Taylor and G. Rivers, were chosen to form the Diocesan Committee.

Votes of thanks were given to the preacher and the incumbents, who had granted the use of their bells, and it was the desire of the members that a letter be sent to Canon Hulbert, the Vicar of Great St. Mary's, expressing their regret for the cause of his absence, and hoping that he would return with his health restored.

A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to Mr. A. E. Austin for the time and care he had bestowed in the preparation of the report. — The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Boughey for presiding.

The bells of Great St. Mary's were going before the service and after the meeting. Stedman Caters and Cinqus and Bob Royal being some of the methods rung. Ringing also took place at St. Andrew's-the-Great.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held at Clitheroe on Saturday, March 20th. There was a fair attendance of ringers, representing Blackburn Parish, Blackburn St. Michael's, Whalley, and Clitheroe. During the afternoon there was an excellent practice of Grandsire Triples for the benefit of the young ringers.

Mr. W. Wilkinson presided over the business proceedings, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Padiham on Saturday, April 17th. One new ringing member from Whalley was elected.

The ringing secretary to the association (Mr. A. Tomlinson) gave a paper and demonstration on pricking changes in Grandsire Doubles, Triples, and short touches, which was followed attentively, especially by the young ringers.

Mr. Wilkinson, in proposing a vote of thanks, said how highly they appreciated the paper given by Mr. Tomlinson.—This was seconded, and carried with acclamation.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, to the Clitheroe ringers for their hearty welcome; and to Mr. Wilkinson for presiding were accorded.

The branch president was absent until after the meeting was concluded, but was doing good work in the meantime by scoring a peal of Bob Minor at Waddington with five of his young ringers.

## DEATH OF AN ESSEX RINGER.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL'S VETERAN VERGER.

Mr. James Oswick, who for the past twenty-seven years was verger at Chelmsford Cathedral, passed away on March 25th, after a short illness. The deceased, who was 75 years of age, was well known and highly respected by all who knew him, and was fulfilling his duties in the Cathedral until about a fortnight before his death. Although he had done no ringing for a number of years he always took a keen interest in the ringing at the Cathedral, and his name appears on a board in the tower recording a peal of Grandsire Triples.

The funeral, which took place on Saturday, March 27th, was attended by a large number of mourners and friends, including the Bishop of the Diocese and the Bishop of Barking. The first part of the service was held in the Cathedral, and the interment took place at the Borough Cemetery.

On Sunday morning, March 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect: F. Tolworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, R. O. Clark 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, J. Wood 5, A. Head 6, C. Pease 7, P. Timson 8, L. J. Clark (conductor) 9, G. Cooper 10.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERTIDE FESTIVAL AT ST. ALBANS.

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association took place, as usual, at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, when there was an unusually large gathering of members, some of whom visited the various towers of the city, and afterwards assembled for evening at the Cathedral, the service being followed by tea and the annual meeting at the Abbey Institute, where Mr. E. P. Debenham presided, owing to the death of the President (Mr. F. R. Bacon). Among those supporting him were the Dean of St. Albans, Canon G. H. C. Shorting, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. B. Jarman, Mr. E. N. Wix and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel).

The Chairman, in the name of the ringers of St. Albans, conveyed a hearty welcome to those assembled for the annual meeting, expressing pleasure at seeing such an excellent muster, as well as at the performances that day in the towers of St. Albans, which had shown some real progress in some directions.

Alluding to the death during his year of office of the association's president (Mr. F. R. Bacon), the Chairman asked those present to stand in silence for a few moments as an indication of their sympathy with Mrs. Bacon in her bereavement, which they did forthwith.

### NEW MEMBERS.

The following were then elected honorary members of the association:—The Dean of St. Albans, Canon G. H. C. Shorting and Mr. H. S. Cox. The provisional election of Messrs. S. T. Chappell (Berkhamsted), F. Kirk (St. Albans), Jesse Pulett (Hemel Hempstead), W. Theobald, R. Molton and E. G. Smith (Leytonstone), J. Conquest (Hertford) and Mr. J. Saxby (Edmonton) took place.

The following were elected ringing members:—A. Dollin, E. J. A. Kendall, E. Cutmore, A. J. Constable, J. E. Sanders, of St. Albans Cathedral Society; C. A. Baker, Gainsborough; R. Styles and B. McKie, Northaw; G. Carl, Harpenden; S. Frost and T. Cannon, Bennington; H. Brackley, Tring; S. J. Carley, Barnet; A. Stanley and G. Johnson, Stevenage; W. R. Smith, St. Albans; H. W. Anstee, Breachwood Green; G. Cain, Kimpton; J. R. Gittings and R. W. Gittings, Welwyn; W. Kimble, Kimpton.

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. E. P. Debenham, as honorary treasurer, showed that the year opened with a balance in hand of £8 ls. 3d. Subscriptions from honorary, ringing and life members, and fees for peal entries brought the total income to £46 14s. 9d. After the expenses for the year had been met, there remained an increased balance at the end of the year of £13 13s. 2d. On the reserve fund there was £17 9s. 8d. deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, and interest received during the year brought the total to £18 13s. 10d. In addition, the association holds £15 15s. 9d. five per cent. War Stock.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. H. E. Good-enough, the balance sheet was received and adopted.

When presenting his annual report, the Honorary Secretary called attention to an interesting record established by the St. Albans Cathedral Society, who, he said, on Easter Day, starting at five o'clock in the morning, rang quarter-peals in the following methods:—Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Grand sire Triples.

A generation, continued the Secretary, has passed away since our formation, but increasing years have not damped our enthusiasm for ringing, and though we have naturally to face the problems of retirement and the inevitable passing away of our members, yet we have preserved our existence numerically, and continue to render to the Church our loyal service. The year has been normal as far as the number of peals that have been rung; but the variety of methods rung has been excellent. To judge by the published reports of quarter-peals for evening service, I should say there has been a keen appreciation of bands to give of their best in service ringing. This we acknowledge to be our first duty, and is one which I feel sure will ever be recognised. To the incumbents we would acknowledge our indebtedness to them for their continued interest in the association, expressed in so many kindly ways, by their readiness in giving permission for peal ringing, and in addressing ringers at the quarterly services. Thirty peals have been rung during the year, 25 on tower bells and five on handbells.

There have been fifteen conductors for the tower peals, and two conductors for the handbell peals. Messrs. W. N. Cooper, W. C. Hughes, R. Wilkinson, E. Loversuch, C. Cooke, L. A. Weare, F. Blunt, S. T. Chappell, J. E. Graney, E. J. Rowe and Miss R. S. Cooke have rung their first peal. Many others have rung their first on eight and ten bells and the first in new methods. Congratulations to Mr. Maurice Hibbert and his band in ringing the first peal of Norfolk Surprise Major for the association, also to Mr. Hibbert for his splendid achievement in being the first conductor to call J. W. Parker's odd and even five-part peal of Stedman Triples. The King's Langley band are progressing, and Mr. Cooke must feel proud in piloting his daughter through her first peal. The Rickmansworth band has made excellent progress, and now possess a first-class company. They are anticipating an addition to their ring, which we hope will come to fruition, as it will give a splendid impetus to ten-bell ringing. Change ringing is also being practised at Redbourn, and Mr. Ayre has had the credit of conducting the first peal on the bells; also the first on the Flamstead bells. A note to the peal of

Doubles recently rung at Berkhamsted states that Mr. Norris has been a member of the local company for 52 years. But our friend, Mr. Conley, of St. Albans, who has only recently given up ringing, has a record of over 70 years. One important matter was brought before the committee by Mr. Horton, who reported that peals had been fixed in his district on the day of meetings, which he considered was against all principles of sport and good fellowship. The committee deprecated the action as being not conducive to the prosperity of the association, and lacking in moral support of the secretary's effort. As a solution to the difficulty I would suggest that the 'seventy times seven' injunction be put into practice by all concerned, which alone can bring happy fellowship.

### DEATH OF PRESIDENT.

It is with feelings of sorrow that I have to record the death of our President, Mr. F. R. Bacon, which occurred on September 25th. The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church, Hitchin, being conducted by the Vicar of Hitchin and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. The association was represented by Messrs. E. W. Day, J. F. Foster, H. Day, C. Cannon, J. Hare and R. Fidler, of the local band, who placed a bell-shaped wreath upon the grave of their comrade. One was also sent in the name of the members of the association. One regretted that other officers and members were not present; but many knew nothing of the sad event until the appearance of their ringing paper. Our late president came from Ely to Hitchin about 30 years ago, and for some time acted as secretary to the local band. His peals were few; he was essentially a Sunday service ringer, one who rang from the highest motive of praise. He succeeded the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake as secretary for the Northern Division at Easter, 1914, which duties he continued up to date of death. He was an excellent secretary, his secret of ability emanating from a mind centred on spiritual things. To our late friend we owe the starting of the quarterly service at district meetings, which was seldom omitted in his arrangements. But he had also a great love for the historical fabric, possessing a knowledge of architecture, which he wore so interestingly into the paragraphs he contributed to 'The Ringing World.' He was also a devoted member of his Parish Church, being on the Finance Committee of the Parochial Church Council. The Vicar of Hitchin, writing to me, says: 'We shall miss him so dreadfully in the parish, and I myself have lost a very old and very good friend, whom I was very fond of.' May God raise up many more such men, fearless in their allegiance to Him, and with a warm-hearted desire not only to forward the cause of change ringing, but all other good works. I have tendered personally to Mrs. Bacon our deepest sympathy.

By the death of Colonel Baker we have lost a pioneer of change ringing in Hertfordshire, and one of the few remaining original members of the association. He was a magnificent ringer, and one who has left behind the fragrance of delightful companionship, and a record of notable achievements in the belfries of Hertfordshire—and beyond. The committee were desirous that he should become president, and to that end he was approached on several occasions, but each time he declined the honour, probably through stress of public duties which he considered more urgent. His life was the inspiration of the Hertford bands, and I trust that the town which possesses such an ancient history not only in change ringing, but in bell founding, will continue to furnish other men of outstanding ability to carry on the traditions of the craft.

The Secretary added satisfactory reports from each of the districts, and thanks were given to the district secretaries, to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the association's representative on the Central Council, and to the librarian (Mr. T. J. Hull).

In conclusion, the Secretary said: I would remind you, and myself, of our calling, 'Workers together with Him.' Failure to realise this is causing disaster in our Church to-day. It is a great privilege, one of the greatest bestowed upon mankind, and the wonderment of all ages. Let us remember that bellringers are included in the 'workers.' True, our work is not directly spiritual; but surely it is included among the God-appointed helps that St. Paul mentions, if that service is rendered to His praise. If we get a clear insight into the meaning of the words 'Workers together with Him,' it will revolutionise our conception of service. Then there is the fellowship that exists amongst us, the beauty of which is sometimes marred because of failure to appreciate our calling. I would stress this most strongly. Difficulties, misunderstandings, jealousies creep in often unawares, and maybe you cannot keep them out. But when in you can deal with them promptly under Divine guidance. Good fellowship is congenial and helpful, but it will lack power and initiative unless its aims and ambitions are centred upon the One 'Who is able to make all things abound.' May you, my brothers, go back to your respective belfries refreshed and cheered in your work because of our fellowship to-day, and may you ever continue to prosper in the science we all so much love.

When proposing the adoption of the annual report, the Dean of St. Albans congratulated the association upon the width and extent of its activities, and the amount of enthusiasm and keenness for working for the Church which its members displayed. It was a wonderful thing to see that organisation, spread over the whole diocese, and bringing men together in feelings of good fellowship, and a desire for real Christian service. He congratulated the association

also upon the possession of such a secretary as Mr. Cartmel, who threw himself so thoroughly into the work, and was evidently in living touch with the members in every district.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, seconding the motion, endorsed the observations of the Dean, remarking that they always listened to the hon. secretary's annual report with the intensest interest and keenness, and were grateful to Mr. Cartmel for the spirit he always imparted to it.

The report was adopted.

#### A PEAL OF TWELVE FOR THE CATHEDRAL?

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake next proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for his sermon at the ringers' service, declaring: 'I have never heard a better address in any cathedral or any other place.' Coupled with this vote of thanks was an expression of gratitude to the Dean and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's Churches for the use of their bells during the day. Thanks to the editor of 'The Ringing World,' added Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the St. Albans meeting each Easter was one of the best known meetings held anywhere around London, and they owed a good deal of that to the cheery welcome which the ringers of the Hertfordshire Association always received in the four towers he had mentioned.

The vote was seconded by Mr. B. Jarman, and heartily accorded. Incidentally, the Chairman observed, when putting the matter to the vote, if the bells of St. Albans Cathedral could be increased from eight to twelve, it would be a very happy day for the ringers of the county (applause). The present Dean was the third holder of the office to whom that suggestion had been made, and he hoped, as this was 'the third time of asking,' it would produce the result they desired (laughter).

In the course of his reply, the Dean said he had always found the ringers among his best helpers, both in Scotland and England, although he frankly confessed his ignorance about bellringing was abysmal—he hardly knew a Bob Major from a sergeant-major (laughter). There was a tradition, he said, that the number of strokes on the bell that an incumbent gave when being instituted indicated the number of years he would remain in the place. He had been told by the ringers that when he was instituted at St. Albans Cathedral, he only rang three—and one of those years had nearly gone. The Dean spoke in terms of admiration of the qualities of the St. Albans Cathedral Society. As soon as he saw the leader of the cathedral band, he said to himself, 'That's Goodenough' (laughter). Two things he was very proud of—one was that someone who took part in the peal rung at his institution was one of his ringers from St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and the other was that he believed he was to have a whole peal rung on the anniversary of his institution (applause).

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On the recommendation of the committee, and at the proposal of the chairman, seconded by Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, Mr. B. Jarman was unanimously elected president of the association. Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-elected honorary treasurer, on the motion of Mr. Buckingham, seconded by Mr. W. G. Whitehead; Mr. G. W. Cartmel was re-elected honorary secretary, on the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. F. E. Smith; Mr. T. J. Hull, proposed by the president, and seconded by Mr. W. Nash, was re-elected honorary librarian; Mr. W. Mercer was re-elected honorary auditor, with thanks for past services; the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was re-elected representative of the association on the Central Council; and Messrs. E. W. Day, W. H. Lawrence, W. Nash, C. H. Horton and W. Ayre were re-elected as district secretaries for the Northern, Eastern, St. Albans, Watford, and Western Divisions respectively.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the caterer (Mr. C. F. Haunaford).

At the service in the choir of St. Albans Cathedral, which preceded the annual meeting, the sermon was preached by the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson), who based an interesting discourse upon the word 'Remember,' from Ecclesiastes xiii. 1. This text, he said, seemed to contain a special message for ringers, because it was the message of their bells as they rang out over the countryside calling men to lift up their hearts to God; to turn away from the world that was so close to them, pressing upon them every moment, to the unseen world that lies behind. It was a message which ringers needed, for it was so easy to let their ideals of service drop down. The heftily did not bring them so closely into touch with the Church as it did other church workers, and it was so easy to get slack and get discouraged, and let the whole tone of their service drop. Let them not forget that all service counted alike with God; if it was done for Him, and for His sake. He reminded them of the solemn occasions on which they came into being in men's lives with their bells, in their call to service, on wedding days, in the passing of the old year, in national rejoicing and sorrow; and when death came the bell tolled, calling men to pray for the soul of the departed, and for the bereaved, and bidding men remember that they, too, must die. Let them think of the responsible and worthy work that God had called them to, and let them remember if the work was to be done well, if the message of their bells was to reach not merely

people's ears, but their hearts, their lives, as ringers, must be in tune with their message. They must join in the worship of the congregation, and in the life of their parish as a whole, and not be a little clique, a small select body, interested in ringing and ringing only, and in themselves. So would their work be blessed, and so would their message ring out true and sweet and strong. They would be taking their part in the preaching of the gospel of God's love for every soul.

#### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

##### EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, March 27th, and was attended by upwards of some thirty members and visitors. Choral Evensong was held in church, at which the Vicar of Monk Fyston gave a very interesting address. This was followed by an excellent tea, served in the Church House.

At the business meeting the chair was occupied by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Bone, M.A.).—Mr. F. Cryer (Selby) was elected vice-president for one year, in place of Mr. A. E. West (Sutton-on-Hull), resigned.

Mr. A. B. Cook was re-elected hon. secretary, Messrs. G. T. Miller (Hull) and R. B. Smith (Howden) were re-elected as committeemen, and Mr. J. H. Howell (Hull) was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Cryer's election as vice-president.

The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beverley, in June.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Sherburn-in-Elmet for the use of the bells and for the beautiful service; also to the Vicar of Monk Fyston for his address; to the ladies for serving tea, and to the local ringers for their very excellent arrangements, and was seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, hon. general secretary.—Replies by the two respective Vicars brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

#### LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Mangotsfield on March 13th, members attending from Bath, Bristol, Clapton, Corston and Portishead. The bells were going soon after 3 o'clock, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major being rung. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. H. Crews), and was followed by tea and the business meeting, at which Miss E. Smith presided.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Portishead in June, and the possibility of arranging an intermediate practice meeting was discussed, but, after various places had been suggested, the idea was finally abandoned, owing to the difficulty of securing a sufficient attendance.

The members wish to express their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Jefferies for so kindly making all the necessary arrangements.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST.—On Sunday, March 28th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 29 mins.: G. Buffles 1, S. Kelly 2, E. Butler 3, A. Annis 4, J. Warneck 5, H. Bullwinkle 6, A. Barrett (conductor) 7, A. Hall 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering, with bells half-muffled.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 14th, in 44 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wadman 1, W. Milbourne 2, G. Gunning 3, J. Hambleton 4, E. Chivers 5, H. Prout 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, W. Ford 8. Composed by the late A. P. Wakley. This is the 7th successive occasion on which this quarter-peal has been rung on these bells on the Sunday nearest to the anniversary of the composer's death.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, Feb. 7th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Lawrence 1 and 2, S. Carter 3, W. Williams 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, A. Woolston 6.—For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTANTS.—On Sunday, January 31st, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Bellamy 1, C. Newman 2, A. Bigley 3, H. Chambers 4, J. King 5, J. R. Main 6, J. T. Ward 7, W. Perkins (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method by J. King and J. R. Main.

#### A MOTHER OF RINGERS.

##### DEATH OF MRS. F. WHITE, OF APPLETON.

At Appleton, Berks. on Saturday, April 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung in 46 mins.: W. Holifield 1, H. C. White 2, G. Holifield, senr., 3, C. G. White 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Holifield, junr. (conductor), 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. The bells were muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. F. White, who passed away at the advanced age of 85 years, and who was laid to rest on Good Friday. Mrs. White was mother of the ringers of 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and widow of the late Mr. F. White bell hanger, of Appleton.

## EASTER DAY TOUCHES.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD.**—At All Saints' Church, for matins, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52½ mins.: R. Butcher (first quarter) 1, C. Whybrow 2, A. Seabrook 3, W. Botsford 4, A. Butcher 5, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. Nicholls 7, G. Butcher 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, H. Mackman 2, A. Brookland 3, W. H. Hollver (conductor) 4, H. T. Beadle 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, J. R. Mackman 7, H. Sheard 8.

**KENSINGTON.**—On Easter Day, in the evening, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. G. Miles 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, F. V. Sinkins 3, A. Cutmore 4, J. A. Dart 5, E. G. Locke 6, J. L. Hayward 7, C. W. Roberts 8, A. F. Harris 9, S. A. Tompsett 10.

**BARNES.**—On Easter Day, at St. Mary's Church, for afternoon service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, A. Cutmore 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8. For evening service, 720 Spliced Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, R. Mackrill 4, C. Hunt 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6.

**TOTTENHAM (All Hallows').**—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. W. Crabb 1, W. Dickinson 2, W. P. Roe 3, H. Ellis 4, E. A. Hull 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, C. A. Button (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.

**FRINDSBURY.**—On Easter Day, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: R. Paine 1, S. Jarrett 2, C. Winsor 3, W. Evans 4, W. Stockley 5, W. S. Beaumont (conductor) 6, E. A. G. Allen 7, T. Beaumont 8.

**ROTHERHAM.**—On Easter Day, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: S. Briggs (conductor) 1, C. Poulteney 2, A. Stamp 3, J. W. J. Cottam 4, A. Firth 5, L. Littlewood 6, C. Ryder 7, G. Oakes 8.

**LITTLE MUNDEN.**—On Easter Day, for early service, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob, G. H. Carter conductor.—For morning service, 720 Woodbine, A. Woolston conductor.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, S. Carter conductor. W. Williams, S. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, S. Head, G. H. Carter and W. H. Lawrence took part.

**LONDON.**—On Easter Day, at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. G. Miles 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, F. V. H. Sinkins 3, A. Cutmore 4, J. A. Dart 5, E. G. Locke 6, J. L. Hayward (longest length of Caters) 7, C. W. Roberts 8, A. F. Harris 9, S. R. Tompsett 10. Rung in honour of the Easter festival.

**CHICHESTER.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: A. G. Rowe 1, W. Falconer 2, G. Marshall 3, J. H. Blake 4, J. Arthur (Maidstone) 5, W. E. Ticehurst (conductor) 6, M. R. Heffer 7, H. J. Tucker 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, at St. Thomas-a-Beckett Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: E. Martin 1, F. Burnett 2, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 3, P. Giles 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, P. Cook 8.

**HORNSEY.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, J. G. Nash 2, E. G. Hibble 3, C. H. Ross (conductor) 4, R. Lister 5, H. Blee 6. Also, after evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, A. Howell 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. R. Lister's appearance in the belfry, after an absence of over two years, was greatly welcomed by the remainder of the band.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Easter Day, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, T. A. Easterby 3, E. A. Fosdike 4, A. Bradley 5, H. J. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8. Another quarter, for matins: E. W. Pannett 1, T. A. Easterby 2, E. J. Pannett 3, H. J. Norgate 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, R. A. Fosdike 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington. Another quarter, for evensong: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, T. A. Easterby 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, E. B. Crowder 5, W. J. Jeffries 6, A. Bradley (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8. All the above are members of the St. John's Society, and are regular Sunday Service ringers.

**GREAT BARDFIELD.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, 720 changes Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: A. Piper 1, G. Hills 2, W. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, E. Townsend 5, J. Jennings (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Spliced, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Hills 1, A. Piper 2, W. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, E. Townsend 5, J. Jennings (conductor) 6.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', on the 15th and 29th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, April 10th, at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The 29th annual general meeting will be held at Fulham on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 4.30, preacher, Rev. J. H. Newsam-Taylor, Rector of Acton. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. at 1s. each. Ringing at Fulham 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30, Putney 3 to 4.15, Hammersmith 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton, on April 10th. Bells ready at 4. Service at 5.30. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, and James W. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welton (two miles from Daventry) on Saturday, April 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The first quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Barwell on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. 1925 reports will be available at this meeting. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting of the Eastern District at Durham on Saturday, April 10th. St. Oswald's (recently rehung) and St. Nicholas' bells after 2.30. Cathedral bells after 3 o'clock service. Tea at Pattinson's Café, Old Elvet, at 5. Members attending please advise Mr. W. H. Johnson, 4, Church Lane, Durham, before April 7th.—G. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church), on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea Holy Trinity bells (8) also available afternoon and evening.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Rd., Devizes.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Whitworth, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—The next meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held at South Kirby on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Parties requiring tea must send their names to Mr. A. R. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirby, Pontefract. A very hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Cranmore, Shepton Mallet, on Saturday, April 10th. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Douling and Shepton Mallet bells also available. Members requiring tea please notify the secretary.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., 83, Radstock Road, Midsomer Norton.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Special general meeting to be held in Exeter on Saturday, April 17th. Dedication of peal tablets in Cathedral belfry 2.15 p.m., doors closed 2.10 p.m. Meeting at Trade Hall, 8, Northernhay Place, 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, to those applying before April 13th. Ringing at Cathedral and other Exeter towers. — T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday, April 17th, as this is the most convenient date. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock, presided over by the Vicar. Trains from Manchester Exchange 1.52, 3.15, 4.10 p.m. Excursion fare 1/3 return. Will members make a special effort to be present?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting, Manchester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping, St. John's (8 bells), on Saturday, April 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Pudigham on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 17th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Those who intend to be present to tea please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 14th. — A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m. Tea at Palace Tea Rooms after service, to be followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, April 14th? —C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Swindon Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Brinkworth on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 2, Florence Street, Swindon.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3. Service in church, with address by the Rev. I. O. Johnson, at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by April 13th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.**—The Lord Bishop of Hereford will (o.v.) dedicate the two new trebles at the official opening on Saturday afternoon, April 17th. All ringers will be most welcome, and special arrangements will be made for all ringers to have a pull. Complete bands, from Plain to Surprise methods, will be given every opportunity, so that the bells may be heard at their best during the afternoon and evening. There is exceptionally good train service from Shrewsbury and Wellington. Train leaves Coalbrookdale 8.15 Saturday evening. Midland bus runs to and from Wellington Saturday nights from Coalbrookdale 6.5, 8.45 and 10.55. Sunday service, from Wellington 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. From Coalbrookdale, 12.45, 4.25, 6.25, 8.25 and 9.47 p.m. All the above connect at Wellington for Shrewsbury. Lodgings can be booked at Coalbrookdale if arrangements are made in good time. G.W. trains leave Coalbrookdale for Wellington on week days 6.20, 7.20 and 9 a.m.—All ringers who propose visiting Coalbrookdale should write to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Salop.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM** (Established 1672). — A meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, April 17th. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. W. E. White by Thursday, April 15th, at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Mells on Saturday, April 17th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. It is particularly requested that ringers intending to be present should notify me, as the tea is to be given by the Rector of Mells.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (6) on Saturday, April 17th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 13th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merthyr Tydfil on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. The new certificate will be on view.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Ordsall, Retford (five minutes' walk from L.N.E. Station), on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall for those who notify the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Ordsall Rectory, Retford, not later than April 13th.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, April 17th. The bells of All Saints' will be available for one hour during the afternoon. Will members wishing to attend please make their own arrangements for tea, as there are several restaurants?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 17th. A short service will take place at St. Mary's at 4.30, followed by tea at the Dale Temperance Hotel and general meeting. The following towers will be available for ringing during afternoon and evening: St. Mary's, Warwick (10), St. Nicholas' (8), All Saints', Emscote (8).—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Essex Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Tey on Saturday, April 17th. Eight bells. A short service will be held at 4.30 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Will all those intending to be present at tea please let me know by Tuesday morning, April 13th, as only a limited number can be seated?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 17th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Brown Bear at 5.15. Business after. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton Branch.—District meeting at Overseal, April 17th (not April 24th, as previously decided). Requests for tea—1/- per head—to be sent to Mr. J. Cotton, 50, Gresley Wood Road, Church Gresley, Burton-on-Trent, as soon as possible. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Hon. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bushey, Saturday, April 17th. Bells open 3.30. Tea (1/3 each) 5.30, business meeting after. Oxhey Church open during the evening. Cheap trains from Euston and Broad Street.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Witley, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and short business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dist. Sec., Hillcrest, 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—The Bells of St. Mary's, Dunmow, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend, and ringing will continue after the service for the respective companies. Will those intending to be present please let me know so as to arrange for light refreshments, also seats in church?—H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.15, 1s. each. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 20th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector of Cliffe (the Rev. A. T. Wallis). Tea will be provided, at a charge, at the 'Six Bells' to those who notify me on or before first post Wednesday, April 21st. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Evensong in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30, with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). A collection will be made on behalf of the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowt's (6) at St. Botolph's (6) from 2.30 to 3, and from 7 to 9. Washington bells (8) will also be available in the evening from 6 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 20th. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poulton, on Saturday, April 24th (postponed from 17th). Bells ready 2.30, business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

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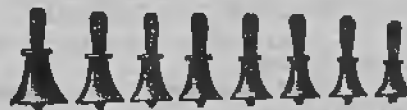
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It is not only interesting, but encouraging, although only what it ought to be, to find that several associations at the annual meetings on Easter Monday discussed topics concerning the Exercise generally, as well as matters of purely domestic policy. Questions which are to come before the Central Council at the Ipswich meeting were debated at several meetings, and in this evidence of a wider interest in ringing affairs one may see an indication of the extension of the average ringer's horizon. Hitherto, with few exceptions, association meetings have been confined to association concerns, and, even if individuals have realised that they are part of a much larger body than their own territorial or diocesan unit, they have seldom shown any desire to talk of matters outside the affairs of their local organisation. They have not apparently fully appreciated the fact that they are members of a country-wide brotherhood and followers of an art the welfare of which throughout the land is largely a matter of their own concern.

When, however, we find important county and diocesan associations discussing subjects of general importance to the whole body of the Exercise it is a gratifying sign of a growing realisation of the share which all ringers ought to take in fostering the growth of the art and furthering the spirit of fraternity of which we so often boast. It matters little in what direction members of an association demonstrate their interest—whether it be in Simpson-tuning, in method nomenclature, in cheaper travelling facilities, or any other question—so long as they show that they have a conception beyond purely parochial ringing politics, it is all to the good. To say, as is sometimes said, that the introduction of these outside matters interferes with the opportunities of ringing on these occasions is not always true, but even if it were it is surely not the least important part of an 'annual meeting' that business should be discussed, and it will generally be found that these topics of more than local application prove also of more than ordinary interest to the average ringer when he hears them debated.

We feel quite certain that the subjects discussed at Chester, Bury St. Edmunds, Painswick and Worcester—to mention only a few of the places where general affairs were talked over—were of as much interest to the average member as the more or less routine business, and as these topics, or most of them, will occupy the attention of the Central Council at Ipswich, members of this body are provided with pointers to the feeling of the rank and file, while among the latter we may look for some real interest in the Council's doings. On the other hand, the

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours & Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

THORSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER STAFF ... .. Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 5
JAMES H. KERSHAW ... .. 2	JAMES H. LEES ... .. 6
*ARTHUR BOTTOMLEY ... .. 3	*WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. 4	GEORGE STAFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. LEES.

\* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours & One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

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

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
WALTER BARRETT ... .. 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6
WILLIAM ELDRIDGE ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Rung in honour of weddings of Mr. C. T. P. Brice's eldest daughter and Mr. Alfred Smith's third daughter.

TAVISTOCK, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EUSTACIUS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LAVERS ... .. Treble	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... .. 5
ERNEST W. MARSH ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... .. 6
REGINALD BEER ... .. 3	*CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 7
ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... .. 4	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\* 500th peal. First peal on the bells, which were recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor. Both the tone and 'go' of the bells are excellent.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

†GEORGE J. BERRY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
†JAMES H. LUCAS ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... .. 4	*CHARLES A. NICHOLLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Triples, and made a member previous to starting.

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

On Tuesday, April 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH ... Treble	HARRY KILBY ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	J. ARNIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 7
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 4	Cecil V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE

This peal was rung as a farewell to Cecil V. Ebberson, who is leaving Willesden for Norfolk, much to the regret of his many friends.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. Treble	JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

L. C. Wightman was elected a life member before starting for the peal.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

DORCHESTER, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 512 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD Treble	*HARRY TOLLEY ... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2	JACK HONEY ... .. 6
*RICHARD CHAUNDY ... .. 3	PERCY DYKE ... .. 7
ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 4	GORDON CADDWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by GORDON CADDWELL.

\* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	*RAYMOND PHILPOT ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 7
*JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a farewell compliment to C. Q. M. S. Gilbert, who will shortly be leaving the district on his retirement from the Army. \* 50th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER.

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

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART, No. 4. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb

JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. 2	*JOSEPH PEMBERTON ... .. 6
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 3	JAMES PAGETT ... .. 7
RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 4	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

The band wish to thank Mr. James George for his hospitality after the peal. \* Proposed a member before starting.

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STANSTED, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT W. WATTS ... .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 2	THOMAS WATTS ... .. 6
GEORGE JORDAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. 7
WALTER PRIOR ... .. 4	*WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in the method as conductor.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 6-4-8 covering.

E. ROWSE ... .. Treble	W. TURNER ... .. 5
W. LAVERS ... .. 2	A. WONNACOTT ... .. 6
E. WEBB ... .. 3	W. A. WONNACOTT ... .. 7
W. OSBORNE ... .. 4	B. WEBBER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. WONNACOTT.

First peal for all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. First peal with a hob bell by the ringer of the 2nd. First peal as conductor. Also believed to be the first peal ever rung by residents of Plympton.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

YORK GREEN ... .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 6
*CHARLES PATTEN ... .. 3	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. 7
WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAFSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

†GEORGE JEFFS, SEN. ... Treble	DANIEL REDHEAD ... .. 5
*JAMES M. NICKERSON ... 2	†THOMAS WILSON ... .. 6
*FRED STUBBS ... .. 3	FRANK KIRK ... .. 7
†GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. ... 4	†LESLIE GROOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

\*Sixtieth peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method away from the treble.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, 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 THERSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	THOMAS ATKINS ... .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBBY ... .. 3	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	PERCY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The band wish to thank Mr. Thos. Atkins for obliging at a minute's notice. A birthday compliment to P. Price and A. Coppock. Rung on the 44th anniversary of the formation of the above association, April 16th. 1882.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

*ARTHUR RADLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 5
CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 7
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Preb. Eardley Wilmott, Vicar, who is leaving the parish.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
JAMES BORDFIELD ... .. 2	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 6
RAYMOND WOOD ... .. 3	JOHN COOK ... .. 7
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5
*ALFRED BARNES ... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3	THOMAS B. WORSHLEY ... 7
*TOM WILDE ... .. 4	ALLAN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise in the tower.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.) in F.

THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 5
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 2	HARRY OVERTON ... .. 6
*RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* 100th peal. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN BEAMS ... .. Treble	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 2	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING

First peal in the method for the above association.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... 2	HERBERT FIELDS ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
*ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

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

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

PISTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. Treble	ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... .. 5
HIGHWOOD T. HUMPHRIES... 2	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 6
ROBERT EDWARDS ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 4	HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

This is the first peal on this new ring of eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The conductor's 100th peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Kingston, London, Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

H. BEARD, JUN. ... .. Treble	*H. W. GUYTON ... .. 4
WM. STOCK ... .. 2	C. W. CLARKE ... .. 5
WM. SHARP ... .. 3	P. INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\* 100th peal for the association.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

C. COLLINSON ... .. Treble	GEO. RANGLES ... .. 4
*T. H. SMALLWOOD ... .. 2	W. R. NASH ... .. 5
W. J. BENIAMS ... .. 3	A. NASON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung. The ringers of the 1st and 4th hail from Bromfield; the 3rd, 5th and 6th from Ludlow; and the 2nd from Knighton.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*JAMES BILBY ... .. Treble	JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 4
RONALD G. BECK ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 5
*WILLIAM WEST ... .. 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Minor. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mrs. W. West for their kind hospitality after the peal.

ULVERSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford, three 720's of Kent and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HAROLD HARDY ... .. Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 4
THOMAS B. NEWTON ... .. 2	CHARLES E. WEBB ... .. 5
FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells. The band wish to express their thanks to the Rector (the Rev. J. Stuart Rimmer), who kindly provided tea after the peal.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of York, two 720's of London, and three 720's of Cambridge.

CHARLES JENNINGS ... .. Treble	ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

The conductor's 200th peal.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three 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 Bob Minor. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lb.

MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. Treble	*JOHN KING ... .. 4
MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD ... 2	JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 5
HARRY BAXTER ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal in seven methods.

LIMPSFIELD CHAPEL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Consisting of one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

*FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	*DANIEL COOPER ... .. 4
*FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 2	*ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 5
LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in more than two methods.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

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

Being 720 each of Norbury and Kingston, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford.

EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. Treble	CHAS. W. CLARKE ... .. 4
WM. SHARP ... .. 2	WM. STOCK ... .. 5
H. W. GUYTON ... .. 3	P. INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. W. CLARKE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. H. Smith, a well-known and respected member of the association.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,  
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY ... 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY, ... .. 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON ... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

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

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT 3, CRESSING WAY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 16.

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 7-8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE  
Umpire: W. ARNOLD.

### GLoucester & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT PAINSWICK.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association took place at Painswick, Gloucestershire, on Easter Monday, when there was a large gathering of members. Two 32-seater charabancs had been requisitioned to convey the Bristol branch members, and the first of these reached Painswick at 11 a.m., when the management committee meeting was held in the Vicarage Rooms.

At 12.15, service took place in the church, by which time the members had increased to about 120. The Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Veroy) gave a very interesting address, in the course of which he referred to the history of the famous Painswick bells. After the service, luncheon was partaken of at the Falcon Hotel, and the general meeting followed in the Town Hall, where several volumes of peal books were on view. Mr. Albert Wright (Painswick), Master of the Association, presided, supported by Mr. W. Lansdown (hon. treasurer), and Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary).

The Master reported progress in various branches, which was particularly gratifying, and expressed the hope that others would show some improvement in 1926. He alluded to the loss the association had sustained by the death of Mr. Walter Wood, late chairman of the Gloucester branch, and to the recent death of Mr. William Short, of St. James's Guild, Bristol. He also referred to the activities of the association during 1925 in connection with cheaper railway travelling for ringers.

Mr. W. Lansdown presented the balance sheet, pointing out that, although the profits upon the year's work were about £8 less than 1925, this was easily accounted for by the fact that heavier expenditure had been caused by additional travelling expenses to Central Council meetings.—It was generally considered that the financial position of the association was very satisfactory.

An addition was made to Rule III., whereby branch hon. secretaries are now officially appointed members of the management committee.

The following resolution was unanimously carried, and ordered to be sent to the Central Council: 'That the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association earnestly request the Central Council to continue to press the Railway Clearing Board for cheaper travelling facilities to be granted to ringers.'—This was proposed by Mr. E. Guise, and seconded by Mr. J. Austin, who remarked that this concession should have been made long ago.

Mr. W. A. Cave, strongly supporting the resolution, said that what they wanted was that ringers should be able to travel anywhere, any day, at reduced costs. He remarked that, had the Central Council worked as hard in days gone by as they had quite recently done in connection with the Simpson-tuning principle, ringers would have had this facility long ago (applause).

#### SIMPSON-TUNING.

Mr. J. Jefferies proposed: 'That the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, at their annual meeting held at Painswick on April 5th, 1926, unanimously agree that historic bells should not be tuned by the Canon Simpson principle, even though it is necessary for them to be recast, but that the Canon Simpson principle may be used upon modern bells only.'

This was seconded by Mr. J. Austin, and supported by Mr. W. A. Cave, who remarked that it would be sacrilegious to use the principle on the bells of Bishop Sutton, and upon many other beautiful old bells of this country. If the advocates of Simpson-tuning wanted to use their principle they should do it on new bells, but the old ones should not be touched.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold on Whit Monday, 1927, and that the management committee meeting should be held at Lydney at least one month before.

The hon. secretary was given permission to have 200 copies of the Central Council's instructions upon the use and care of bells printed (with the printing all on one side), and issued to every tower in the association area.

Mr. Edwards, of Cirencester, moved that the arrangements for the association's jubilee meeting in 1928 be handed to the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, and that they report their scheme to the management committee.—Mr. Austin favoured a special committee being appointed there and then.

After a short discussion it was proposed that the jubilee meeting be held in Bristol on Whit Monday, 1928, and that the Bristol United Ringing Guilds be asked to make the arrangements, and to report their scheme to the management committee.—This was seconded, and unanimously carried.

The sum of £3 3s. was voted from the Belfry Repair Fund to the Abson Church Bell Reliance Fund.

The whole of the officials were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Canon White, of Bourton-on-the-Water, as a member of the Executive and Management Committees.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Painswick for his

kindness in granting the use of the bells, and for arranging the service. Mr. A. Wright was also thanked for the assistance rendered to make a successful meeting.—This was proposed by Mr. A. Cave, who, in the course of this proposition, referred to the lack of enterprise on the part of the British Broadcasting Company in not having made arrangements for such bells as those at Painswick to be broadcast. Famous old bells associated with famous old ringers should have been broadcast in preference to some of the bells, such as peals of five and six, that had received priority in the B.B.C.'s programme.

Votes of condolence were passed to Mrs. Walter Wood, of Barwood, and to Mrs. Short and her son, of Bristol.

This concluded the meeting, and as there was some spare time before tea, the bells were soon in changes again.

Stroud bells were available during the evening, and good use of them was made.

Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Bristol, and the Bishop of Gloucester, the Archdeacons of Bristol, Swindon, and Cheltenham, Vice-presidents Revs. M. E. Thorold, T. C. Fowler, Penington and Paterson, and Mr. F. K. Howell.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING AT CHESTER.

The annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Chester on Easter Monday, and was well attended by ringers from all parts of the Diocese.

At the Guild service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Chester, who referred to the great strides the art of ringing had made within the last decade, especially in Cheshire. He emphasised the wonderful way in which church bells preach the gospel of Christ to all who hear them. Bells had a beauty of their own, and their exquisite tone was a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. 'Blessed are the pure in heart,' said his lordship, and went on to show how that text seemed to fit the music of the bells. By their gospel, preached whenever they were rung, bells helped materially to aid the extension of the Kingdom of Heaven. Singleness of heart should always be the aim of ringers, and as long as they kept their hearts single they could not fail to do good work. The beauty of the tenor and the exquisite tinkle of the treble can often, with the power of the Holy Spirit, convert an erring heart to the truths of the Catholic religion. Let the ringers of the diocese go forth and continue their good work. God be with them!

At the business meeting, which had preceded the service, the Rev. C. A. Clements was re-elected Master of the Guild, and Mr. E. W. Elwell was again made secretary. The Rev. A. T. Beeston, whose absence through temporary ill-health, was much regretted, was again elected treasurer. Certain changes in the way in which the investments of the Guild are held were deemed advisable, consequent upon the passing of the new Law of Property Act, and were accordingly made.

The formal business of passing the accounts and adoption of the report then took place, and this was followed by a complete revision of the rules of the Guild.

The payment of a grant of £5 towards the rehanging of the bells of Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, was confirmed.

On the invitation of the Master, Grappenhall was accepted as the place for the next annual meeting, and the date was fixed as the last Saturday in July.

A short discussion took place on the revised report of the Nomenclature Committee of the Central Council, and instructions were given to the representatives of the Guild, to be carried out at Ipswich. It was decided that only those points in the report which contravened the ancient rights of ringers should be opposed.

After lunch in the Refectory, the ringers visited various towers in the neighbourhood, and their bells were kept going until a late hour.

### YORKSHIRE TREASURER'S BEREAVEMENT

Mr. J. Cotterell, the well-known hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, has suffered a severe loss by the death of his wife, who passed away on April 3rd.

The interment took place at Undercliffe Cemetery, Bradford, on April 7th, the Yorkshire Association being represented by the president (the Rev. C. O. Marshall), and several well known members. An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Treble Bob Royal at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, April 10th, came to grief, after two hours' good ringing.

The deceased lady was well known among Yorkshire ringers, being much esteemed by a wide circle of friends, and great sympathy is expressed for Mr. Cotterell in his bereavement.

#### A HALF-PEAL.

At Stow-on-the-Wold, on April 9th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's), in 1 hour and 33 minutes: S. Petrick 1, E. Pardon (conductor) 2, H. Hill 3, R. Hicks 4, B. Phillips 5, C. Robins 6, F. Davis 7, W. Richings 8. First half-peal as conductor, and first half by ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6, 8. The tenor is 30 cwt., and the age of the ringer of this bell is 72 years.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**WIGAN AND PRESTON BRANCHES' JOINT MEETING.**

A very successful joint meeting of the Wigan and Preston branches was held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, April 10th. Ringers were present from no less than five branches, and over twenty towers, among those present being the association president (Canon H. J. Elson), the ringing secretary (Mr. A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn), Mr. H. Chapman (Pendleton), and a good muster of the Wigan and Preston members.

There was no business meeting, the idea being to try and create more interest among some of the local ringers in the Wigan branch. It is to be hoped that the meeting will bear fruit in that direction in the future. Judging from the numbers present, and the distance some of them had travelled, it would seem that Wigan is a very good centre for a meeting, or perhaps it was owing to the very limited opportunities there have been for some time of having a pull on these bells, which are a heavy peal, with a tenor of 28 cwt., in the key of C, according to the peal tablets in the tower.

The bells were kept going for the best part of the afternoon and evening in the various methods, from Plain Bob to Double Norwich, and although the ringing was not quite up to the best standard, it was very fair considering that a large proportion of the ringers present were unused to ringing bells much over 15 cwt.

The joint secretaries take this opportunity of thanking (on behalf of the members who were present) the local authorities for the use of the bells, and also the ringers for having all in readiness.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The meeting of the Gainsborough District, held at Corringham on Saturday, April 10th, was fairly well attended, members being present from Gainsborough, Stow and Ashby, in addition to the local ringers.

The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and the following methods rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Double, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor; also some very useful ringing for the learners.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Thornton), and tea was served in the Schoolroom. This was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. Canon Morris presiding.

The tower was then again visited, and further ringing took place until about 7 p.m.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**VISIT TO KNARESBOROUGH.**

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Knaresborough on Easter Monday. By the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Ogle) and churchwardens, the fine peal of eight bells in the Parish Church were available for ringing throughout the day. As is usual, when ringing meetings are held in country districts, when splendid weather graces them, the visitors to Knaresborough greatly exceeded the number of applications sent in for tea, the result being that many had to seek accommodation in the town.

The day's proceedings commenced with ringing in various methods, with a meeting of the general committee in the Church House at 2.30 p.m. The general meeting an hour later was also held in the Church House, the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) presiding. He was supported by the principal officers of the association and a large gathering of members. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Cotterell, Mr. F. Willey, Mr. F. Clark and Mr. J. Broadley. It was decided, on the motion of Mr. H. N. Imeson, seconded by Mr. T. B. Kendall, that the September meeting be held at Selby, if it can be conveniently arranged.

Mr. F. Smith, of Knaresborough, was elected as a new member.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Knaresborough was responded to by the Vicar, who extended a cordial welcome to the association, and expressed a wish that the town of Knaresborough should soon have a further visit.—A vote of thanks to the local company for their kind arrangements was moved by Mr. J. Lawson, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and responded to by Mr. F. Smith, who took the opportunity of urging visitors to Knaresborough to consider the wisdom of making application for tea in writing prior to the meeting day.

The news of the death of Mrs. J. Cotterell, the wife of the greatly respected treasurer of the association, came as a great shock to the meeting, and the following resolution, moved by the president, and seconded by the hon. general secretary, was carried by the members rising in silence: 'This meeting desires to place on record its great sorrow at the news of the death of Mrs. Cotterell, and wishes to convey to Mr. Cotterell the very sincere sympathy of all present.'

An excellent tea was afterwards served to some sixty members at Cooper's Cafe, and more ringing, chats of former boat races, hunting for eggs, etc., brought to an end a most delightful and pleasant meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Some 70 members attended the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Fulham on Saturday. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue. 'Notes by the Way' are unavoidably held over this week.

Mr. L. G. Brett rang in two peals of London Surprise Major on Easter Monday, one at Earls Colne, and the other at Colchester, and during the day cycled 80 miles. He had to leave home at 4 a.m., and he started on his return journey at 8 p.m. Actually he spent 13 hours in cycling and ringing! Would that all ringers had the same energy and enthusiasm!

The peal of eight at Alton, Hants, which have been recast, will be opened on May 1st.

Twenty-five years ago next Sunday, Mr. W. Matthew's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the first time. This was at Prestbury Church, Cheshire, for evening service.

The 10,400 Double Norwich Major, at Epsom, on Easter Monday, was certainly the longest length rung by Mr. Jack Lee, of Streatham, but it is interesting to record that he had rung 10,176 Treble Bob Major at Foxearth in Essex, as far back as March, 1838. This was called by C. Sillito. Mr. Lee is now 62 years old. Twelve months ago he lay between life and death in a South London Hospital, but is now game for an even longer length than that on Easter Monday. Two only survive of the Foxearth peal band.

There will be a great 'do' at Coalbrookdale this week-end, when the augmented and restored peal will be opened. Ringers are expected from all parts of the West and Midlands, and they will find a hearty welcome.

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, is just recovering from a serious operation at the nursing home at 33, St. Michael's Place, whither he was rushed on Easter Monday evening. It is the sequel to an appendix operation he went through in 1922, and his many friends will wish him a speedy return to health.

Mr. John S. Collings, for 29 years a ringer at Paignton belfry, Devon, has been the recipient from the ringers of a framed photograph of the church, suitably inscribed, and a silver spoon, on the occasion of the silver wedding which he and his wife celebrated on April 8th.

The peal of Forward Maximus at Ipswich was the third on tower bells, and not the second. Two peals have been rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, the first on January 13th, 1903, and the second on June 6th, 1905.

Ringng on three peals of bells, in addition to the chiming at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, was broadcast on Sunday, viz., Chester Cathedral; St. Mary's, Swansea; and St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. In the current issue of the 'Radio Times' is a photograph of some of the ringers taken in Bow belfry, conspicuous among them being the Master of the College Youths (Mr. Bob Newton) and Mr. Challis Winney. St. Philip's Cathedral bells, Birmingham, are to be broadcast on Sunday at 8 p.m. We are getting on!

Fifteen years ago to-morrow the present Treble Bob Maximus record was set up at Ashton-under-Lyne, when 12,240 of Kent was rung in 8 hours 39 minutes.

Sunday is the tenth anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Heywood.

On April 18th, 1737, 12,006 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick, in 7 hours 55 minutes—a great performance for those early days of ringing.

The 22nd is the anniversary of the 15,227 in the same method rung at Cheltenham in 1889 in 9 hours 43 minutes, and the same day is the anniversary of the existing 'longest length,' the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton, in 12 hours and 25 minutes, rung on Easter Monday, 1922.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on May the 25th (Whit Tuesday) next, at Ipswich. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any motion should be sent before April 24th.

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, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

## TURNER'S HILL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent's last letter, as he still refuses to make any specific charge I have nothing further to add to my previous letter.

We are in possession of 'Listener's' name and grievance, which will be mentioned, together with such qualifications as he may possess, when the question is brought up for discussion at the meeting of the Central Division to be held at Cuckfield on Saturday next, 17th inst.—Yours, etc.,  
KEITH HART.



## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. CLERICAL SECRETARY'S ADVICE AND WARNING.

In glorious weather, everybody looking cheerful in the sunshine, the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday. The bells of the city churches were early going, in methods from Grandsire Doubles to Bristol Surprise Major, and fulid attempts were made on the Cathedral twelve for Stedman Cinques. An extra half-hour was granted by the Dean and Chapter, which did not add to the success or pleasure of the ringing. Now that the £5,000 expenditure on the organ is practically wiped out, the association would like to hear of the next item on the programme being a determined effort to make the bells ringable without strained muscles, wet shirts, and grumbling.

At 2.30, the president, Dr. W. Moore Eds (Dean) heartily welcomed a very full gathering. He was supported by the Rev. J. F. Hastings and Mr. J. R. Newman (clerical and lay honorary secretaries respectively), Mr. R. Matthews (Master), the Rev. J. Willis (Rector of Deford), and others. The report and balance sheet were also accepted. The former contained advice, warning, and a healthy financial position. It was stated that there was possibly a small minority who affected to consider church bells a nuisance in towns; but the vast majority of Englishmen loved the bells and their associations, and ringers were, in most places, a highly respected class of men. 'If our art is to be attacked,' continued the report, 'it will find a host of keen defenders, but, most of all, we must defend it ourselves by reasonableness in ringing and especially by excellence in ringing. If bells are too noisy outside the tower, there are sure and inexpensive methods of lessening the noise of the metal and allowing only the music to be heard; and we feel sure Church authorities would readily have the work done, of partly shuttering up the louvre windows, if the advantage were pointed out to them by the ringers of a noisy peal of bells. And then the ringing itself; let us avoid the fast, hurried striking, the absence of a clear lead at handstroke, the careless rising and falling, which are not uncommon in some towers; let us give the enemy little real cause of complaint, and he will find he has enough rope to hang himself! Bells are the most public voice of the church, heard by all, a reminder of religion in the very air itself; it would be a real spiritual loss to the nation, as well as a musical and sentimental one, if bell ringing—good bell ringing—were silenced.'

The Dean inquired who proposed the Bill, and what constituency he represented.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings said he wrote on the subject, seeing that it was likely that a Bill would be brought forward. Letters appeared in newspapers stating that bell ringing was a nuisance sometimes. He hoped that ringers would be incited to improve in their ringing. He had not put a cap on anybody's head, but, wherever it fitted, he hoped the cap would be put on. If bell ringing could be improved in the ways mentioned, he was certain that there could not be any public opinion behind the proposal to stop bell ringing.

The warning contained in the report referred to the lamented death of Major Hudson at Bishop's Wearmouth, caused by moving among bells when set up, and members were urged to take note of the danger. The balance sheet showed the financial worth of the association to be the highest since its inception in 1882. Membership, both honorary and performing, was well maintained. The Belfry Repairs Fund voted £5 to both Offenham and Hanley Castle restorations. The report also demonstrated two ideas from the fertile brain of that most unostentatious ringer, Mr. T. J. Salter: a 'Peals Analysis and Points Table,' a stimulus to individual bands, in which the honours went to: 1 Wollaston, 296 points; 2 Brierley Hill, 292 points; 3 Halesowen, 292 points (26 ran); an 'In Memoriam' table showing the date of death of ringers from 1885—1925, with the number of peals each had rung from the association.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, 1927 (D.V.); and that Mr. Sydney T. Holt arrange and conduct the annual peal.

Mr. J. R. Newman then put forward correspondence with the Worcestershire Archaeological Society. A very lengthy discussion followed, the Dean, Mr. J. Armiger Trollope (London), Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. J. Willis (secretary of the society), and others, taking part.

Alderman Pritchett said he was sure, if an act of vandalism was attempted with bells and towers, they would have a strong friend in the Archaeological Society, to whom they could appeal for help.

After it had been decided to co-operate with the society, Ald. Pritchett kindly offered to pay the fees for this year and next, which was accepted. This step is only an initial one, and it is hoped it will develop and prove an invaluable asset on matters connected with churches, towers and bells.

The question of Minor method naming was also briefly discussed.—On Mr. Salter's suggestion no vote was taken.

A further question was also discussed on the appointment of a competent person to accompany the Archdeacon on his visitation, it being recognised that Archdeacons generally do not report on towers and bells as other parts of the church.

Then followed the re-election of all officers excepting the Master, Mr. Robert Matthews, who expressed a desire to retire, and proposed Mr. J. D. Johnson, of Eresham, who was elected. Mr. Matthews said he would like to see the position refilled annually. This, he said, would be a goal for young aspirants to aim at.

The Secretary then announced that Canon Wilson had paid him his subscription, and regretted it must be his last. He was a true, loyal and interested vice-president for very many years, and a staunch friend of the Cathedral Guild, always ready to help when help was needed.

The Dean feelingly spoke of Canon Wilson, who, in his 90th year, was nursing an invalid wife.—The usual votes of thanks were accorded the Dean and Chapter, and afterwards the service in the Cathedral was attended, at which an excellent address was given by the Rev. Willis. The lengthy discussions absorbed the greater part of the allotted time, which caused but brief consideration of other business, which surely deserved attention.

Nevertheless, the day was well spent, and everybody enjoyed it, the younger ones especially.

The opportunity is here taken of thanking that giant of ringers, Mr. Robert Matthews, for his services during the past two years, and indeed all the years.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. A RECORD YEAR.

Under ideal weather conditions, the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Members from most of the towers affiliated attended during the day. Many visitors, too, were heartily welcomed, among the well-known ringers present being Messrs. R. Sanders, A. W. Coles, W. H. Hewitt, A. H. Winch, from the South, and Mr. F. Salmon (Halifax), from the North, as well as many Northants and Hertfordshire friends. The fine peal of ten at St. Paul's Church proved a great attraction, throughout the day some excellent ringing being heard in many methods, including Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal, London, Bristol, Norfolk, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, and Bob Major, so that all could be catered for. St. Peter's tower, too, was visited by many, and methods up to London Surprise Minor rung on the peal of six.

Luncheon was held at the Silver Grill, after which the business meeting took place, presided over by Canon W. W. C. Baker (president), supported by Mr. E. Ransome, Miss E. Steel and Mr. Cyril Herbert (vice-presidents).

In a brief resume, the President congratulated the members on scoring a record number of peals for the association in one year, viz., 42, the previous best being 41 in 1903. He paid a passing tribute to the late Mr. H. Thody, who had died during the year, Mr. Thody being one of the very few original members who had been faithful through the 43 years of the association's existence.

Canon Baker was re-elected president, on the proposition of Miss Steel. The vice-presidents were also re-elected, as were the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. A. E. Sharman), and hon. auditor (Mr. T. F. Tanqueray).

Bedford was selected for the next annual meeting, and Dunstable and Cardington were proposed for the summer festival. On being put to the vote, Cardington won by a big majority.

The president then brought forward the Nomenclature Committee's proposals, as printed in 'The Ringing World,' and asked the members' opinions upon them. An interesting discussion took place, but a proposal was made that the question should be left to the discretion of the Central Council representatives to vote as they thought fit on the matter.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to all who had made the day so successful, and the members then dispersed, some to the towers for further ringing, others to the river, etc..

Ringing took place until a late hour, St. Paul's bells pealing forth Cambridge Major when the writer left for home at 7 p.m.

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Pitman was wrong in saying that my peal is not the longest length of Treble Bob Major. Spliced Treble Bob is altogether different from a genuine Treble Bob composition.

I feel sure that every Treble Bob composer will agree that the 17,440 is the longest length of Treble Bob Major.

I believe it was the late Henry Johnson who produced the extent 40,320 changes of combined (Spliced) Kent and Oxford.—Yours faithfully,

E. TIMBRELL.

## LADY SURPRISE RINGERS IN KENT.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. S. H. Green re the above, I beg to withdraw the claim, and apologise for not making a more exhaustive search beforehand. I might add that the claim was made on behalf of Miss Chapman and Miss Orr (not by them), and, although I searched the reports, I must have overlooked Miss Orlebar's accomplishment, the only previous record of a lady Surprise ringer I noticed being the peal of Superlative at Gravesend on November 22nd, 1924, conducted by Miss E. K. Parker.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. REDUCTION OF THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association took place at Burton-on-Trent. The weather was ideal, and a large crowd of visitors made themselves heard on the bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen's (9), Winhill (6), in all the usual standard methods and many surprises. The committee met in St. Paul's Institute at 3 p.m., and, after the usual routine business, discussed applications for grants from the Bell Repair Fund from Great Bowden (Leicester district) and Sharnford (Hinckley district), and, after receiving the local committee's report, a grant was duly authorised in each case.

New rules were discussed, and the proposals mentioned in the general committee's report were accepted and authorised to be laid before all the members at the general meeting.

A short service was held in St. Paul's Church, at which a large body of ringers attended, and a most inspiring address was given by the Rector of Seals (the Rev. H. E. Worthington, M.A., R.D.). A collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £3 6s. 10d.

Tea was served at 5 p.m. in the St. Paul's Institute, and 150 or more members and friends sat down to an excellent meal.

The general meeting followed, at which the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.) took the chair, supported by Mrs. Chambers, the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Mr. W. W. Worthington Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. W. Willson (treasurer), Mr. E. Morris (hon. secretary). The report and balance sheet, which gave great satisfaction, were duly carried.

The general officers were then elected, viz.: President, Ald. Chambers; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Willson; hon. secretary, Mr. E. Morris.

New members elected included 29 ringing, five honorary and four life, whilst extreme satisfaction was felt that the president had got the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Southwell and his Grace the Duke of Rutland to consent to be patrons, in place of their deceased predecessors.

### NEW RULES ADOPTED.

The towns selected for the next general meetings of the association were: June, Belper; September, Beeston; January, 1927, Loughborough; and next annual meeting, Derby. The suggested grants from Bell Repair Fund were ratified, and finally the president read over the suggested new rules, and these were agreed to, and it was resolved that they be printed and distributed to all members.

The usual votes of thanks to the local committee for the excellent arrangements made, and also to the respective Vicars for the use of the bells, were unanimously passed. Thus ended a most successful meeting.

The annual report stated that during the year 1925 144 peals, including four on handbells, had been rung, compared with 130 in 1924, 143 in 1923, and 149 in 1922. It was pleasing to note the continued variety of methods, the list coming under 28 divisions. Surprise peals were spread over several districts. 'During the year,' continued the report, 'many new and interesting compositions have been rung by the "Wednesday" teams from Burton and Derby. A new addition to our records is the first peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal, this having been rung by the same band who rang a peal of Leicester Surprise Royal the same afternoon—a record performance. We also scored the first peal of Stedman and Grandsire Caters rung "spliced," and we record our first of Cambridge Surprise Minor. In the "Surprise" methods, Cambridge is the favourite, and during the year we record the extent from 6 to 12 bells in this method, viz.: Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. It is regretted to note the falling off of handbell peals, only four (all Stedman) having been rung. Chief among the conductors were: W. P. Whitehead (22), H. J. Poole (18), M. Swinfield (17), E. Morris (14).

The year 1925 has been one of continued progress from every point of view. It does not constitute a record—nor indeed can it be expected that the M.C.A. will each successive year exceed the previous best, for the simple reason that the harvest has already been gathered—but the balance sheet shows that we are still making a surplus over expenditure, and thereby putting by for the proverbial "rainy day," which may come sooner or later. It is interesting at this stage of our career to show how the funds of the association have grown during the past seven years, the chief credit for which must be accorded our honorary president for his untiring zeal. When the present officials took office there was in hand in round figures, about £30, with numerous accounts outstanding. In 1920, the balance was £80. In 1921 it had risen to £124, in 1922, £132, 1923, £170, 1924, £230, while at the present time a sum approaching £290 including investments.

### LOCAL AUTONOMY NOT REQUIRED.

'With such a surplus, it is natural that members would ask—"to what purpose?" Suggestions have been made to divert some of the surplus capital to local funds, and though there is something to be said for this, it is patent that each district would in such case have to be prepared to carry on independently of the parent body. At present the great majority have shown that they do not wish it. Should that time arrive, it is obvious that there would be no need of the parent body. Local autonomy is simple in a county association. It is not so easy in an area covering four counties, unless dissolution

is intended. Our surplus has grown from the splendid support of honorary members, without whose help there would be a deficit. Nevertheless, since the amount of ringing members' annual subscriptions was increased 50 per cent. to cover post-war expenses, it seems but rational, that having regard to our financial position, they be reduced to pre-war standard. In the code of new rules to be submitted to the annual meeting on Easter Monday for confirmation, there are two which carry relief. They are: "That entrance fees be reduced to 2/6, with annual subscriptions at 1/- (ringing members only)"; also "that the train fares of all committees be paid to general meetings of the association." As these reductions will benefit every member, although depleting our income, your committee, in thanking their patrons and hon. members for their staunch support, of which we are proud, trust that the same will be continued in the future as in the past. The membership roll was 232 patrons and hon. members, and 823 ringing members, a total of 1,055.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT THANET.

The forty-seventh annual general meeting of the Kent County Association took place on Easter Monday, under most favourable weather conditions, at St. Lawrence, Thanet. The attendance was rather better than in recent years, but nothing like what it used to be in the days before the war, when the membership was smaller, but the railway authorities held out better inducement in the matter of cheap fares, and there were not so many other attractions, or rather distractions.

The proceedings were much the same as in previous years. A meeting of the Central Committee was held in the Church Vestry at 11.15 a.m., at which £5 was voted from the Belfry Repairs Fund towards the restoration of the bells at Harrietslam.

At the service which followed, the Association Form was used, the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Wilcox) taking the prayers, and giving an appropriate address from the text, 2 Cor. vi. 1: 'Workers together with Him.' The lesson, Rom. xii., was read by Colonel Bamber, churchwarden. Mr. W. E. Pilman presided at the organ. Three hymns were sung—the Easter hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who Lives!', and 'Fight the good fight.' The collection for the Benevolent Fund amounted to £2 6s. 2d.

The towers open for ringing were the same as those available in 1903, when a most enjoyable meeting was held at Margate on Whitsun Monday, a perfectly heavenly day, about the only really fine day for the whole of that dismally wet summer. St. Lawrence had only eight bells then, whereas now two trebles added make a fine peal of ten. St. Peter's (8), St. John's, Margate (8), Birchington (8), where there were only six in 1903, and Quex Park (12), give plenty of opportunity for members to 'have a pull.' But even so, it was rather disappointing to hear that some young ringers did not have a chance of trying their hand at any of the towers. Either there were too many at one tower at the same time, or not enough at another.

The dinner at the Ramsgate Commercial Hotel was at 1.30 p.m., by which time the members had managed to cover the half mile or so between the church and the hotel. The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman Coleman) presided, and was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Wilcox), and churchwarden, Colonel Bamber, the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), district secretaries, and members of the committee. The superior sex was represented by Mrs. Gatehouse, Mrs. Baker (Frittenden), Misses Chapman and Harcastle (Balham), and Miss E. Chambers (Canterbury). Grace before and after meat was pronounced by the Vicar.

The toast of 'The King' was given by the Mayor, and was received in the usual fashion.—The health of the Archbishop and Clergy 'was proposed by Colonel Bamber, to which the Vicar responded.—The health of the Mayor,' proposed by the Hon. Secretary, was received with acclamation.

The business meeting followed. The report and balance sheets showed the soundness of the association's position, both campanologically and financially. We are not afraid to hold large balances in our various funds, nor ashamed in the matter of ringing, though it could be wished that some bands gave more evidence of a desire to make progress.

The name of Lord Hardinge, of Penshurst, was added to the list of vice-presidents, and that of Mr. W. J. Beer (life member), of Gravesend, to the committee.

In the late afternoon a large number of members were attracted to Birchington where the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Serres) had kindly provided tea for those who wrote accepting his invitation. He had expected only about thirty or forty, the usual number attending a district meeting, such as he had kindly entertained on more than one previous occasion. As it was, some of the party had to be sent to a local confectioner's, the Institute not being sufficiently large to take in all the company. No fitting opportunity occurred to propose a vote of thanks, but no doubt all would agree that the Vicar of Birchington and Mrs. Serres ought to be thanked twice over for the hospitality at the Institute and the 'overflow' tea at the confectioner's.

Thus a very pleasant termination was made to a thoroughly delightful day.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS, COVENTRY.**

Mr. C. F. JOHNSTON'S REPLY TO CRITICS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Over 45 letters and articles have been published since June last on the above subject. As my firm has been entrusted with the work of recasting the bells and installing the new carillon machine to play Coventry's old airs, may I ask you to insert in your columns my comments on the correspondence which has taken place?

Obviously one could go on indefinitely—challenging criticism and replying to individuals. I have thought it better, however, to deal with the more important statements and theories that have appeared from week to week in your paper in connection with the Coventry bell scheme all in one letter, and to let it rest at that.

I have struggled for five years to restore St. Michael's bells as a ringing peal; and it was only after repeated and determined refusals of our many different schemes for this purpose that the retention of the peal as a chime as heretofore was decided upon finally.

Even after we had received the order, however, I set one of our best men to try and evolve a ringing scheme again, as my own attempts had failed. He, too, was unable to suggest anything acceptable. One or two plans for ringing which I submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee were not given anything but a brief hearing; in fact, were not considered seriously one way or the other by the members of this committee, for whom I had prepared drawings and a detailed description.

I then persuaded the authorities to call in Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, R.A., one of our most brilliant architects, who would not have been afraid of a bold scheme, if there had been any reasonable chance of hanging the bells for ringing with success in the present tower. After a searching inspection he pronounced any proposal for ringing impracticable and dangerous.

In order, however, that the bells could be used as a ringing peal at any future date, the proportionate weights and dimensions of the recast bells are being arranged with a view to the remote chance of the heavy cost of a new tower, strong enough to withstand a ringing peal, being found ultimately.

There is no danger of ringing peals being supplanted by carillons. A carillon requires 23 bells at least, or 35 and more for preference; at Coventry, although the machine that will play on the bells automatically at set hours is known as a carillon machine, the bells will constitute a chime, being only 14 in number. The carillon industry is quite distinct from the ringing peal industry.

(July 17th, 1925).—Mr. E. A. Young says: 'In the opinion of the experts, both ancient and modern, these bells are amongst the finest in the country,' and quotes Shipway as having put Coventry bells on a par with St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich; York Minster, Painswick, Gloucester and Westbury. Westbury bells were recast recently, and York Minster bells are done, or being done, at the present moment for the same reasons as Coventry.

I have never yet condemned a bell that can be rectified without recasting, nor ever intend to; many instances of bells corrected satisfactorily, and with due regard to safety, can be quoted. The bells at Coventry have no claim to antiquity, seven of them having been recast as recently as 1774, and the other three more recently—all during one of the worst periods of British bell founding. There is, therefore, no question of vandalism.

I dispute entirely the statement that there is a howl with bells properly and carefully tuned on five-tone Simpson lines. This erroneous description results from a confusion in the minds of some ringers who have rung on bells tuned in this way in towers where there is no intervening room between ringers and bells, and where certain precautions to soften the sound have not been taken. This would apply to any bells. If there is a howl with bells at all, it is to be observed in bells with false harmonics, in which case hums and thirds—all out of tune in varying degrees in each bell—shriek and howl at the listener either in the belfry or on the stairs.

Scores and scores of ringing peals have been recast without the slightest suggestion at any time of replacement by a carillon. They have been recast because it is just as advisable to have tuneful and musical bells for ringing as for chime or carillon purposes. The harmonics in these old bells at Coventry vary widely in each bell throughout the peal, and it is obvious to anyone who has tested the bells accurately that they were tuned in the old-fashioned 'hit and miss' manner, and with no knowledge of harmonics or correct methods of tuning at all.

'Simpson-tuned' bells, though not noisier than 'the other kind,' are more resonant viz., their tone lasts for a greater period of time.

(W. E. Pitman, February 26th, 1926).—I hope all fair-minded people and ringers deeply interested in this matter will 'live' to attend the opening of the new chime (not carillon), and then give a fair and unbiased verdict on the result of the restoration.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON,

of Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

**THE ATTEMPT ON THE PEAL RECORD.**

'FLU' ROBBED THE BAND OF A SPORTING CHANCE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I trouble you for a little space to make a few remarks on the record attempt at Leeds? It is only fair to the rest of the band to say they never had a sporting chance. I do not suppose there was ever a long peal attempted with such a hopeless prospect. Twice before, the company was fixed up, and on both occasions well-known ringers fell with 'flu. A week before the peal, I had an attack, and was unable to move out of the house on the Sunday. None of my friends here expected me to attempt the peal, but, as all arrangements had been made, it was only fair to the band to make a start if possible. When we met at Quex Park on the Saturday we heard that another member of the company had also been a sufferer for a week; and, as one of the ringers remarked, the pair of us together would not make one ringer for a record. It certainly did not look very promising.

Actually the losing the peal was my fault, but it was a mistake which neither the company nor myself regret in the least. It may be unpleasant at the time, but on the other hand it may have saved us all a life-long regret. The other ringer whom the 'flu attacked belongs to a service where they are trained to stand until they drop, and we all believe he would have done so.

It may be interesting to 'Criticus' to know that the local people were more disappointed over the lost peal than anyone, and are all most keen on another attempt being made. One of the band remarked he would not mind the garden job, if there was any music when you put the spade in.—Yours,

A. H. PULLING.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSES CENTRAL COUNCIL TOPICS.

On Easter Monday, the Suffolk Guild held their annual meeting at Bury St. Edmunds. There was a service in the Cathedral, with a powerful sermon by the Rev. G. D. Castleden, Rector of Dennington. Speaking as a ringer himself, he showed how, through the new Easter life, they could make their work as ringers worth while, and part of their preparation for Heaven.

Afterwards the ringers, who, to the number of about fifty had assembled from all over the county, were entertained to tea by their president, Archdeacon Farmiloe, who afterwards presided over the meeting, supported by the Rev. Canon Goldsmith, and the Rev. G. D. Castleden, with the Rev. H. Drake (secretary).

It appeared that the accounts showed a balance in hand of over £12, even when the new certificates were paid for.

The report, presented by the committee, was adopted. This pointed out that the Guild could not function unless more district secretaries held regular meetings. It also referred to the deplorable destruction of the Coventry Cathedral bells; and a resolution was passed endorsing the efforts which the secretary had taken to try to save them, and thanking him for his action in the matter. The meeting was unanimous and enthusiastic on this matter.

The officers were then all re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Chas. Hy. Lomas, of Bury, to the committee.

The forthcoming meeting of the Central Council on Tuesday in Whitsun week was mentioned. This will bring delegates from all over England to Ipswich this year, and the arrangements made by the sub-committee were explained; and two of the subjects for decision by the Council were discussed. These were the proposed new names for certain ringing methods; and the suggestion that when a Rural Dean cannot examine the bell or bells of a church personally, he should always depute a skilled ringer to do so for him.

Both these proposals were quite in favour with the meeting, and the representatives were instructed to support them.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

There was excellent ringing all day on the bells of the Cathedral and St. Mary's.

**OLNEY RINGER'S DEATH.**

The death occurred suddenly, at Emberton (Bucks.) on Saturday, April 3rd, of Mr. Frederick William Booth, at the age of 48 years. For 26 years he had been a ringer at the Emberton Parish Church, and was for some years hon. secretary of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had also fulfilled the duties of overseer of the parish, assistant overseer, parish constable, a member of the Olney and District Hospital Week Committee, Emberton Fishing Club Committee, and other offices.

At the funeral, on Wednesday afternoon, fellow bell ringers, Messrs. J. Lovell, E. S. Mynard, Ern. Mynard, Fred Mynard, acted as bearers. Other ringers were present from Olney, and after the service a muffled peal was rung; also on Sunday evening. The Rev. C. B. Hulton, himself a ringer, conducted the service. Deceased served in the Royal Engineers during the war.

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.****NEARING THE JUBILEE.**

The annual meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Norwich on Easter Monday, when the bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8) and St. Michael Coslany (8) were kindly placed at the disposal of the members. At 12.30 p.m. a shortened form of service was conducted by the president (the Dean of Norwich) in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft. The Vicar (Canon F. J. Meyrick) read the lesson, and gave the Blessing at the end of the service. An excellent address was given by the Dean, on the text: 'There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.' The organist of St. Peter Mancroft kindly presided at the organ, and the service was of a very bright and happy nature. At the conclusion of the service, a group photograph of the assembly was taken at the foot of the tower of St. Peter Mancroft.

Luncheon was served at Messrs. William Grix, Limited, Criterion Restaurant, the Dean of Norwich presiding. Supporting him were Canon F. J. Meyrick, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, the Rev. R. Bulstrode, Mr. C. E. Borrett, the hon. secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), and the following members of the committee: Messrs. W. B. Duncan, Denison Hayward, G. H. Cross, and representatives from all the Guild districts, with one exception. Last, but not least, there was the welcome presence of several brother members from Ipswich and Suffolk—a happy reminder of old times of the meeting together of Norfolk and Suffolk ringers. The total number present was 50.

The President proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was duly honoured.

The business meeting then took place. The president read the annual report for 1925, which showed a total membership of 786. Peals rung during the year 1925 numbered 61. A satisfactory feature of the report was the record of restoration and augmentations of rings of bells during the year, which had been more than usual.

The secretary and treasurer (Mr. A. L. Coleman) presented the balance sheet. He said the total income for the year, including a balance in hand of £4 5s. 10d., was £50 6s. 9d., the total expenditure was £46 13s., leaving a balance in hand of £3 13s. 9d., and that the reserve fund of the Guild was £178 9s. 6d.—On the motion of Canon F. J. Meyrick, seconded by Mr. C. E. Borrett, the report was adopted, and on the motion of Mr. Ben S. Thompson, seconded by Mr. C. E. Borrett, the balance sheet was adopted.

No change was made in the election of officers. The Dean of Norwich was re-elected president; Mr. Arthur L. Coleman secretary and treasurer; and Mr. G. P. Burton hon. auditor.

Mr. A. L. Coleman proposed, and Mr. C. E. Borrett seconded, the election of the following new members: Messrs. William Digby, William R. Catchpole, Henry John Richardson, Herbert Greenacre, Ernest A. Shipp, Arthur G. King, Herbert Hall, Percy Alfrey, Stanley W. Cooke, Frank V. Gant Norman L. Dye; and they were duly elected.

It was resolved to hold the Whit Monday general meeting at Aylsham, and that on August Band Holiday at Fakenham.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Charles S. Tuthill, tendering his resignation as district secretary of the Fakenham district. Mr. Coleman said that he had only received Mr. Tuthill's letter at the meeting, and had not received any nominations for the office.—It was resolved that the Fakenham district be requested to nominate a member for the office of district secretary, and forward such nomination for confirmation to the secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman).

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon F. J. Meyrick for his kind permission for holding the service in St. Peter Mancroft Church and for the use of the bells, and also to the Rev. A. Henderson and the Rev. L. E. Waghorn for the use of their bells.

The President announced that at the next annual meeting, in April, 1927, they would be celebrating the Guild's jubilee, the Guild having been founded April 4th, 1877, and kindly invited the committee to meet at the Deanery in the near future to make special arrangements for celebrating that event.

The meeting then closed and the members adjourned to the belfries for more ringing. Touches during the day were rung in the standard methods of Triples, Major, Royal, Caters, and Cinques, the ringing being good, and well above the average. This concluded a most successful and enjoyable meeting—the best for several years past.

**TO CYCLIST-RINGERS.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—It has been suggested in the columns of 'Cycling' that a peal be rung by members of the Cyclists' Touring Club. A tower has been obtained, and the attempt will be made on Saturday, May 8th. One more ringer is required to complete the band, and I should be grateful if any ringers who are interested, and are not already in the band, will communicate to me at 121, Standard Road, Hounslow, Middlesex.—Yours, etc.,

FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', on the 29th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**CLAVON GUILD.**—Special general meeting to be held in Exeter on Saturday, April 17th. Dedication of peal tablets in Cathedral belfry 2.15 p.m., doors closed 2.10 p.m. Meeting at Trade Hall, 8, Northernhay Place, 5 p.m. Tea 1/- each. Ringing at Cathedral and other Exeter towers. — T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday, April 17th, as this is the most convenient date. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock, presided over by the Vicar. Trains from Manchester Exchange 1.52, 3.15, 4.10 p.m. Excursion fare 1/3 return. Will members make a special effort to be present?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting, Manchester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping, St. John's (8 bells), on Saturday, April 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 17th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m. Tea at Palace Tea Rooms after service, to be followed by business meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Einton, Maidstone.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3. Service in church, with address by the Rev. I. O. Johnson, at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.**—The Lord Bishop of Hereford will (p.v.) dedicate the two new trebles at the official opening on Saturday afternoon, April 17th. All ringers will be most welcome, and special arrangements will be made for all ringers to have a pull. Complete bands, from Plain to Surprise methods, will be given every opportunity, so that the bells may be heard at their best during the afternoon and evening. There is exceptionally good train service from Shrewsbury and Wellington. Train leaves Coalbrookdale 8.15 Saturday evening. Midland bus runs to and from Wellington Saturday nights from Coalbrookdale 6.5, 8.45 and 10.55. Sun-

day service, from Wellington 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. From Coalbrookdale, 12.45, 4.25, 6.25, 8.25 and 9.47 p.m. All the above connect at Wellington for Shrewsbury. Lodgings can be booked at Coalbrookdale if arrangements are made in good time. G.W. trains leave Coalbrookdale for Wellington on week days 6.20, 7.20 and 9 a.m.—All ringers who propose visiting Coalbrookdale should write to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Salop.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM** (Established 1672). — A meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, April 17th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Mells on Saturday, April 17th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. It is particularly requested that ringers intending to be present should notify me, as the tea is to be given by the Rector of Mells.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merthyr Tydfil on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. The new certificate will be on view.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Ordsall, Retford (five minutes' walk from L.N.E. Station), on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, April 17th. The bells of All Saints' will be available for one hour during the afternoon. Will members wishing to attend please make their own arrangements for tea, as there are several restaurants?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 17th. A short service will take place at St. Mary's at 4.30, followed by tea at the Dale Temperance Hotel and general meeting. The following towers will be available for ringing during afternoon and evening: St. Mary's, Warwick (10), St. Nicholas' (8), All Saints', Emscote (8).—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Essex Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Tey on Saturday, April 17th. Eight bells. A short service will be held at 4.30 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 17th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Brown Bear at 5.15. Business after. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bushey, Saturday, April 17th. Bells open 3.30. Tea (1/3 each) 5.30, business meeting after. Oxhey Church open during the evening. Cheap trains from Euston and Broad Street.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Witley, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and short business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dist. Sec., Hillcrest, 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Framlingham on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Business meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec., Framlingham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—The Bells of St. Mary's, Dunmow, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend, and ringing will continue after the service for the respective companies. Will those intending to be present please let me know so as to arrange for light refreshments, also seats in church?—H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.15, 1s. each. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 20th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton Branch.—District meeting at Overseal, April 17th (not April 24th, as previously decided). Requests for tea—1/- per head—to be sent to Mr. J. Cotton, 50, Gresley Wood Road Church Gresley, Burton-on-Trent, as soon as possible. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Hon. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Congresbury, on April 24th. Service 5 o'clock, tea and meeting after. Those requiring tea please notify by the 22nd inst. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — General Meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church, on Saturday, 24th April. Ringing from 3 to 4.45 p.m. and 5.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector of Cliffe (the Rev. A. T. Wallis). Tea will be provided, at a charge, at the 'Six Bells' to those who notify me on or before first post Wednesday, April 21st. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton, on Saturday, April 24th (postponed from 17th). Bells ready 2.30, business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shaw, near Newbury, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. Owen, 1, Love Lane, Donnington, by Tuesday, April 20th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Even-song in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30, with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). A collection will be made on behalf of the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowt's (6) at St. Botolph's (6) from 2.30 to 3, and from 7 to 9. Washingborough bells (8) will also be available in the evening from 6 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 20th. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Rd., Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, April 20th.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Consett on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available after 2 p.m. A good company desired.—H. Tyson, Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—Chas. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Sprothorough on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 21st. A good meeting is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Old Rectory 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. Names for tea should be sent in not later than Monday, April 19th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas's, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good muster of members are expected to be present. Subscriptions are now due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, April 24th. Six bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Rd., Reigate.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Henbury, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting in the Boys' School, to be followed by service in the church at 6 p.m. Please notify me by April 20th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The opening of the recast bells at St. Laurence, Alton, is fixed for Saturday, May 1st. Service at 3.30. All ringers invited. Tea provided for all those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 28th.—W. Perry, Hon. Sec., 35, Ackender Road, Alton, Hants.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea on usual terms at 5.30; please let me know all who require same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be supplied by the Vicar, only to those who notify me of their intention to attend before Tuesday, April 27th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Blockley on Saturday, May 1st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided. Will all those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous? Bells (8) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea for 5.30. Ringing finishes at 8. Acton bells available from 8.20 to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, May 8th. Service at the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. (Preacher: Canon E. P. Knubley), followed by luncheon and business meeting in St. James' Hall. Members requiring lunch must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than May 4th. Incumbents of the following churches have kindly placed their bells at the disposal of the Guild:—Ring of ten, Trowbridge; rings of eight, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Melksham, Warminster and Westbury; rings of six, Holt, Hilperton, Keevil, North Bradley, Seend and Steeple Ashton.—T. Hervey-Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

**YORKS ASSOCIATION AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the above two associations will be held at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., and the bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, May 11th.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Joint Hon. Secs.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Next meeting will be held at Darlington, on Saturday, April 24th. Ringers are asked to meet at St. Cuthbert's; bells (8) available from 2 p.m. St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will also be available. Tea, at 5 p.m., will be provided for all those who notify me by April 22nd.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickenson Street, Darlington.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Cecil V. Ebberson has removed to Market Place, Snettisham, Norfolk. Will secretaries please note?

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**FRINDSBURY.**—At the Parish Church (All Saints'), for evening service, on April 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 43 mins.: E. Paine 1, W. S. Beaumont 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, S. Jarrett 4, W. Stockley 5, W. Evans 6, T. Beaumont 7, C. Winsor (conductor) 8.

**HEADINGLEY, YORKS.**—On Sunday, April 11th, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, for evening service, 1,280 changes Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 47 mins.: W. Green 1, Miss O. L. Lumley 2, H. Stanley Robinson 3, Joseph Bennett 4, Sidney Sadler 5, Geo. Robinson 6, Henry Lindsay 7, Percy J. Johnson (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of Mr. H. Lindsay's wedding day.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, April 11th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Hammond 1, H. E. Hammond 2, C. H. Howard 3, W. Arnold 4, F. Claydon 5, G. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. Keeble (conductor) 8.

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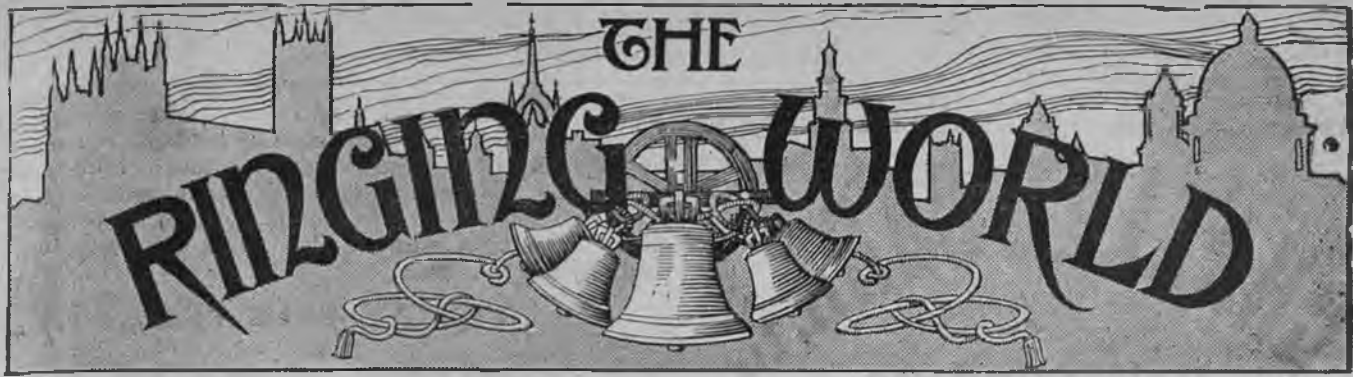
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## THE JUBILEE OF RINGING SOCIETIES.

References made, both at the Norfolk Guild meeting and the meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on Easter Monday, are a reminder that quite a number of our Associations are approaching their jubilee. Two years ago the Devon Guild achieved this distinction; last year the Yorkshire Association completed its half century of existence; this year the Lancashire Association reached its jubilee; next year the Norfolk Guild will reach its fiftieth year, having been established as the Norwich Diocesan Association; and in the following year the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan organization will celebrate a similar milestone in its history. In the course of the next few years also the majority of the other territorial and diocesan associations will reach this important stage, and it is well to recall that it is the period which has elapsed since their foundation which has seen the most rapid advance in the art.

Prior to the 'seventies,' ringing had no organizations within its ranks except the old London societies, and a few provincial bodies, whose activities were confined mostly to the towers from which they took their names. For the rest the ringers were chiefly a nondescript body, owing allegiance to no one, not even to the church whose bells they rang. Change ringing, except for a few shining examples, made but poor progress, and bell ringers, as a whole, had fallen into sad repute. Between fifty and sixty years ago, however, a spirit of reform in the conduct of church bell ringing began to make itself felt. Some of the clergy became interested in it and, in turn, interested others, and, gathering round them men of enthusiasm in the art, they laid the foundations of modern ringing associations, whose slogan was 'belfry reform and advancement of the art of change ringing.'

The success which has been achieved in both these directions is, in these days, apparent, but for many years it was an uphill struggle, and the present generation probably does not recognise to the full the debt which it owes to those early pioneers who had not only to fight down the prejudice, which existed among many ringers against the introduction of scientific change ringing, but to strive with determination to eradicate those practices which had brought ringing into disrepute with the public. It was a slow process, but the work has been none the less successful. Not only is the standard of method ringing generally much higher, but change ringing has vastly extended in the number of those who practice it. There are probably nearly as many peals rung now in a week as there were in a year half a century ago. The elimination of the undesirable element has raised the status of the

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### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Four Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

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LOUIS ATTWATER ... .. 4	JAMES BOLLOCK ... .. 10
HARRY R. PASSMORE ... .. 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. 11
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON... Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 6
*MISS EDNA WEBSTER ... 2	*J. FREDK. MILNER ... 7
*FREDK. A. SALTER ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRETT ... 8
FREDK. S. PRICK ... 4	FREDK. W. BAILEY ... 9
GEORGE WEST ... 5	PERCIVAL PRICE... Tenor

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Tenor 25 cwt.

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JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 2	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... 7
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES ALLSOP ... Treble	*WALTER J. TANSER ... 6
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7
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R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 9
ERNEST BARTRAM ... 5	JOHN GRANT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... .. Treble	* EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 8
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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JOSEPH FIGGOTT ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Mr. Geo. Williams, for whom the peal was arranged, was proposed  
a life member previous to starting.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JOHN F. GALYER ... .. Treble	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5
H. BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 3	GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 7
* JAMES BATTERS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN

The conductor's 100th peal. \* First peal of Treble Bob.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* H. CASHMORE ... .. Treble	F. C. CASE ... .. 5
E. C. LAMBERT ... .. 2	E. YATES ... .. 6
† L. A. SMITH ... .. 3	A. J. GREEN ... .. 7
† T. E. READ ... .. 4	† H. J. CARTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the  
bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Hon. Sybil M. Douglas  
Pennant to the Hon. Edward C. B. Portman, at St. Martin's-in-the-  
Fields on the above date.

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JAMES MARSH ... .. 4	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 15, 1926, in Three Hours & One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD HORTIN ... .. Treble	ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 5
JOHN T. DAVIES ... .. 2	BERT H. POUNTNEY ... .. 6
SAMUEL H. COLEY ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. REED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of sympathy with Mr.  
and Mrs. David Appleby upon the loss of their infant son, Mr. D.  
Appleby being a respected member of the local band.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

* JOHN G. BECKFORD ... .. Treble	THOMAS WYATT ... .. 5
JOHN L. WATKINS ... .. 2	THOMAS H. TAPPENDER ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 7
STANLEY C. MOYE ... .. 4	BERTIE ALDRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

\* First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 5
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... .. 6
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4	FREDK. J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. C. CASE ... .. Treble	L. A. SMITH ... .. 5
H. C. EDWARDS ... .. 2	E. C. LAMBERT ... .. 6
W. G. PEDLEY ... .. 3	T. E. ROBERTS ... .. 7
T. C. TOMPKINS ... .. 4	A. J. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

First peal in the method by all except E. C. Lambert. First peal  
in the method for the Towcester Association. First in the method on  
the bells, and rung at the first attempt.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 3rd, for special Easter Eve service,  
at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, City, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J.  
H. Taffender (conductor) 1, Miss E. E. Chapman (first quarter-peal of  
Surprise Royal) 2, C. Mayne 3, A. J. Neale 4, W. Miller 5, C. W.  
Roberts 6, L. Baybut 7, G. A. Card 8, J. R. Gammon 9, R. San-  
ders 10.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINGS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDBRICK W. STOKES ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 5
GEORGE CHESTER ... 2	HAROLD MARCON ... 6
GEORGE FLINTHAM ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
JOHN WALDEN ... 4	WALTER CLARK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Rung in commemoration of the 80th birthday of the president (the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln).

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*ALBERT L. WARD ... Treble	WALTER BREWIN ... 4
*A. HARRISON CARTER ... 2	†FRANK LLOYD ... 5
WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE ... 3	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. S. CARTER.

\* First peal. † First inside. First of Minor by all. First peal as conductor, and first peal on the bells.

CANON PYON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM E. DAVIES ... Treble	JOHN BOURNE ... 3
GEORGE R. HANKS ... 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. E. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells, which were cast in 1728 by A. Rudhall.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Consisting of Plain Bob. Extreme and Grandsire.  
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

EDGAR LEWIN ... Treble	JOHN G. GEARY ... 3
JOSEPH NORTON ... 2	ERNEST DYER ... 4
ARTHUR N. GEARY ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST DYER.

First peal on the bells by a local band.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 11, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 22 callings. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

FRANCIS J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	PERCY N. ROWLEY ... 4
WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... 5
THOMAS W. ROWLEY, JUN. ... 3	*HAROLD H. W. KINSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal.

**MINIATURE BELLS**

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MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Colledge Single and Oxford Bob.  
Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLY ... 4
WILLIAM NIDLETT ... 2	ERNEST GIBBS ... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3	CHARLES CANN ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLY.

The conductor's 100th peal. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. R. G. Knowles; also a birthday compliment to Messrs. William Short and George Pophall.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 of Oxford Single Bob, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob (Plain and Treble Bob alternately).  
Tenor 20 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	*GEORGE L. GROVER ... 4
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
JOSEPH GOACHER ... 3	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

\* First peal. The band were afterwards entertained by the Woking ringers to a sumptuous supper in the Parish Hall, at which Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., presided.

KEEVIL, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES BILBY ... Treble	CHARLES ANDREWS ... 4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 2	WILLIAM BAXTER ... 5
JESSE FRANCIS ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in three methods by all except the conductor.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet and Woodbine, and two of Kent and Oxford.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDWIN CARTLIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... 4
THOMAS HILDITCH ... 2	ERNEST GATER ... 5
†HAROLD WHITFIELD ... 3	THOMAS HURD ... Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' This is the first peal rung under the new name of this association, formerly known as the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association. The peal was a compliment to the conductor on completing 21 years as ringer at this church.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST BAILEY ... Treble	CHARLES BAILEY ... 4
GEORGE LEE ... 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

**KILNDOWN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... .. Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 4
FRANK PATENDEN ... .. 2	GEORGE WAGHORN ... .. 5
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Langton) for granting the use of the bells. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 1040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*RICHARD BULLEN ... .. Treble	HERBERT J. ELDRID ... .. 4
FREDERICK S. TUBB ... .. 2	EDWARD E. PRATCHEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK CHERRETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

\* First peal of Minor. Ringer of treble elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Tubb on his 50th birthday; also to celebrate Mr. W. Webb's 50th year as a ringer at the above church.

**HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LOKE,**

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 4
GEORGE ADDISON ... .. 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 5
JOHN MATTHEWS ... .. 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

First peal on the bells. These bells were rehung by Barwell, 1912. Some of them are 16th century bells.

**EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**

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

Seven 720's differently called. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*J. P. POWLS ... .. Treble	HORACE MORLEY ... .. 4
J. W. COGGRIVE ... .. 2	*EDWARD PHILPOT ... .. 5
R. B. SMITH ... .. 3	W. A. HUDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ARTHUR HUDSON.

\* First peal. Ringer of treble from Eastington; 4th from Selby; 6th from Hemingbrough; others from Howden.

**STRETTON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.**

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ERNEST MOORE ... .. Treble	JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 4
†ARTHUR MOORE ... .. 2	GEORGE VERNON ... .. 5
‡CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor and first 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES.**

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

RICHARD HEARD ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... .. 4
WILLIAM E. BUNKER ... .. 2	WARREN S. HORNBRook ... .. 5
HAROLD E. RYDER ... .. 3	STANLEY R. HARRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. S. HORNBRook.

First peal by ringer of treble, 2nd, 3rd and tenor, who have recently learned to ring, and all are Sunday ringers at the above church.

**MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 1040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CYRIL TANSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5
JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal on six bells.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

**LONG STANTON, CAMBS.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, April 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,*

**AT THE VICARAGE,**

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in C.

CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... 1—2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 3—4	*ANTHONY MARVIN ... 7—8

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

\* First peal. Mr. Marvin was elected a member before starting.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

**BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.**

A ringing meeting in connection with the Burton-on-Trent District was held at Overseale on Saturday, upwards of twenty members being present. The vice-president, Mr. W. W. Worthington, took the chair, and was supported by the Revs. H. E. Worthington and E. A. Merryweather, of Seales.

It was unanimously decided to accept the Rector's invitation to hold a similar meeting at Netherscale during June, the actual date to be fixed later.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church of England Schools, and during the afternoon and evening the peal of eight was kept going in various methods.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of this association was held in the beautiful old city of Durham on Saturday, April 10th. The Cathedral bells were available after the usual three o'clock service, and most of the company had the pleasure of a ring on these splendid bells, and on the rehung six of St. Oswald's.

After an excellent tea at Pattinson's Cafe a short meeting was held, the vice-president, Mr. R. L. Patterson, in the chair. — A vote of thanks to the Dean and the Vicars of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. J. W. Parker, and responded to by the Rev. — Norris, of St. Oswald's.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Sunderland on June 26th.

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## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT FULHAM.

The 29th annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 10th, when some 70 members attended. Divine service was held at 4.30, when an inspiring sermon was preached by the Rector of Acton (Rev. J. H. Newsham Taylor), an honorary member of the association, who based his address on the text, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world,' taken from Matthew 28, verse 20.

After tea, which was served in the Church Hall, the usual business meeting was held. The chair was taken by the President (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.), who was supported by Messrs. W. Pickworth (vice-president), W. Pye (Master), R. Holloway and N. A. Tomlinson (District Masters), C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secretaries), T. Beadle, J. Waghorn, A. W. Coles, G. R. Pye, W. H. Oram, etc.

The adoption of the report was moved by the President, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye, and carried. Extracts from the very interesting report are appended:—

Last year we commented briefly on the necessity for regular practices, especially at those churches where lack of facilities for practice had caused ringers to become slack. We urged our clergy to set aside a definite night which the ringers could consider their own, and pointed out that unless ringers had practice, the Sunday ringing would suffer. We hope that our few words on this subject have not been entirely without good results, but there are still some of our towers where we feel there is room for improvement. Without practice we cannot train young ringers, and the need for a continual supply of recruits to our ranks is ever present. Some of our bands have had no additions to their numbers for years, and we would urge the leaders of our towers always to be mindful of the necessity of providing for the days ahead, when age causes members to fall out of the ranks. Even apart from the latter as a motive, it is for the good of ringing in general, and for the Association in particular, that we should always be on the look-out for somebody whom we can teach to ring. In these days of the broadcasting of ringing it should be easy to get people quickly interested, and we should make the most of our opportunities.

#### NEGLECTED BELLS.

There is another matter that gives us cause for concern. The state of the bells in several of our towers is far from satisfactory. Some of them have been going badly for years, and urgently need the attentions of the bell-hanger, but for various reasons nothing is done. If bells go badly it is essential that they should not be neglected, and we would urge those responsible to do all that is possible to have the bells in their charge kept in good going condition. There are far too many peals of bells which to-day are never rung, simply because of neglect in the past, and it is our duty to see that the bells handed down to us are left in good order for those who come after us. A card of instructions, drawn up by the ringers' Central Council, and containing expert advice on the care of bells, has recently been distributed in all our towers, and we hope that our bands will see that the bells in their charge are properly looked after. Ringers should also see that the attention of the clergy and Parochial Church Councils is continually drawn to cases of badly going bells, with a view to their having proper and expert attention.

The meetings held were again very satisfactorily attended. Our present membership is 759, an increase of ten compared with last year. In the N. and E. District we elected 2 honorary and 38 ringing members, whilst in the S. and W. District 3 honorary and 36 ringing members were admitted. The continued increase in our membership is a matter for congratulation; but the losses of members by resignation, or by their falling into arrears with subscriptions, is to be deplored, and we trust that every effort will be made by masters of local bands to stimulate interest in ringing amongst their members. A standing still attitude is never a good one, and attempts to improve on what we have already done is the only sure way of retaining ringers in our belltowers.

During the year the hand of death has taken three of our members from us. Edgar Wightman, of Uxbridge, died on February 15th at the age of 50. He had only recently rejoined the Association on moving into the county, but had been a member in our earlier days. He was a good ringer and a capable conductor, and rang 31 peals for the Association, having conducted five of them. He took part in the first handbell peal of Cinques rung by our members.

On June 14th the death of Daniel Lovett occurred, in his 73rd year. He had occupied the position of sexton and verger at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, for upwards of 45 years, and during his quarter century of membership had proved a loyal friend to us. He did not greatly aspire to peal ringing, but on one occasion he rang the tenor at his own church to a peal of Stedman Caters with this Association.

Herbert Baker, of Hertford, died on December 28th, aged 62. He had been a member since 1902, and had rung three peals with us. He served in the late war in France, and was second in command of his battalion of the Herts Regiment. He served the public at Hertford in many capacities, being in turn councillor, alderman, and mayor.

#### NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

Turning to the peals, we note a considerable reduction in the number rung during 1925, but as we have no record of the number of attempts that have been made we are unable to say whether the reason for the decrease is that fewer have been attempted, or that a larger number than usual have been lost. As, however, peal ringing, if not the whole object of our existence, is a sign of our liveliness as an organisation, we hope that members will put their best into this branch of our activities. It is in this direction that interest among the younger members may be stimulated.

The total number of peals rung was 60, and 178 members took part in them, 26 sharing in the conducting. Thirteen members rang their first peals, and 54 their "firsts" in a new method or on a different number of bells. Among the latter were three of Cambridge Maximus, one of Cambridge Royal, one of Stedman Cinques, three of Bristol, and two of London. Seven members rang their first peals of Bob Royal, two their "firsts" of Stedman Caters, and six of Stedman Triples. Among those who rang their first peals was Master C. T. W. Coles, aged 14, son of the joint hon. secretary, who rang the treble to Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on February 28th. Master Howard Mackman, also at the age of 14, accomplished a fine performance in ringing his first peal of Stedman Triples at Acton on June 10th. Miss M. Ringrose rang her first peal at Burnham-on-Crouch on August 20th. Mrs. R. F. Deal rang her first peal of Cambridge Maximus at Waltham Abbey on January 31st, and her first of Bristol Surprise at Cubitt Town on October 17th; whilst Miss P. Moss accomplished Double Norwich at Willesden on January 13th, and Bob Royal at Hillingdon on December 26th. Several others of our lady members are well to the front in the list of peal ringers, and it is worthy of notice that on January 20th, 1926, ten members of the Ladies' Guild rang a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' Church, the whole of the band being also members of this Association. Messrs. A. F. Putland and A. Cross have the honour of appearing in the list of conductors for the first time, the former actually calling his own first peal. Mr. R. Sanders rang his 500th peal during the year. To all of these we extend our heartiest congratulations.

Of the peals themselves, 59 were rung on tower-bells in 33 different towers, and one on handbells. Four tower-bell peals were rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra, at Stanmore, Heston, Edmonton and Bishopsgate, whilst several quarter-peals were rung at other towers as part of the national mourning. At the meeting of the S. and W. District held at Hillingdon on November 21st the bells were rung half-muffled. A vote of condolence with the King and Queen, passed at this meeting, was most graciously acknowledged by their Majesties.

One outstanding performance was accomplished, i.e., a peal of 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow on December 19th. This is the longest peal yet rung in the method on twelve bells, and also the longest length in any method rung on the bells in the tower.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

So far as bell restoration is concerned, there is little to report. At Twickenham, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have retuned and rehung the bells in new gudgeons and bearings, with very satisfactory results, whilst John Taylor and Co. are at present engaged in re-hanging the bells at All Saints', Poplar, in an entirely new frame. The scheme to add two trebles to the existing peal of eight at Isleworth is maturing. About a third of the sum of £180 required has been collected. A small committee has been formed to carry the matter to a successful conclusion, and we trust that our members will give them all the financial help they can.

Before closing, it is our pleasant duty to record our grateful thanks to Mr. T. Beadle on his retirement from the office of District Vice-President. An original member of the Association, he was one of those mainly instrumental in bringing about the amalgamation of the two district societies. He has served the society in many ways, and was for some years Master of the S. and W. District. He has our sincere thanks for the good work he has done for the Association, and our good wishes for many more years of happiness amongst his ringing friends.

Mr. G. B. Lucas, too, retired from office last year, although his interest in the Association is in no way lessened. An unfortunate

accident whilst cycling was the cause of his giving up ringing, and he resigned the office of Master of the N. and E. District, which he had held since 1922. Prior to that date he had been a member of the Central Committee since the commencement of the society. We thank him for his many years of service, and trust that he will fully recover from his unfortunate accident, and may again be able to take an active part in the work of the Association.

Quite a number of our members deserve our thanks for their work as voluntary instructors, among them being Miss P. Moss, Messrs. A. W. Coles, F. Corke, F. A. Edwards, R. A. Fardon, F. W. Goodfellow, J. H. Hunnisett, J. R. Mackman, J. Milner and N. A. Tomlinson. Without such assistance as is given by these members, the Association would quickly come to an end.

We also wish to acknowledge the invaluable services rendered to the Association by the joint hon. secretaries. A great deal of their work is done silently and unseen; we can best show our appreciation of their efforts by supporting them at the Association meetings and by prompt payment of subscriptions.

The balance sheet was next considered, and it was especially noted that, in spite of an expenditure of over £7 on a new and improved association certificate, there was a small balance to the good on the year's working.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, as follows:—President, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. S. Bird and W. Pickworth; Master, Mr. W. Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier. Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth were appointed auditors.

A recommendation by the Central Committee that 60 per cent. of the subscriptions, in lieu of the present 70 per cent., be allocated to the Central Fund, was carried.

The committee also recommended that a grant of £2 2s. should be made towards a peal board or tablet to commemorate the peal rung by the Ladies' Guild at St. Clement Danes on January 20th. It was pointed out that the whole of the band were also members of this association, and members were asked to show their appreciation of the efforts of these ladies by making a substantial grant towards a suitable record of the peal. It was not the intention of the committee to do or say anything towards pressing the Ladies' Guild to erect a board, but if they, in their own judgment, decided to do so, the money was at their disposal. After a suggestion that a general appeal to ringers throughout the country should be made was ruled

out of order, as being beyond the scope of this meeting, the recommendation was carried.

It was decided that the next annual general meeting should be held at All Saints', Poplar.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. G. K. S. Marshall (Fulham), Rev. P. Swain (Putney) and the Rev. T. Walsh (Hammersmith) for the use of the bells at their respective churches; also to the Rev. J. H. Newsham-Taylor for his address at the service. Thanks were also given to Mr. Driver, and to the towerkeepers at Putney and Hammersmith for their able assistance in having everything ready for the ringing.

During the afternoon and evening several excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung at Fulham, whilst most of the standard methods were rung at Putney in the afternoon, and at Hammersmith in the evening.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

On Wednesday, April 14th, at the Church of All Saints, Gainsborough, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 1, H. Cooper 2, H. Torr 3, J. Dixon 4, C. H. Baker 5, H. Morgan 6, E. Dalingwater 7, C. A. Hewitt 8.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of deep and sincere respect for the late Mr. T. A. Dyson, solicitor, who passed away on the Sunday previous, at the age of 73. He was a loyal and devoted member of the parish church congregation for a considerable number of years, during which time he held various offices, including that of churchwarden. In his younger days he was a Sunday School teacher; also a member of the choir.

At Keymer, Sussex, on Thursday, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Capt. Garbett, for many years churchwarden at the Parish Church: H. Bransden 1, W. Horney 2, A. Feist 3, J. Backshall 4, J. Parsons 5, J. Feist (conductor) 6.

At St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Thursday, April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, C. Groves 3, J. Topp 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to the late Bishop Ingham, Vicar of St. Jude's, and also to the two Portsmouth victims in the recent air disaster.

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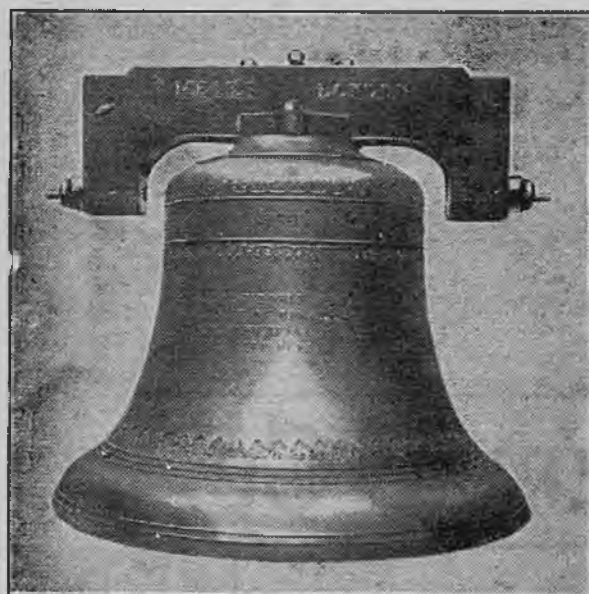
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The total number of peals rung last year was 1,689. Of these 1,629 were on tower bells, and 60 on handbells. This is 171 less than in the year 1924. We hope to publish the Central Council's full analysis next week.

A new peal of eight bells by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were dedicated on Saturday week at St. Mary's, Wolborough-Newton Abbot, Devon. Over a dozen teams of ringers afterwards tried the bells, which were warmly praised.

A book describing the principles of Mr. John Carter's wonderful ringing machine, has been compiled by Mr. E. Alex. Young, and deposited with the machine in the Central Council's Campanology exhibit at the South Kensington Science Museum.

A Masonic peal of Stedman Caters is to be attempted at Solihull, Birmingham, on Saturday.

The broadcast of the bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will take place on Sunday evening, May 9th, 8 to 8.15 p.m.

Miniature bells, as supplied by Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Hazel Grove, Stockport, are proving a useful source of income for bell restoration funds. They went like hot cakes at Coalbrookdale.

The membership of the Devon Guild increased from 623 in 1924 to 669 in 1925; the performing members being 559 last year against 520 in the previous year. This is a very healthy sign.

The peal rung at Titchmarsh, Northants, on April 10th, and published last week, was the first peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd, not the 60th peal by him; it was the 60th peal by the ringer of the 2nd.

To-day is the anniversary of a peal of 10,080 Bob Major rung at Braughing, Herts, in the year 1778.

The first peal of Bob Major ever rung was accomplished by the College Youths at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on April 26th, 1725.

Fifty years ago next Tuesday the Royal Cumberland Youths rang 8,896 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Ann's, Highgate. It happened to be the eighth anniversary of the then record of 15,840 in the same method at Bethnal Green, by the College Youths, of which band the late Mr. Edwin Horvex was the last survivor.

April 27th is also the anniversary of 8,580 Stedman Cinques rung by the College Youths at Cornhill in 1861.

In the 'Annual Register,' under the date April 28th 1800, the following appears: 'A short time since, eight members of the Society of Cumberland Youths made an attempt to ring 15,136 changes of Oxford triple-bobs on Edmonton Church bells. It requires upwards of ten hours time to perform this task at 25 changes a minute. They had entered the ninth hour when an unlucky accident befel Mr. Gross, the composer of the peal. Making an attempt to slacken his knee buckle, his leg entangled in the coil of the rope, by which he was elevated to a considerable height, and thence, falling down on his head, he broke his collar-bone. Had it not been for this accident, no doubt the feat would have been accomplished, and the performers crowned with perpetual honour, as nothing to be compared with such an achievement of strength and skill can be found in the records of the campanilogers' art.'

## FIRST PEAL IN OLD AGE.

THE LATE MR. WM. HEATON'S PERFORMANCES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your issue of April 9th, you published the unique record of Mr. Hopkins of Ibstock, Leicestershire, and asked how many ringers had passed their 70th birthday before attempting their first peal.

The late Mr. Wm. Heaton, a member of the Colne Parish Church ringers, who died in April, 1920, had a similar record. He was a ringer at the same church for over 70 years. Four years after the two trebles were added he rang his first peal, Bob Major, at the age of 72. He rang nine peals in all: 4 Bob Major, 3 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 2 Grandsire Triples. He rang the tenor (16 cwt.) through them all. His first peal was on Whit Monday, 1904, and the last on Whit Monday, 1908. He rang the tenor to within a few months of his death, which occurred in his 88th year.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN P. FOULDS.

## NOISY BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—We have heard from time to time different suggestions for reducing, in near-by districts, the sound of a noisy ring of bells. I have a hazy sort of idea that I have read in 'The Ringing World' a recommendation of sheets of stout glass fixed vertically, but I cannot turn up any back number in which it appears.

I should be glad of any advice in this matter, either through your columns, or by personal postcard.—Yours truly,  
Gargrave, Yorks.

J. McKELL.



**DEDICATION OF BELLS AT POPLAR.****PEAL OF TEN RETUNED AND REHUNG.**

The rehung peal of ten bells at the Church of All Saints, Poplar, was dedicated on Saturday last by the Bishop of Stepney. A special form of service was used, and at the appropriate time the Bishop was conducted to the belfry to dedicate the bells. A few rounds were then rung by seven of the local ringers, assisted by three visitors. After an address by the Bishop, and during the singing of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' a collection was made for the Bell Fund, which yielded about £7.

After the service an excellent peal of Stedman Casters was rung by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which is recorded in its proper place. This peal was rung by the special request of the Rector (the Rev. C. Mayne).

After the peal, the ringers, with members of the local band, were entertained to tea in the Church Hall. The Rector expressed his thanks for the very fine peal that had been rung, and Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. W. Pye both stated that they considered the bells very good. The work had been done exceedingly well, and Poplar had every reason to be proud of the bells. Mr. Coles also thanked the Rector for inviting them to ring the peal, and for his hospitality.

After Mr. W. Partiss had also welcomed the visitors, Mr. Askew, who had made himself responsible for collecting the money necessary for the work, stated that the whole of the amount required to retune and rehang the bells, over £600, had now been raised. Apart from two or three fairly large sums, most of the money had been collected by means of a farthing fund, and thousands of people in the district had subscribed sums from two farthings upwards. It was a fine example of what perseverance would do.

The bells have been retuned and rehung with ball bearings, in a new steel frame, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the excellence of the work.

The practice night at Poplar is Tuesday, at 7.30, and visitors will be welcomed, although all the ringers are comparatively novices. Two members of the Middlesex Association are acting as instructors.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
THE NEW MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE.**

Merthyr Tydfil was the scene of the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, which was held on Saturday last. The tower contains a ring of eight bells, with a tenor weighing a ton, by Taylor and Co., which, it is worth mentioning, were given some years ago to the church by eight 'old Merthyr boys,' thanks to the efforts of the late Sir Wm. Thomas Lewis, afterwards Lord Merthyr.

A goodly number of ringers put in an appearance, and at 4.45 a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Richards Pugh). An excellent tea, served in the Schoolroom, was very kindly provided by the ladies of the parish, to whom the very best thanks were accorded for their hospitality. The business meeting was presided over by the Rector.—Augmentations and restorations were reported on, and instructors' reports received.

The new certificate, which had been authorised at the annual meeting, was shown. It was greatly admired, and the best thanks were accorded the committee entrusted with the task for the choice of such a beautiful piece of workmanship so ably carried out by the 'Western Mail.'

The next Glamorgan quarterly meeting was arranged for Newton Nottage, Porthcawl.

A number of new members were elected, including the whole of the newly-formed band at Chepstow. There were expressions of regret and sympathy with Mr. Fred Chamberlain, the leader of the Cardiff band, who had met with a serious accident since the last meeting, and all were pleased to hear that he was making good progress.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his great kindness, and for his welcome to the parish.

The meeting was a most successful and pleasant one thanks to the immense help given by the local band, and especially by the leader, Mr. J. Cole.

**MR. S. HOLT'S CENTURY.**

Mr. Sidney Holt, who rang his first peal on October 10th, 1920, completed his first century on April 12th. His 100 is made up as follows: Grandioso Triples, 5 (conducted, 2); Grandioso Casters, 2; Stedman Triples, 2; Stedman Casters, 3; Bob Major, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 4 (conducted, 1); Kent Treble Bob Major, 4 (conducted, 1); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2 (conducted, 1); Cambridge Surprise Minor, 4 (conducted, 4); Cambridge Surprise Major, 20 (conducted, 2); Cambridge Surprise Royal, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 3; Bristol Surprise Major, 1; Minor in 14 methods, 2; Minor in 10 methods, 1; Minor in 7 methods, 39 (conducted, 13); Minor in 3 methods, 1; total, 100 (conducted, 24).

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.****SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBIT COMMITTEE.**

The members of the above committee are requested to note that it is not deemed necessary to circularise them in regard to the annual statement. I intend to report, on behalf of the committee, at Ipswich, that it should now be allowed to lapse. This is in view of the fact that its work is done, inasmuch as in the gallery allotted to 'Sound' at the Victoria and Albert Museum, there is a section devoted to campanology. Its chief feature is, of course, the Carter ringing machine, which has been permanently deposited, and under the trusteeship of the Central Council. I would suggest that the latter, with any functions which we may have, be in future administered by the Standing Committee.

Will any members of our committee who may differ from the above be good enough to let me know?

E. ALEX. YOUNG,  
Convener.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.****ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IPSWICH MEETING.**

The following are arrangements by the Reception Committee in connection with the annual meeting of the Central Council at Ipswich on Whitsun Tuesday, May 25th.

Hotels: 'Great White Horse,' bed and breakfast, 9s. 6d. (Saturday dinner to Wednesday breakfast, inclusive terms, £2). 'Crown and Anchor' (headquarters), bed and breakfast, 9s. 'Grand,' bed and breakfast, 7s. 6d. 'Queen's,' ditto, 7s. 6d. 'Victoria' Temperance, ditto, 5s. 6d. A room will be reserved for the use of members on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings, at the 'Crown and Anchor.' The manager of the 'Great White Horse' is reserving a separate dining-room for members, if they will ask for it (without extra charge). This is the hotel immortalised by Dickens. Mr. Pickwick's room is still shown to visitors, and also that of the Lady in Curl-papers.

Peals are being arranged on the Saturday afternoon, and later. Will any who would like to be included please send word as soon as possible to Mr. C. J. Sedgely, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich, mentioning day and methods preferred?

It is suggested that members may like to visit Felixstowe or Norwich on the Sunday. If a party for Norwich is desired it can be arranged, if sufficient notice is given. The steamers to Felixstowe (no bells) are very pleasant, and an extension to Harwich (eight bells) can be made.

An excursion has been arranged for Monday, leaving at 10 a.m., for Stowmarket, Bury St. Edmunds (lunch can be had at the 'Angel'), Lavenham, Sudbury and Hadleigh. The bells will be available at each of these places. The motor coach will hold 30, and it will be open, as long as seats are available in it, to all members who send their names to Mr. G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevalier Street, Ipswich, to whom other inquiries should be addressed.

The Suffolk Guild invite the members of the Council to meet them at tea at the Co-operative Hall at 5 p.m., after the Council meeting; and, after tea, Mr. Chas. J. Sedgely will conduct members round some of the interesting antiquities of Ipswich.

At 8 p.m. there will be a social meeting for members of the Council, and of the Suffolk Guild, in the large room at the 'Crown and Anchor.'

Visitors from the South by road are advised to explore Gainsborough country just over the county boundary at Flatford and Dedham; they will beware of the dangerous Dedham Gun Hill, leading to the bridge by which one leaves Essex. On the other journey, they may like to go through Polstead and Stoko-by-Nayland, with their beautiful country and fine churches.

Those from the North, by a half-mile detour from the Yarmouth Road, may see Ufford Church, with its unique font-cover, and the Vale of Ufford. Sudbury is supposed to be 'Eatanswill'; though some say Ipswich and others Bury.

Members are also recommended to visit 'Christchurch Mansion' (admission free) in the park adjoining St. Margaret's Church. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8) and St. Clement's (6) will be available on Monday.

There will be a service of the Holy Communion at St. Mary-le-Tower Church on Tuesday at 8 a.m.

**FIRST BY ALL.**

At Lamberhurst, Kent, on April 15th, 720 London Surprise: W. Marshall 1, H. J. Hammond 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. H. Smith 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, all of which are Sunday Service ringers.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey, on April 14th, 720 London Surprise Minor: H. Rogers 1, E. Lloyd 2, A. Howard 3, E. Parry 4, T. Rogers 5, J. Greasley (conductor) 6. First in the method by the first three ringers.

### THE TURNER'S HILL PEAL. SUSSEX ASSOCIATION MEETING DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE.

The letters which have appeared in our columns on the subject of the recent peal of Superlative Surprise at Turner's Hill formed the chief topic of discussion at the meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association at Cuckfield on Saturday. The letters of 'Lastener' and the replies of Mr. Keith Hart, the conductor, were read, and the latter declared that the portion of the peal complained of was, in fact, the best.

Anonymous challenges of peals were condemned in a resolution which will be found embodied in the letter of the secretary below. The meeting was presided over by Canon C. W. G. Wilson (Vicar of Cuckfield), and the annual report was presented by Mr. A. D. Stone, the division hon. secretary.

Before the business meeting, representatives from the various towers rang touches in a variety of methods on the bells at the Parish Church, and took part in a service conducted by the Vicar, with the assistance of the Rev. S. G. Farrar, and tea was served in the Parish Room.

After the business meeting there was further ringing. The representatives, numbering 45, came from Brighton, Burgess Hill, Lindfield, Balcombe, Hurstpierpoint, Bolney and Ditchling, etc.

#### ANONYMOUS CHALLENGES CONDEMNED. *To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association, held at Cuckfield on Saturday last, forty-five members being present, the letters which had appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the above subject were read and discussed. The following resolution was unanimously passed: That this meeting strongly condemns the practice of challenging ringing performances in anonymous letters, and asks the secretary to forward a copy of this resolution to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

A. D. STONE,

Hon. Sec., Central Division.

### NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. WELCOMED AT ORDSALL BY RINGING RECTOR.

A most interesting and enjoyable meeting took place at Ordsall on Saturday last. The six bells, with tenor  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cwt., rehung and augmented by Taylor and Co. in 1892, were in capital going order, and all arrangements made by the new Rector (the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson) and Mr. H. Revill, with a band of lady workers, to make the visitors happy and comfortable, were a splendid success. Notwithstanding the thunderstorm in the district during the afternoon, a large number of ringers, some from kindred associations, turned up to try their skill on the bells. The following towers were represented: Auston, Blyth, Barborough, Shireoaks, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield, Gainsborough, East Markham, Sutton-on-Trent, Collingham, Corringham, West Retford, Workop, and the local company, including six promising youngsters of Ordsall, who are under the tuition of the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson and Messrs. Piercy and Revill, and who acquitted themselves admirably in the way in which they handled the bells. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent, Duke of York, Violet, London Scholars, and Killmarsh Treble Bob. Four ladies took part in the ringing. Tea was served at the new Parish Hall, presided over by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, and 45 sat down.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rector gave a very hearty welcome to the members of the association, and visitors from kindred associations, to this the first meeting of his incumbency. The next meeting, which will be the annual meeting, will be fixed for a date in June, and will be advertised as usual in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. F. Houchen, of East Retford, was elected a member.

A discussion on the proposed alterations of the names of six-bell methods to be brought before the Central Council meeting at Ipswich took place, mirth and wit characterising the proceedings.

The Gainsborough ringers, with the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells, which was very much appreciated.

A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for serving tea, and to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for presiding over the tea and meeting, and for the use of the bells, was passed, and this part of the proceedings concluded with a suitable reply from the Rector. The ringers then once more adjourned to the tower, and rang a variety of Treble Bob methods. The probationary members were not neglected, and some good rounds of 'Queens' and 'Whittingtons' were rung on the bells, which were lowered in good style at 8.40 p.m.

**DITCHLING, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Margaret, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: M. Killick 1, H. Branden 2, W. Horney 3, A. Feist 4, J. Parsons 5, G. Killick 6, J. Feist (conductor) 7, F. Hobden 8.

### PEALS AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

#### DEDICATION OF TABLETS.

An interesting ceremony, which will be memorable to those privileged to be present, took place on Saturday, at Exeter, when members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers assembled in the Cathedral belfry for a short service of dedication on the unveiling of three oak tablets, recording the last three peals on this great ring of bells, and which have been placed on the west wall just above the wainscot dado. The first board commemorates a peal of Grandsire Triples on the 'Thomas' eight, rung by the Devon Guild on May 5th, 1923, and conducted by Mr. A. W. Searle. Another tablet records the peal of 5,017 Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on July 5th, 1924, the first of Cinques on the bells, conducted by Mr. A. Walker, while a third, given by the Rev. M. Kelly (ex-President of the Guild) records a peal of 5,015 Grandsire Cinques, the first rung by members of the Devon Guild on January 9th, 1926, conducted by the president, the Rev. E. S. Powell. Punctually at 2.15, the time appointed, the Dean (the Very Rev. H. R. Gamble) with Canons McLaren and Newton Lecke, arrived in their robes, the congregation then numbering 44, which included eight ladies.

Canon McLaren recited the sentences, and led the singing of an appropriate hymn, which was heartily rendered. Then Mr. Searle, on behalf of the Triples peal band, Mr. Walker, for the Birmingham peal band, and the Rev. E. S. Powell, on behalf of Mr. Kelly, respectively offered the tablets for the acceptance and custody of the Chapter. Following the dedicatory affirmation, a psalm and prayer, the Dean gave an instructive and encouraging address, which, with the usual Blessing, concluded the function.

Two touches of Grandsire Cinques by members of the various peal bands who were present, were then rung prior to the afternoon service. The Rev. M. Kelly himself, in spite of his advanced age and physical infirmity, managed to ascend the tower steps, and Mr. A. Walker came specially from Birmingham to be present.

A tea and meeting were held later in the afternoon at the Trade and Labour Hall, about 60 (representative of five of the six branches) being present.—Mr. Kelly, addressing the meeting, commented on the great advance in change ringing by the Guild since the early days when he scored his first 120 of Doubles, and pointed out that the ceremony for which they had met that day, was, and probably would be, unique in the annals of the Guild. The first tablet, he said, was made possible by the munificence of a worthy Exonian, Mr. A. C. Thomas, who had given the two new tables. The second, for the peal of Stedman Cinques by their Birmingham friends, of which they were equally proud, for ringers were brothers all the world over, and the uninitiated could not understand their language, was a handsome tablet well worthy of the occasion, for he had the pleasure of listening to a part of the peal himself, and could testify to its excellence. And then the one for their own Devon peal of Grandsire Cinques, which was a consummation he never really expected in his lifetime, although he had long hoped for it, and he considered Mr. Powell, as conductor, deserved especial praise.

The Rev. E. S. Powell expressed the gratitude of the Guild to Mr. Kelly for his gift of a tablet, and his continued sincere interest in the Guild's welfare. He hoped members would realise the peal was rung by the hand as representatives of the whole Guild, and that, in the words of the dedication office, it should become an incentive for further peals, with which object they should now go on to practice Stedman Cinques.

Mr. A. Walker also added his appreciation of the courtesy they had experienced from Mr. Kelly, and others in Devonshire, and declared that the idea of 'snatching' a peal at Exeter had never been their intention or desire. He gave, from his experience, a useful tip for ringing Stedman Cinques, that was, to keep the bells well up, both hand and back, especially the latter in ascending from the front work. Other members of the Stedman peal band would have been with him had it not been that the Coalbrookdale opening happened that day.

The Birmingham tablet is a particularly handsome one, with a bold moulded frame, the panel lettered from a design supplied by Mr. Walker, with gilt old English heading, which shows up effectively. It was the production of Messrs. J. Wippell and Co., of Exeter.

After the meeting, an adjournment was again made to the tower, and several courses of Stedman Cinques, under Mr. Walker's pilotage, were more or less truly brought round.

### STOKE ASSOCIATION CHANGES ITS NAME

At a specially convened meeting of the committee for the alteration of rules, it was unanimously decided that the Stoke Archidiaconal Association shall in future be known as 'The North Staffs and District Association.' This was confirmed by the committee at a monthly meeting of the association, held at Norton on Saturday, April 10th.

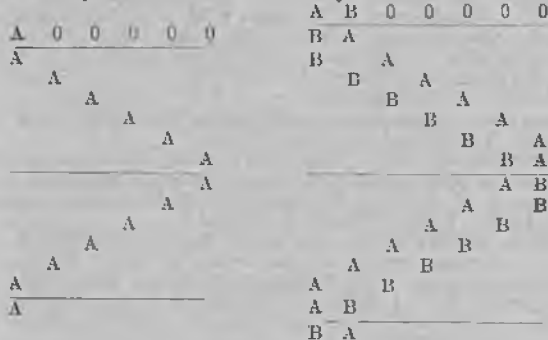
NOTES BY THE WAY.

EXTENSION OF METHODS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In the issue of April 9th I stated that the way to extend a method with hunt and working bells, from even to odd numbers, was to add, not to the working bells, but to the hunts.

How this can be done you will easily see from the following diagrams. The first shows one hunt and five working bells, and beside it two hunts and five working bells. The second shows Oxford Bob Minor, and beside it the same thing with two hunts. To enable these to be compared I have marked the hunts A and B, and in both cases given the working bells as 23456. Finally, I have written out the Minor and Triples leads in the usual way.



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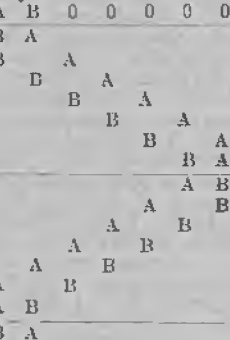
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Now you will notice that Oxford Bob Triples bears exactly the same relationship to Oxford Bob Minor that Grandsire Triples does to Plain Bob Minor. 'And, indeed,' as Shipway says, 'The Grandsire system is in reality nothing more than the Bob system with a bell in the hunt, being imperfect without it on account of the two whole pulls behind at the dodging.' And further on he repeats that 'Grandsire is merely Bob ringing with a bell in the hunt.' And he goes on to suggest that all the extensions with a bell in the hunt should have Grandsire as a sub-title. Thus it would be Oxford Bob on even numbers, and Grandsire Oxford Bob on odd. Double Norwich Court Bob Major on eight bells and Grandsire Double Norwich Court Bob Caters on nine bells. I wonder what Mr. Burton thinks of the last?

Putting a bell in the hunt does not alter the work of a method other than you have to reckon on two trebles instead of one, and that the dodging above the treble, which is at back stroke on even

numbers, comes at hand stroke on odd numbers, and necessarily different bobs and singles must be used. So that if you know a method on eight bells you will have no particular difficulty in ringing it on nine. And herein lies a big opportunity for improving ringing in ten-bell towers. At present, Cater ringing is practically confined to Stedman, with occasionally a little Grandsire. But for a progressive band there are quite a number of excellent, and by no means difficult methods ready to hand. Double Norwich Caters, for instance, which is much superior to Stedman Caters; Cambridge Court is another. And every one of the fifteen Major methods described in 'The Ringing World' of April, 1924, can have an additional bell in the hunt, and be turned into a good Cater method.

NEW PEAL AT AXBRIDGE.

ONE OF THE FINEST FOR ITS WEIGHT IN SOMERSET.

The bells at Axbridge Parish Church, Somerset, have been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. An iron frame on steel girders has been substituted for the old wooden cage, and the six bells, with tenor of one ton, in E flat, have been hung in modern fittings.

For about eight years this ring had been silent, and the scheme for the restoration of the tower and bells has been carried out at a cost of about £1,000, towards which a legacy of £550 will be devoted.

The rededication was performed on March 24th by the Rural Dean (the Rev. Prob. G. M. Lambrick, Rector of Blagdon), and was attended by a large congregation. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. Toft), and after the formal ceremony the Rural Dean preached. He took as his text the words, from a preface of the Prayer Book, 'The Curato shall cause a bell to be tolled,' and his address was wonderfully historical, interesting and practical. The collection, in aid of the Bell Fund, amounted to £4 17s. 1d.

After the Blessing had been pronounced, the congregation remained seated listening to the sweet tones of the bells as they were being rung by some of the old Axbridge ringers, assisted by friends from Winscombe and Cheddar. Everybody was enthusiastic in their praise of Messrs. Taylor's work, and it is considered that Axbridge now possesses one of the finest peals for its weight in the county of Somerset.

On Sunday, April 11th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 40 mins.: G. E. Shallish (conductor), I. G. R. Brown 2, E. Avery 3, G. Gilling 4, R. Roberts 5, J. Vincent 6. The first quarter-peal on the bells since they have been rehung.

DEATH OF A BATH RINGER.

A well-known Bath ringer, Mr. Thomas Hogsflesh, passed away suddenly at his home on April 1st, at the age of 57 years.

Mr. Hogsflesh had had a long ringing career, and went to Bath 20 years ago. For many years he was tower master at St. James's, and at another time was a ringer at St. Mary's, Bathwick. Twelve years ago he became a ringer at the Abbey, where he remained up to the time of his death. He was extremely popular among his colleagues, and had an interesting record, and had rung a considerable number of peals, his last being Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on February 13th.

Besides being connected with the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. Hogsflesh was connected with the Gloucester and Bristol and Salisbury Guilds, and the Ancient Society of College Youths. Only last November he was one of the party from the West who attended the society's annual dinner in London.

The funeral took place at St. James's Cemetery on April 7th, when the Rector of Bath (Archdeacon Boyd) officiated. Many ringers and fellow workmen of deceased attended. The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. Donald Hogsflesh (son), Miss Allard (niece), Mr. and Mrs. Mabley (Exeter), and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dyke (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), and Mr. W. C. Lee (Charles Lee and Sons, Ltd., deceased's employers for over 30 years). Among those who also attended were: Messrs. J. N. Wake (Abbey tower master), G. H. Alford (St. Michael's ringers), F. C. Rich (Abbey and St. Andrew's ringers), and branch sec. of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, R. J. Cousins (St. Mary's, Bathwick, ringers), A. G. Cole (St. Mark's ringers), G. James (Bathampton ringers), T. F. King (Abbey ringers), A. Prince, W. A. Cave (Past Master Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Bristol), F. G. Leaker (St. Thomas', Bristol, ringers), Mrs. E. Wilkins (vice-chairman of the Ladies' Guild, Bristol), etc.

After the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by T. King, F. G. Leaker, A. Prince and C. W. Bell.

The following ringers acted as bearers: Messrs. C. W. Bell, J. Taylor, T. Grant (St. Saviour's), F. Cunnings (Bathford), H. Merrett and W. Scers (St. Matthew's), the latter being responsible for the funeral arrangements.

### 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.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Ray Curtis 1, E. Tall 2, Reg. Curtis 3, F. Mursell 4, F. White 5, C. H. Lowmax 6, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 7, H. J. Nash 8. Arranged for Mr. C. H. Lowmax.

**HAMMERSMITH.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, April 11th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Skevington (conductor) 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackill 5, H. Belcher 6, C. Hunt 7, H. Folkard 8.

**KESWICK.**—At Crosthwaite Church, for evening service, on April 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Thompson 1, H. Just 2, F. Barnes 3, D. Usher 4, F. Hogarth 5, T. Wilson 6, F. Grisdale 7, T. Hogarth (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: P. Heath (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Davies 2, L. Strong (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, F. Smith 4, W. Richards 5, E. Coombes 6, A. Parnell (conductor) 7, J. Borey 8.

**WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.**—For Sunday evening service, on April 11th, 720 Woodstock Treble Bob: J. Cooper, jun. 2, J. Cooper, sen. 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimore 4, G. Martin 5, R. Darvill (conductor) 8.

### BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The April meeting was held at South Kirby, on Saturday, the 10th, a goodly number of members being present from Darfield, Wath, Penistone, Rotherham, Felkirk, Pontefract, Royston, Barnsley, and the local company. The bells were kept going without intermission from 3 to 7.10 p.m., when the ringing had to cease owing to serious illness near the tower. Tea was amply supplied to parties of ten at the Rose and Crown Inn.

The business meeting was held in the ringing room. The Vicar of South Kirby was present, and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors to his church at any time. An invitation to hold the next meeting on May 22nd at Shelley was accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local ringers was duly passed, and this ended the meeting.

### CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter meeting was held at Skelton-in-Cleveland, a village which lies in the heart of Cleveland, surrounded by the ironstone mines. It has a beautiful church and tower, and magnificent peal of eight bells (tenor 23 cwt.), recently rehung on the latest principles, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. These were merrily ringing at an early hour of the day to the delight of those who took part in the day's proceedings. Members attended from Saltburn, Middlesbrough, Darlington (St. John's), Whitby, Stockton, Richmond, Ormesby, Sheldon, West Hartlepool (St. Aidan's), Ripon, Guisborough, and the local band. Touches in the following methods were rung: Cambridge Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich.

The service was well attended by ringers and friends and all greatly enjoyed the eloquent and instructive address given by the Rector (the Rev. R. W. Wheatley), who pointed out the fellowship of ringers with other church workers, and the need for 'those who called' to respond to the call of the Church.

Lunch and tea were provided in the Churchroom by one of the Saltburn ringers (Mr. G. Kemball), and were presided over by Vice-President W. Newton, of Stockton. Everyone enjoyed the good old English fare. During the tea, the Rector paid a visit to have a chat with the visitors, and listen to a beautifully struck course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells.—The Chairman proposed that the best thanks of the association be given to the Rector for the use of the churchroom, also for the use of the bells and for his most able address at the service, and this was carried with acclamation.—The Rector, replying, welcomed the association to Skelton saying it was a very great pleasure to hear the bells rung at any time. He hoped that the association would pay them another visit in a short time.

It was rather late before the beauties of the church, with its magnificent memorial window, were examined. The town and the countryside paled on the ringers, but as they wended their several ways homewards their one thought was 'a jolly good day well spent.'

### FOUR QUARTER PEALS ON EASTER DAY

At St. Albans, on Easter Day, the Cathedral band rang four quarter-peals in four methods. With the exception of Mr. C. H. Baker, of Gainsborough, for whom one of the local band stood down to allow him to take part in one of the touches, the ringing was done entirely by the Cathedral company.

For 6 a.m. service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. Swinson 2, W. Little 3, C. Jeffs 4, W. H. L. Buckingham 5, W. Lucas 6, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 7, P. Lewis 8.—For 11 a.m. service, 1,248 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. Swinson 2, C. H. Baker 3, J. Blow 4, W. H. L. Buckingham 5, C. Jeffs 6, W. Little 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.—For 6.30 p.m. service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 48 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. Swinson 2, W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor) 3, C. Jeffs 4, L. A. Goodenough 5, W. Lucas 6, H. E. C. Goodenough 7, F. Beeson 8.—After evening service, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 50 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. Swinson 2, W. H. L. Buckingham 3, W. Little 4, J. Malyan 5, C. Jeffs 6, L. A. Goodenough 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

**ABINGDON.**—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the local band, for evensong, on Easter Sunday.

**LIVERPOOL.**—On Easter Day, after evening service, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Allen 1, E. Jones 2, W. Fisher 3, T. Jennion 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, T. C. Larkey 6, E. Caunce 7, A. Lintott 8.

**RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.**—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Peter, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: W. Shrivess 1, F. Stubbs 2, A. Gibbs 3, H. Copperhead 4, R. C. Loveday 5, L. Stubbs 6, Frank Kirk 7, Francis Kirk (first in the method as conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 6th.

**BINFIELD, BERKS.**—On Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 43 mins.: R. Blake 1, F. Gearing 2, B. Davis 3, G. Bull 4, W. Gearing 5, J. Rance (conductor) 6. Longest length in the method by the first four ringers.

**KIDLINGTON, OXON.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): F. R. Coombes 1, F. Tuffrey 2, J. Judge 3, W. H. Thorne 4, C. Bennett 5, J. Franklin 6, F. Webb 7, W. F. Judge (conductor) 8. Longest touch of Major on the bells by an entirely local band.

**BATH.**—At St. Saviour's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from 'Holt's Original': J. Tayler 1, Miss N. Williams (conductor) 2, J. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, J. Hallett 5, C. W. Bell 6, W. Farley 7, H. Merrett 8.

**LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.**—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Easter Day, 720 Grandsire Minor: A. E. Wilson 1, Miss E. Gillett (conductor) 2, H. Willacy 3, D. McLellan 4, J. Bardman 5, N. Candlish 6.

**TETTENHALL, STAFFS.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 4, 6, 8 covering, with ten different callings: E. J. Southwick 1, H. R. Pickering 2, E. Genna 3, T. Taylor 4, B. Dalton 5, T. Bate 6, R. Pickering (conductor) 7, G. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6, 8.

**HENLEY-ON-THAMES.**—On Easter Day, at the Parish Church, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. E. White 1, T. Appleby 2, A. Fawdry 3, S. Coventry 4, H. Hall 5, R. S. Bushnell 6, W. Appleby (conductor) 7, C. Bonner (first quarter) 8.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,360 changes): S. Goodchild 1, J. Ford 2, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 3, T. Brett Smith 4, H. Darling 5, C. Brett Smith 6, T. Groombridge, sen. 7, T. Groombridge, jun. 8.

**HYTHE, KENT.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bidnell, sen. 1, A. G. Wratlen (conductor) 2, W. Bidnell, jun. 3, S. Mowl 4, J. Amos 5, A. J. Amos 6, S. A. Gower 7, R. J. Birch 8. Messrs. J. and A. J. Amos are from Maidstone.—On Sunday, March 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bidnell, sen. 1, W. Bidnell, jun. 2, A. R. Manning 3, S. Mowl 4, P. Francis (first quarter 'inside') 5, A. G. Wratlen (conductor) 6, S. A. Gower 7, G. E. Drury 8.

**REDDINGTON.**—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Jennings 1, L. Bance 2, J. P. Gayer 3, E. Talbot 4, A. Arnold 5, G. Jennings 6, A. J. Trappitt 7, J. W. Trappitt 8, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 9, J. Avery 10.

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.**—On Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Gillett 1, W. Wright (first quarter) 2, B. Phillips 3, J. Collett 4, H. Packer 5, H. E. Gillett 6, T. Banning (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Butler 8.

**FRITH, KENT.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Simms 1, J. A. Morton 2, S. A. Stagg 3, R. A. Cullum 4, E. J. Platt 5, L. J. Cullum 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. Also first quarter-peal for ringer of 3rd 'inside.'

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', on the 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, both at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.15, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton Devon.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Congresbury, on April 24th. Service 5 o'clock, tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector of Cliffe (the Rev. A. T. Wallis). Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton, on Saturday, April 24th (postponed from 17th). Bells ready 2.30, business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shaw, near Newbury, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Next meeting will be held at Darlington, on Saturday, April 24th. Ringers are asked to meet at St. Cuthbert's; bells (8) available from 2 p.m. St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will also be available. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickenson Street, Darlington.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Old Rectory 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas's, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good muster of members are expected to be present. Subscriptions are now due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Evensong in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30, with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). A collection will be made on behalf of the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowt's (6) at St. Botolph's (6) from 2.30 to 3, and from 7 to 9. Washingborough bells (8) will also be available in the evening from 6 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—Chas. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, April 24th. Six bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Rd., Reigate.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Henbury, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting in the Boys' School, to be followed by service in the church at 6 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, 24th April. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dist. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea for 5.30. Ringing finishes at 8. Acton bells available from 8.20 to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea on usual terms at 5.30; please let me know all who require same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be supplied by the Vicar, only to those who notify me of their intention to attend before Tuesday, April 27th. Bells of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, also available 3—4.30 p.m.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Blockley on Saturday, May 1st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided. Will all those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous? Bells (8) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The opening of the recast bells at St. Laurence, Alton, is fixed for Saturday, May 1st. Service at 3.30. All ringers invited. Tea provided for all those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 28th. — W. Perry, Hon. Sec., 35, Ackender Road, Alton, Hants.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 2.30 to 6.30 and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at cafe close to the church. Reports now ready, 6d. each. All ringers welcome,—F. Blood, Local Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, May 1st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged by the Vicar. Red bus New Street to Dudley passes church. Nearest rail station Blackheath, Great Western from Snow Hill. Those intending to be present please advise A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Sellindge on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea will be given by the Vicar to those who notify me of their intention to attend by April 27th.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Sharnford on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, May 1st. 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.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutterton, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m.; this will be followed immediately by the usual business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, April 28th, so that arrangements can be made for tea?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Lavenham District.—A meeting will be held at Monks Eleigh, on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open 2.30. Business meeting 4.30. A large attendance requested.—A. Symonds, Dist. Sec., Lavenham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Naseby, on Saturday, May 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 27th?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, May 1st. The bells (10) will be ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 27th?—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christleton on May 1st. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Oldford, Chester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for May.—St. Clement Danes', Sunday the 2nd, at 10 a.m., and Monday, the 10th, at 7.30; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 3rd, at 7.30; and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 18th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping Parish Church, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fried Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingfold, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 4th?—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 8th. The towers of St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's will be open for ringing from 1 till 3.15, and after the service. Business meeting in St. Nicholas Hall, St. Nicholas Road, at 3.30. A meat tea will be provided at the Imperial Hotel, Queen's Road—price 3s. each (1s. 6d. to members). Service at St. Nicholas Church at 6 p.m. Half rail fare (maximum 2s.) will be allowed to resident members attending the meeting. Those intending to be present must notify the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 4th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. General Secretary, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be provided for all who send in their names to the Rev. Canon H. J. El see, M.A., 12, Chorley Old Road, Bolton or myself not later than May 5th. A good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, May 8th. Service at the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. (Preacher: Canon E. P. Knubley), followed by luncheon and business meeting in St. James' Hall. Members requiring lunch must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than May 4th. Incumbents of the following churches have kindly placed their bells at the disposal of the Guild:—Ring of ten, Trowbridge; rings of eight, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Melksham, Warminster and Westbury; rings of six, Holt, Hilperton, Keevil, North Bradley, Seend and Steeple Ashton.—T. Hervey-Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bristport.

**YORKS ASSOCIATION AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — A joint meeting of the above two associations will be held at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., and the bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, May 11th.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Joint Hon. Secs.

**ESSEX & HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (Herts) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30 in St. Michael's Parish Room. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea kindly advise us before May 13th.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford (Essex Association); W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Ware, Herts (Herts Association).

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notices.—The next meeting will be held on May 22nd at Shelley. Further particulars at a later date. The annual Cup Contest promoted by Hoylandswaine will be held on Saturday, June 12th. All towers in the Association are invited to enter at once. Address all applications to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone.

**WANTED.**

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — If any member has a copy of Second Annual Report (1883-4) I should be glad to acquire same for binding with official records.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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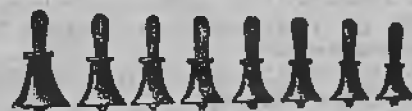
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### LESS PEAL RINGING.

The Analysis of peals rung during the year 1925, compiled by the committee of the Central Council, reveals a substantial falling off in the number for that year compared with 1924. That is the outstanding feature of the committee's report, which is again full of interesting statistics. The number of peals last year was the lowest since 1921, and was, in fact, nearly 660 lower than the peak year of 1913, when the amazing aggregate of 2,358 was reached in the twelve months. While peal ringing is one of the best marks of the standard of ringing reached by various associations—it is an indication of keenness, as well as of ability—there need be no cause for pessimism in so striking a drop in the total figures. The falling off is nearly ten per cent., but it may be accounted for by many factors, and we cannot say that it is due to any lessening of enthusiasm unless there was some record—which there is not—to show that fewer attempts for peals had been made. Indeed, one explanation may be that there has been a more or less general endeavour to ring higher methods, and consequently a greater percentage of peals have been lost.

As a consequence of the Council's decision at Chester, peal points disappear this year from the table, and no comparison can, therefore, be made through this means with preceding years. The only use of points was to indicate with some degree of accuracy the relative value of the methods rung—they could be no criterion to the merit of any particular performance—and a large number of peal ringers will miss this feature from the analysis table without having any regrets at its absence. Another decision taken last year was to omit for the future the list of conductors, which had figured annually as part of the report, the object being to make the statistics as impersonal as possible. This year, however, the committee, as a graceful gesture to the ladies, who are coming more and more into the field of peal ringing, give some fairly exhaustive details of their performances, while carefully omitting names. We see no objection to this action on the part of the committee, if they care to take out the statistics, but why not include similar particulars about the men, some of whose records would be found equally interesting? We cannot, however, seriously ask this hard-worked committee to do more than they already do. Their labours extend throughout the year, and are stupendous. The Exercise, as well as the Council, owes them a big debt of gratitude, not only for providing a permanent record of a year's work in compact form, but a report which is full of interest and valuable information if we would compare the activities of the associations throughout the country.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,  
A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAXIMUS, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES MEE ... .. Treble	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 8
WILLIAM TILLET ... .. 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
PERCY MAY ... .. 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... .. 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.  
No 43, in Sir A. P. Heywood's 'Duffield.' First peal of Duffield Maximus by all the band, and by the above Guild.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHAGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

BRO. JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON, Birchfield Lodge, 4549 ... .. Treble
WOR. BRO. HARRY ARGYLE, Abbey Lodge, 432 ... .. 2
BRO. THOMAS H. REEVES, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ... .. 3
WOR. BRO. ERNEST BISHOP, Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, 3554
BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ... .. 5
WOR. BRO. JOHN S. PRITCHETT, Alma Mater Lodge, 1644, Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire ... .. 6
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BRO. ALBERT A. HUGHES, Doric Lodge, 933 ... .. 8
BRO. BERT HORTON, St. Peter's Lodge, 481 ... .. 9
BRO. GEORGE H. ROBINSON, Chatsworth Lodge, 3430 ... .. Tenor

Composed by BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS,  
Conducted by BRO. THOMAS H. REEVES.

This is the first peal of Stedman Caters rung entirely by members of the Masonic craft. After the peal the members were kindly entertained to tea by Worshipful Bro. William Hand, Worshipful Master, Silhill Lodge, 4786, Solihull.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*STANLEY C. MOYE ... .. Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 3	GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 8
CECIL V. HARE ... .. 4	HARRY MANCE ... .. 9
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First attempt for peal of Surprise Royal.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	C.S.M. JAS. BENNETT, R.M. 6
GEORGE W. SIBBE ... .. 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 7
*JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
\* First peal of Royal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRISON SMITH ... .. Treble	C. W. BRETT ... .. 5
S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	W. SPICE ... .. 6
F. C. BRETT ... .. 3	W. J. WALKER ... .. 7
E. G. BUESDEN ... .. 4	F. W. FAIRBEARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.  
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells, and first peal of Major on them since 1812.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DIXON ... .. Treble	GEORGE LADD ... .. 5
WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 2	REGINALD SCOTT ... .. 6
F.-SGT. F. A. HOLDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM DICKENSON ... .. 7
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to John T. Holmes, a ringer at the above church for 35 years, who was interred at Heckington the previous day.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5
BERTIE HARRISON ... .. 2	† ARTHUR LEEDER ... .. 6
TOM FORD ... .. 3	GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 7
* CLEMENT MORE ... .. 4	JOHN SOUTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.  
First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Messrs. Meats and Stainbank. \* 100th peal. † 50th peal.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK C. EXON ... .. Treble	* RICHARD J. R. CHAUNDY ... .. 5
FRANK TUFFREY ... .. 2	JOHN SIMONS ... .. 6
WILLIAM STONE ... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
MAURICE SMITH ... .. 4	JACK JUDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Jessie Kathleen Fardon, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Fardon, Mayor and Mayoress of Woodstock, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Hedley Lester Griffin, of Bilston, Staffs. \* First peal in the method.

RICKMANSWORTH.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

* WILLIAM CROSELEY ... .. Treble	G. H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 5
H. W. KIRTON ... .. 2	W. F. ELLIOTT ... .. 6
† T. STEPHENSON ... .. 3	T. B. MARKS ... .. 7
* GEORGE FOSTER ... .. 4	J. H. R. FREEBORN ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by J. H. R. FREEBORN.  
\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. All except Mr. Gutteridge are local Sunday Service ringers.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 2	JAMES PAGETT ... .. 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 4	JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

* RALPH S. LONG ... .. Treble	* COLIN HARRISON ... .. 5
* ARTHUR CRAVEN ... .. 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 6
* FRANCIS WARD ... .. 3	* HAROLD NAYLOR ... .. 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 4	* JOHN THORPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. THORPE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. 6
* L.-BDR. C. A. ANDREWS ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.  
\* First peal of Bob Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. C. Randall, for some years Sunday School superintendent at the above church. This peal has 22 courses in 4, 6, 8 position, and 6th the extent Home.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

BROOKS' VARIATION.	Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)
WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. Treble	JOHN SANDERSON ... .. 5
FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. 2	* JOHN BAILEY ... .. 6
THOMAS WILSON ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
JOHN BROWN ... .. 4	JAMES HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of York.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, April 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

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

DAY'S SIX-PART.	Tenor 17½ cwt.
HENRY W. JACKSON ... .. Treble	REV. CANON H. J. ELSEB ... .. 5
JOHN POTTER ... .. 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 6
FRED F. RIGBY ... .. 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 4	ARTHUR BURTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

First peal in Bolton by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and rung to honour the birth of a Royal grand-daughter to the King and Queen.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 28 cwt.

†CHARLES H. WALKLATE ... Treble	JOHN MALYAN ... .. 5
*BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 2	†CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 6
FREDERICK HUNT ... .. 3	†SIDNEY E. LINDSELL ... 7
LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 4	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of the institution of the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson as Dean of St. Albans Cathedral, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. It is 20 years since the ringer of the 7th had rung in a peal.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lb.

FREDK. BORRETT ... .. Treble	FRANK COPEMAN ... .. 5
ERNEST WEIZING ... .. 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6
EDWIN GOATE ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
GEORGE GOWER ... .. 4	GEORGE CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Treble	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5
*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
FRANK E. DAREY ... .. 3	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
*MISS FRED A. ORR ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford as conductor.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5
*JAMES Y. DUNHAM ... .. 2	P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... Treble	*ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... 5
JOHN W. SYKES ... .. 2	*NORMAN FISHER ... .. 6
*RONALD E. JOHNSON ... .. 3	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... .. 7
NORMAN SHORT ... .. 4	FRED WATKINSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

Rung on the vigil of the Festival of St. Mark, and for St. George's Day. Also to commemorate the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. B. O. F. Heywood (some time Vicar of Leeds) as third Bishop of Southwell, which took place in Southwell Minster on Wednesday, April 21st. \* First peal. First attempt by the ringer of the 3rd, aged 15. With the exception of the ringer of the 7th (Eyam) and tenor (Handsworth) the peal was rung by the local company. The composition, No. 172, now rung for the first time, contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Treble	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. 5
MISS EDNA WEBSTER ... .. 2	GEORGE WEST ... .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 4	*ERNEST CLULOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

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

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY MORGAN ... .. Treble	JOHN HAMMOND ... .. 5
TOM FORD ... .. 2	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. 4	HAROLD FORBES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal on this lovely ring of bells recently put in by John Taylor and Co.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE LANCASTER ... Treble	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 5
ALBERT BOND ... .. 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 6
SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 3	FREDERICK LAMBETH ... 7
HENRY W. L. WELLS ... .. 4	ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

All the band are employes of the Great Western Railway Company. Believed to be the first peal of Double Norwich by a band of railway-men.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble	HARRY PARKER ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 6
GEORGE ADDISON ... .. 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 7
THOMAS HURD ... .. 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

First peal of Major as conductor. 25th peal on the bells for the Guild.

ESCRICK, Near YORK.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES W. FOUNTAIN ... Treble	JOHN K. DOUGLAS ... .. 5
THOMAS HAIGH ... .. 2	ABM. HAIGH ... .. 6
THOS. FREDK. EARNSHAW ... 3	EDWARD RICKITT ... .. 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... .. 4	HENRY N. IMESON ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by H. N. IMESON.

The first peal rung on the bells. Rung in honour of the birth of the Royal Princess.

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BREWWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
 SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
 On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALFRED FALLON ... .. Treble	SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 5
JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 2	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 6
JOHN PERRY... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 4	THOMAS PERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung on the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Prob. Dunkley as Vicar to the parish; also to commemorate St. George's Day, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Perry, the local leader and towerkeeper, to whom, with Mrs. Perry, the band are greatly indebted for kind hospitality after the peal.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

THURLEIGH, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

With nine different callings.

F. WYNOFF ... .. Treble	S. LITCHFIELD ... .. 4
E. ASQUE ... .. 2	H. PAYNE ... .. 5
W. DARLOW ... .. 3	C. LOVELL ... .. Tenor

The bells were rung half-muffled, in memory of Thomas Hart, who was for over 50 years the parish clerk.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

L. CARTER ... .. Treble	W. SMITH ... .. 3
A. A. LING ... .. 2	A. E. SMITH ... .. 4
A. LING ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by A. LING.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. Morse.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEDBURY DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, April 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

*FRANK PRICE ... .. Treble	CHRIS. BOWERS ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBBLET ... .. 2	DAVID HORNE ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	GEORGE JORDON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

\* First peal of Minor.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ARNOLD BRINKLOW ... .. Treble	*JACK STOPP ... .. 4
†WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... .. 2	AUGUSTUS V. GOOD ... .. 5
*CHARLEY J. HENLEY ... .. 3	*WILLIAM JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Ringers of 4th and tenor were elected members previous to starting. Ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th are local men, this being the first time local men have taken part in a peal at this church. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. O. Houseman, who recently left the parish.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Luke's Church, on Monday, April 12th, in 48 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Lintott 1, J. H. Moore 2, J. Allen 3, T. Jennion 4, E. Jones 5, T. Hammond 6, G. R. Newton (conductor) 7, P. W. Cave 8.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

J. WALLIS ... .. Treble	W. R. HUMPHREY ... .. 4
A. J. BULL ... .. 2	F. J. SANDERS ... .. 5
A. HOLMAN ... .. 3	H. R. THORPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

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

* WALLACE G. CHURCH ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4
HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 2	HARRY TYSOE ... .. 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal on six bells. First peal of seven plain methods by all the band.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN LEWIN ... .. Treble	THOMAS GARLEY ... .. 4
JOSEPH SADDINGTON ... 2	HARRY BAXTER ... .. 5
MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

This peal was rung to welcome home, after four years in Burma, Mr. Rupert Thursfield, son of the Rector of Cranford, who is president of the above branch.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven different 720's.

THOMAS C. SCOTT ... .. Treble	*CYRIL LAKE ... .. 4
HARRY BOYCE ... .. 2	D. J. LEWIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. THOMAS ... .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

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

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	*NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 4
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 3	THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. K. DEACON.

First peal as conductor. \* First peal of Minor. The band wish to thank Mr. Alban Disney for his kind hospitality after the peal.

ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.—On April 8th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Hill 1, Miss M. M. Webb 2, J. Sturdy 3, H. Hovard 4, J. Keyte (conductor) 5, F. Hill 6. The ringer of the 3rd came from Soalsbury; the 5th from Charlbury; and the remainder from Churchill.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, April 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. HERBERT.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

W. JANE	...	...	1-2	C. HERBERT	...	...	5-6
E. HERBERT	...	...	3-4	*D. HARRIS	...	...	7-8
E. HOBBS	...	...	9-10				

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by E. HOBBS.

First peal of Grandsire Caters for the association 'in hand.' First in the method by all 'in hand.' First as conductor on ten bells.

\* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

*On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.*

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

*F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.)	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's)	5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	3-4	*S. H. WOOD (Magdalene)	7-8
(Trinity)	3-4		

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal on handbells, and first of Major.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A very successful meeting of the Newbury branch was held at Shaw, near Newbury, on Saturday. This was the first meeting to be held at Shaw, and 50 members attended during the afternoon and evening from the following towers: Bucklebury, Beedon, East Ilsley, Highclere, Kintbury, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham, Woolton Hill, Yattendon, and the local ringers. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Kingsley-Kefford), who gave an excellent address. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, 38 being present, and a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. H. W. Curtis, and seconded by Miss S. Davis, was accorded to the Rector for his excellent address, and the use of the bells, to the organist, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

The Rev. Kingsley-Kefford welcomed the ringers, and hoped this would be one of many meetings to be held at Shaw.

Apologies were received from the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch), and the Rev. E. M. Thorpe, of Bucklebury.

Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, were rung on this musical peal of six during the afternoon and evening.

The summer meeting is fixed for June 19th, at Bucklebury.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting was held at Gosforth on Easter Monday, being the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells of All Saints'. Ringing started at 11 a.m., and continued until 8 p.m., members from Whitley Bay, Sunderland, Darlington, Tanfield, Cramlington, Newcastle Cathedral, Jesmond, Chester-le-Street and Gosforth, taking part.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. S. Kennedy), who gave a suitable address. A collection was taken for the fund for erecting a memorial to the late Major Robert Hudson, who was killed in a Sunderland belfry, and £1 2s. 5d. was forwarded to the treasurer.

Dinner was served in the Church Hall, and was much enjoyed by the twenty-five who were present, the catering being done by the wives of the local bell ringers.

Mr. James E. Gofton (vice-president) took the chair, after the toast of 'The King.'—Mr. William Story proposed 'The welfare of All Saints' Ringing Guild.' He gave sound advice to the Gosforth ringers, and to the other members present. He also referred to the great losses the Guild had suffered through the deaths of Mr. R. Falconer and Mr. N. Fleck.

Thanks to the ladies for their services was proposed by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and was suitably responded to by Mrs. Oubridge.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Church Hall.—The Vicar, in replying, said he always gave the members of the association a warm welcome, and was delighted at any time to help the ringers in their great work.

The methods rung during the day were Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Erin Caters, Forward Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal and Double Norwich. Thirty ringers took part in the ringing during the day.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**

METHOD NOMENCLATURE.—THE POINTS OF THE QUESTION.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

On several occasions lately, both privately and at association meetings I have attended, I have been asked to explain the question of the naming of methods, which is to come before the Central Council at Ipswich. As the matter concerns every ringer, I take this opportunity.

Three of the Council's committees are involved. They are:—

(1) The Analysis Committee, consisting of A. T. Beeston, J. W. Parker, G. Williams, and Miss E. K. Parker.

(2) The Nomenclature Committee, consisting of A. D. Barker, T. Hervey Beams, G. P. Burton, A. L. Coleman and H. Drake.

(3) The Methods Committee, consisting of H. L. James, E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope.

In 1907 the Methods Committee issued a book containing the total number of Plain and Treble Bob Minor methods, which conform to the conditions generally accepted as necessary for a method. (As a matter of fact four were omitted in error.) The success of the book has been altogether beyond expectation. It is not too much to say that it has revolutionised six-bell ringing. In place of the dozen or so Minor methods at one time available, the progressive six-bell ringer has now twenty-seven Plain and two hundred and thirty-two Treble Bob methods, all of which I believe have been rung. Moreover, the book made splicing possible, and as spliced ringing is still in its infancy, and is being adopted by eight-bell ringers, the book has indirectly had an influence wider than its immediate scope.

The greater part of the methods included were necessarily new and unnamed, and the question arose whether to supply them with names or merely to give them numbers and leave the naming to others. The second course was adopted. It was decided to give to the band that first rang any method the opportunity and the privilege of naming it.

It has long been held in the Exercise that the band which first rings a method has a right to give it a name. Thus, when in 1718 the Society of Union Scholars rang the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob they renamed it. To quote Mr. Jasper Snowdon: 'In accordance with a custom prevailing at that time the society called the method after their own name, Union Bob, as they considered themselves entitled to do this by reason of their being the first company who accomplished a peal in the method.' And in later years we have had many instances of the same thing. Of course, when we talk about rights in this matter, the word must always be understood in a limited sense. A band has the right to call any method what they please, but they cannot always get other people to adopt it. In the instance I have just referred to the title 'Union Bob' was only partially accepted, and very soon died out. The 10,080 rung at Norwich in 1727 was called a 'Quarter Peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight in, or the Union Bob,' and very shortly the newer title was entirely dropped.

And, too, there are other rights of naming methods which have been and are equally recognised. The first man who produces a method or the first man who publishes a method usually calls it what he thinks fit. And the names of some have come by a process of natural evolution: as, for instance, Double Norwich, Stedman's Principle, Kent Treble Bob, etc. So long as the method gets a good name it is no great matter who supplies it, and the people who first ring it are at least as suitable as any other.

But whatever plan had been adopted with these six-bell methods there was bound to be things against as well as for. There is no doubt that the idea of being the first to name a method did act as a great incentive to bands to practice fresh ones. On the other hand a certain amount of confusion and misunderstanding was inevitable. The methods were rung and named here and there, and at different times, and though each fresh name was duly published there was no means of knowing easily what was named and what was not. Consequently some of the methods were named twice or even three times. But gradually the names were supplied, and then came the time when it was felt that they should be revised, the missing ones supplied, and an official list issued. The Analysis Committee found themselves hampered in their work of collecting statistics by the want of such a list, and they pressed for its being prepared. As the Analysis Committee consisted of a number of as able and experienced men as you are likely to get, it seemed fitting that they should do the job. The proposal came from the Methods Committee, Mr. Law James moving and I seconding.

The Analysis Committee undertook the work, adopted a comprehensive scheme, and prepared a list of names. So great was the confidence placed in their abilities that most people supposed that their list would be accepted without comment. Indeed, at Salisbury, where their report was received, the president inadvertently declared it carried without discussion. But this apparently excellent and uncontested list contained two things which gave rise to great opposition.

First, the Analysis Committee had not only revised the new names and supplied the missing ones, but had altered some of the names—

printed in the book. These were put there by the Methods Committee, and they objected to alteration. It is not to be supposed that the book does not need any revision; but the Methods Committee held that that must be done when the whole matter of the methods (apart from the names) is overhauled for a second edition. Meanwhile, names deliberately put there should not be altered.

And when the list was printed it was found that some of the names caused great dissatisfaction outside the Council. Objection was strongly taken to names of flowers being used. Floral names have been in use in the Exercise for very many years. Tulip and Primrose are names already printed in the book, and it is not easy to see why such as Daffodil, Bluebell and Shamrock should be objectionable. Personally, I do not like these floral names, but it is hard to answer Mr. Pritchett when he says: 'You call ladies by the names of flowers, and what is good enough for your wife and your sweetheart or your daughter is surely good enough for the methods you ring.' I suppose the real reason is that people feel that they are too pretty and feminine. Ladies' Christian names are, after all, very intimate and personal things, not as a rule used by any but their closest acquaintances. In the rare cases where a woman has to have a Christian name that everyone uses you look for something more dignified. Queen Mary or Queen Elizabeth or Queen Victoria sound all right, but anyone can see that there is something wrong with Queen Pansy or Queen Violet—unless it were in a fairy tale.

Anyhow, ringers did object to these floral names. The Leytonstone band, one of the foremost of six-bell companies, led the opposition. They had abundant support throughout the country; the Editor of 'The Ringing World' lent his powerful aid, and Mr. George Burton became the spokesman.

It was clear that the matter would be brought up at the London meeting, and many representatives had instruction from their associations to vote against these new names. But as it happened, the matter was so handled that the Council did not have the opportunity of giving a direct vote for or against these floral names. It was proposed to appoint a committee with instructions to go into the whole question of the naming of methods. Now, there were quite a number of members who would have voted against the floral names, but who were not convinced of any great need for altering the names of other methods. These people were rather in a difficulty and there was some cross voting. I knew of two men whose opinions were practically identical, one of whom voted for and the other against.

The committee was appointed by a small majority. It is not quite

fair to go behind the exact terms of the resolution, but I think it may be taken that the vote did mean that a majority of the Council was against the floral names, but not that there was any great wish for any alteration of names in general.

**GUILDFORD RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.**

Ringling at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on April 19th, in connection with the church's jubilee celebrations, Mr. Geo. J. Nichols, of Merrow, was taken ill afterwards, and died unexpectedly the next evening. The tragic suddenness of his death came as a heavy blow to his fellow ringers, as well as to his friends in the village of Merrow, where for many years he had been connected with practically every phase of village life, and the deepest sympathy goes out to the widow, son and two daughters who are left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Nichols, who was 57 years of age, had been head gardener to Mr. F. Baring-Gould, at Merrow Grange for the last 30 years. He was one of the oldest members of the Merrow Show and Fete Committee, and was closely connected with the running of the Village Hall Club. He was a member of the late Merrow bell ringers' band, and for some years had been a ringer at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford. He served on the show committee of the Guildford and District Gardeners' Association, and for a considerable time was a member of the now extinct Merrow Rifle Club. He was also interested in the Cricket Club, having been a member of the committee. He was also a member of the Guildford Constitutional Club and the Guildford and District Chrysanthemum Society.

The funeral took place at Merrow Parish Church on Friday, and was attended by a large gathering of villagers and representatives of the various organisations with which Mr. Nichols had been connected. Before the service, the bells were rung muffled by Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Melville, Messrs. S. Radford, A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden, W. R. Melville (Guildford), J. F. Goacher and N. Harding (West Clandon), and after the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. W. Melville, C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling and S. Radford. Among the wreaths was one from the S. Nicolas' ringers.

On the evening before his death, Mr. Nichols took part in a touch of 1,226 Stedman Caters, rung by members of the S. Nicolas' Society: E. Raddon 1, F. Radford 2, E. Etheridge 3, Mrs. Hazelden 4, C. Hazelden 5, W. W. Thorne 6, G. J. Nichols 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. G. Heath 10.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand that London is shortly to gain a modern peal from the Loughborough foundry, an order having been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to install a ring of eight, tenor 15 cwt., in the tower of Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, Wandsworth.

The bell hangers are now at work erecting the massive frame at York Minster for the new ring of twelve which Messrs. Taylor and Co. are shortly to install there. A great deal of careful work has, of course, to be done before the peal can be ready for opening.

The Whitechapel Foundry has in hand the rehanging of the eight bells of Bennington, Herts, associated with Squire Proctor. They are also rehanging the peal of eight at Pinner, Middlesex, and have just cast a heavy hour bell and quarter bells for Westminster chimes at the Prince of Wales' College, Achimota, West Africa.

The many friends of Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, will be glad to learn that he is improving excellently after his recent operation, and is now back in his home.

Mr. William Markwell, of Henfield, an old member of the Sussex Association, died on Thursday of last week, after a long illness.

The band who rang the heavy handbell peal at Leicester in February of last year wish to congratulate the band who rang the handbell peal reported last week with a 15 cwt. tenor. They are not thinking of trying to beat this, but hand over the 'laurels' gracefully, writes 'E. M.' Of course, we feel duly chastened for the typographical error.

Only a few weeks ago the Ipswich band rang the only peal of Forward Maximus achieved out of Birmingham. On Saturday they added a peal of Duffield Maximus to the methods rung at the famous St. Mary-le-Tower Church. They would like to know whether more than one previous peal (that at St. Martin's, Birmingham), has been rung in this method.

The anniversary of the first peal ever rung, the Grandsire Bob Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1715, falls on Sunday next.

A peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick on May 5th, 1817. The first peal (Grandsire Triples) in Dorset was rung at Bridport on May 5th, 1887.

The first peal of Grandsire Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark on May 7th, 1792.

A band, which included John Reeves, rang the first peal on Harrow bells, '5,040 Bob Majors,' on May 7th, 1780.

The peal rung at Wicken on April 12th was Grandsire Triples, not Stedman, as published in last week's 'Ringing World.' Also it was the first peal of Triples with a bob bell by the ringer of the 4th.

We regret to record the death, which occurred suddenly at Coleshill, Warwickshire, on Saturday, April 24th, of Mr. Frederick Clayton, in his 55th year.

## LANCASHIRE'S VETERAN TREASURER.

Ringers will congratulate Mr. Henry W. Jackson, the worthy treasurer of the Lancashire Association, on having taken part in a peal of Grandsire Triples, as reported elsewhere.

Mr. Jackson, who is in his 80th year, has been a ringer at Bolton Church for 62 years. He is the sole survivor of the band who rang the first peal for the association (incidentally rung at the same church), and has not taken part in a peal during the last 43 years.

He handled his bell in a manner that would do credit to more able-bodied ringers.

## RINGERS' SILVER WEDDING GIFT.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Sunday, April 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. T. Evans 2, R. Martin 3, R. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, E. Jones (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. This was rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Whitfield. Mr. Whitfield has been Ringing Master at this tower for 38 years, and the happy couple were presented with a silver table centre piece by the ringers.

## LEAD OR NO LEAD ON SIX.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I shall be obliged if you can find room in 'The Ringing World' for a few words relating to six-bell ringing. For some time there has been a difference of opinion as to whether an open lead should be made on six, the same as is done on eight bells. As a boy, I started ringing with a band of ringers, all learners, in Suffolk. Capt. Moore was our instructor. He always said we should never have good striking unless we made an open lead. Now, in Lancashire and Yorkshire, some make a lead, others do not. It follows that when a mixed band get together the ringing is also mixed; then an argument starts as to which is right. Generally, Yorkshire ringers say no lead should be made on six. I should like to hear what the 'big guns' have to say on this subject.—Yours truly,

ONE OF THE SMALL FRY.







is not included in the figures. We, however, congratulate the band on keeping the art alive, under great difficulties, in their far-off land.

Summarising the footnotes to peals, it is found that 539 rang a peal for the first time, 735 their first in the method, and 33 their first in Surprise; 250 rang a method on a different number of bells for the first time, while their first of Doubles was accomplished by 20 ringers, first of Minor, 85; Triples, 21; Major, 76; Caters, 13; Royal, 17; and Maximus, 8. Six succeeded in ringing their first on six bells, 35 on eight bells, 30 on ten, and 9 on twelve.

New conductors numbered 58, while 79 conducted their first peal in the method.

Forty-eight peals were the first, and 165 the first in the method on the bells, also 32 were the first after restoration, etc. Sixteen peals were stated to be by the service ringers; six were the quickest on the bells, including the quickest peal on tower bells. The number of peals for particular occasions or reasons was as follows: Birthdays 231; weddings (including silver and golden), 83; welcome, 28; farewell, 15; anniversaries, 47; memorial, 1; complimentary, 7; thanksgiving, 2; Empire Day, 11; Armistice celebrations, 14; watch-night, 4; death of Queen Alexandra, 81; and for church festivals, 22: 31 peals were rung fully muffled, and 114 half-muffled.

Ladies are now taking such a prominent part in peal ringing that some few particulars of their doings cannot fail to be interesting. During the year no less than 80 ladies rang peals, the number of peals which included at least one lady being 225. One of the peals, Stedman Triples, was rung by ladies alone, while one was rung with four ladies, five with three, thirty-six with two, and 182 with one lady in the band.

That they are not daunted by the higher methods is shown by the fact that this number included seven peals of London four of Bristol, nine of Superlative, ten of Cambridge, and one of Rutland Surprise Major, four peals of Cambridge Royal, while two ladies took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Twelve of the peals were on handbells, being five of Royal, two of Caters, and 5 of Major.

Coming to individual performances, one lady rang 18 peals, one 14, one 12, two 11, one 10, three 9, five 8, three 6, three 5, four 4, seven 3, nineteen 2, and 30 ladies one peal.

There were four lady conductors, one having one peal of Bristol, one of London and two of Stedman Triples to her credit, one with two peals of Grandsire Triples, one with a peal of Stedman Triples, and the fourth conducted a peal of Doubles in six methods.

We conclude our report by giving the number of peals rung in representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 48,331 :-

1881-1886	1888-1902	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	1925-1689

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.

### DEVON GUILD.

The N.-E. branch of the Devon Guild held a very successful quarterly meeting at Silvertown on Saturday. About 50 ringers were present, the visitors including the general secretary of the Guild, and representatives from the Cathedral and other Exeter towers, also from Exmouth, Talaton, Thorverton, Christow, Newton St. Cyres, Ken, Sowton and Chipstaple. The striking was above the average usually attained at meetings, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were brought round. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 19th, at Bradninch, subject to the consent of the Rector of that parish.

### PONTEFRAC T RINGER HONOURED.

At the Vestry meeting, on Monday, April 12th, the Vicar (the Rev. John Young, M.A., R.D.), appointed Mr. J. H. Lenton as his warden.

The Vicar stated that, as a ringer, he was pleased to pay this compliment to the belfry, which rarely received the reward it deserved.

In honour of the occasion a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted on the 13th, but came to grief half-way. Therefore, on the 15th, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung by the following: Rev. J. Young, J. H. Lenton, W. Fox, A. Fox, J. Agar, V. Applegate, A. Walker, T. Holder, H. Waters, J. Carter, E. J. Pickard, B. Moody.

The Pontefract company commenced a series of evening outings on Monday, April 19th, by visiting Wakefield Cathedral. They were welcomed by the Wakefield and Horbury ringers. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung; also a course of Grandsire Cinques.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL DIVISION.

As mentioned in our last issue, the annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 17th. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and ringers continued to arrive until the very satisfactory number of 45 were present. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon C. W. G. Wilson), who gave a very interesting and helpful address. A splendid tea was partaken of in the Churchroom, and the Vicar presided at the tea and the business meeting which followed, supported by the curate, and the Master of the Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman). The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Morey, Henfield, G. W. Swallow and E. Wadey, Lower Beeding.

The Divisional Secretary gave a brief report of the work of the division during the past year, stating that the position of the division had been well maintained, and they had had the pleasure of welcoming two new branches, viz., Lower Beeding and Turner's Hill. The accounts showed a small increase on the previous year, but owing to the rail allowance there was a slight decrease in the amount paid over to the hon. treasurer. The local secretaries again gave valuable assistance in arranging the meetings.

The following divisional officers were elected: A. D. Stone, hon. secretary; Messrs. J. A. Hart, O. Sippetts and J. Wren, committee; Messrs. K. Hart, F. Bennett and C. Tyler, committee of advice.

The secretary then called the attention of the meeting to the anonymous attack on the peal rung at Turner's Hill, and read the original letter and the correspondence which followed, as published in 'The Ringing World.'

The author of the attack, who had received an invitation to the meeting, was asked to come forward and justify his assertions; but as no one answered this invitation, the conductor of the peal, Mr. Keith Hart, was invited to speak on the matter.

Mr. Hart stated that with the exception of one or two false blows, the ringing was good from start to finish. There was nothing approaching a shift course, and the bells came home perfectly at the end of the peal. This evidence was supported by other members of the band, six of whom were present at the meeting. The result of the discussion was the unanimous resolution, as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 23rd.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Rickman proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address.

Ringing had just recommenced when a request came for it to cease owing to very serious illness close by. This was most unfortunate on account of the large number of young members present. The Lindfield ringers kindly placed their tower at the disposal of the meeting, consequently a number set off on the four-mile journey across the fields, taking a good deal of the day with them. The bells were soon got going, a good hour's ringing being obtained, and at 9 o'clock the bells were lowered. Grandsire Doubles to Loudon Surprise were rung during the day.

The following towers were represented: Barcombe, Lower Beeding, Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Crawley, East Grinstead, Heene, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield and Shoreham. There were also one or two visitors present.

### RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, held their outing on Easter Monday, visiting towers at Henley, Watlington, Haddenham, Thame and Long Crendon. There was some good ringing at each place, and the party wish to thank the Vicars and the foremen of the respective towers for the use of the bells, and especially the Vicar of Long Crendon for his kind invitation to tea and concert. At the latter, the visitors gave a few selections on the handbells, which were much appreciated. The ringers taking part were: Messrs. G. Martin, A. Martin, J. Eldridge, T. Goodchild, E. Eldridge and L. W. Copey. The conductors for the day were G. Martin, A. Martin and J. Eldridge.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EDENBRIDGE.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Stedman Triples and a touch of Grandsire Triples were rung for the wedding of Mr. Vincent, who has been a frequent visitor to the tower. The ringers in the quarter-peal of Stedman were: E. Leigh 1, E. Collison 2, G. Malvan 3, W. Leigh, sen., 4, H. Leigh 5, E. Seal (Hewer) 6, J. Hoasman 7, E. Leigh, sen., 8, W. Leigh, jun., and E. Leigh, jun., took part in the Grandsire.

BEXHILL.—On Easter Monday, at St. Peter's, Bexhill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Parkin 1, W. H. Easton 2, S. Driver 3, F. J. Pont 4, H. Rapley 5, J. Downing (conductor) 6, W. H. Rapley 7, A. Reid 8. This was John Downing's first quarter as conductor, and was rung at his 3rd attempt. Treble, 3rd and 6th ringers are from Blacklands, Hastings; the remainder are of the local band.

### NORFOLK'S NEW PEAL OF EIGHT. GENEROUS GIFT TO NORTH LOPHAM.

The original peal of five bells which hung in the tower of North Lopham, Norfolk, and had been in a dilapidated condition so long that few if any of the inhabitants have ever heard them rung, have now been restored by the recasting of three of them, and with the addition of three trebles now constitute a useful peal of eight. The renovation and augmentation have been made possible by the munificence of Mrs. Stephen Beales, in memory of her husband. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The old tenor and fifth were found to be sound and also satisfactory in tone. These bells have been preserved, and now form the tenor and seventh of the reconstituted peal. Both the old treble and second were badly cracked, and with the third have been recast, three new bells being added to complete the octave. The old inscriptions on the three bells which were recast have been reproduced, thus preserving their record. The reconstituted peal have been hung with completely new and modern fittings, in new framework. The latter is constructed of cast iron mounted on a foundation of steel girders, the foundation being so arranged that it takes a bearing in all four walls of the tower, and acts as an effective tie to the tower, upon which there will now be less strain with the eight bells than was the case with the old five. The bells are hung on the latest type of ball bearings, and the guide rollers also revolve on ball bearings, thus reducing all friction to the minimum. A chiming apparatus has also been fitted which will allow of the eight bells being chimed by one person when the ringers are not available.

Affixed to the wall of the tower is a brass memorial plate, inscribed: 'To the Glory of God and in memory of Stephen Beales, the devoted husband of Annie Caroline Beales, the bells in this tower were renovated, rebung and augmented, A.D. 1926.' The bells and tablet were dedicated on Sunday afternoon, April 11th, by the Archdeacon of Norfolk (the Rev. A. R. Buckland, Rector of Pullham Market) in the absence of the Lord Bishop of Norwich, through indisposition. A very large congregation was present, including many well known local residents, the service being specially arranged for the occasion, and the children of the parish took a prominent part in the singing.

The service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Eastwood (Rector), consisted of the customary form of evening prayer, and commenced with the singing of the hymn, 'Praise to the Holiest.' The special Psalms were 96 and 150, and the lessons were taken from Zechariah xiv. v. 16, and Revelation xix. 1-16. The anthem, 'Let God arise,' was admirably rendered by the choir, the solos being taken by Mrs. Bussey and the Rector.

After the second hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Rector and churchwardens (Mr. Thomas Crowe and Mr. Tim Stevens), proceeded to the belfry, where they were met by Mrs. Beales, who, addressing the Archdeacon, said: 'Reverend sir, I respectfully request you to dedicate this renovated belfry and three new bells to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Stephen Beales.'

The Archdeacon then said the form of dedication and prayers, after which the clergy and churchwardens returned to the chancel and the choir sang, 'Ring out, O bells, in gladness,' and the dedicated peal was then rung for a few minutes by members of the Diss company of change ringers.

The Archdeacon delivered an appropriate address and the service concluded with the hymn, 'For all the Saints.' Mr. A. A. Hughes was present at the dedication, representing the founders.

Ringers from Diss and other places, under the conductorship of Mr. John Souter, rang the bells after the service, and it can be said that through the generosity of Mrs. Beales, who has borne the entire cost of the work, North Lopham now has a very fine 'ring,' constructed on the latest and most up-to-date lines. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung, and all were delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells. The weights and inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Tenor.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lbs., F sharp. Thomas Osborn, Founder, Downham, Norfolk, 1799. Saml. Porter and Nathl. Cook, Churchwardens.

7th.—7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs., G sharp. William Dobson Founder, 1811. —Samuel Porter, Churchwarden.

6th.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs., A sharp. Robert Gurney, Founder, Bury St. Edmunds, 1666. (This bell was recast and the following added.) These bells were restored and augmented as the gift of Annie Caroline Beales, A.D. 1926.

5th.—5 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lbs., B sharp. Thomas Newman, Founder, Norwich, 1733. John Cook and James Aldrich, C. W. Robert Howlett. Recast 1926.

4th.—5 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs., C sharp. Thomas Newman, of Norwich, made mee, 1733. Recast 1926.

3rd.—4 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lbs., D sharp. (New Bell). 'Thanks be to God for the life and work of Stephen Beales.'

2nd.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lbs., E sharp. (New Bell). 'May God bless all whom we do call.'

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs., F sharp. (New Bell). 'Day by day we magnify Thee.'

A number of young men of the village have intimated their willingness to learn the art of campanology.

It is interesting to note that the late Mr. Stephen Beales for many years carried on the business of a linen manufacturer, and kept a number of men and looms constantly employed in making hand woven goods; in fact, he was practically the last of a school of manufacturers of hand woven materials in Norfolk. All the looms are now silent, and most of the weavers have died.

### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. FUNDS DEPLETED.

The 19th annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Warwick on Saturday, April 17th. There was a moderate attendance, and the bells of St. Nicholas' were used in the afternoon until 4.30, when the members attended evensong, which was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Trickett, curate of St. Mary's. Tea was provided at the Dale Temperance Hotel, at which 24 members sat down.

After tea, the Rev. H. A. Hayden, Vicar of St. Nicholas', warmly welcomed the Guild to Warwick. The general meeting followed, and the Vicar was voted to the chair.

The Rev. J. L. White, who was absent through illness, was re-elected president, and the following officers were also re-elected: Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Chapman; general hon. secretary, Mr. J. A. Fenton; auditor, Mr. O. J. Hunt. The district secretary for Coventry, Mr. F. Pervin, having resigned, Mr. J. H. White was elected in his stead.

The Secretary presented a statement of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £5 6s. 4d., the lowest in the history of the Guild. The funds being so low, there will be no annual report this year.

The monthly meetings for May and June will be held at Allesley and Bulkington.

Mr. Wilkerson brought the meeting to a close by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy of Warwick for the use of the bells, to which the Rev. H. A. Hayden suitably replied.

Ringings during the day included Stedman and Grandsire Triples at St. Nicholas', and Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Bristol and London Surprise Major at St. Mary's.

### THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The annual ringing contest of the Cumberland Association was held on Easter Monday at All Saints' Parish Church, Cockermouth. All the teams failed at the first test, which was 720, so it was decided to ring 360 to decide the winners. The first team, Egremont, rang 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 14 minutes, with 27 faults. Crosthwaite (Keswick) rang Kent Minor for 10½ minutes, when they broke down with 84 faults. Bridekirk rang Woodbine for four minutes, when they broke down with 72 faults. Cockermouth rang 360 Woodbine in 13 minutes, with 10 faults, and being the home band, were penalised another 10, making 20 in all.

At the meeting which followed, the judge, Mr. G. R. Newton (Liverpool) gave his report, and awarded the shield to the Cockermouth hand to hold for another year, they having won it the previous year.

Workington (St. Michael's) were affiliated again to the association, after an absence of 13 years, and Workington was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on July 31st.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and rooms, to the judge for coming, and to the chairman for presiding. Tea was afterwards partaken of in the Churchroom, followed by ringing by various mixed bands present.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCH.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's Church, on Sunday, April 18th, for evening devotions, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Tuke 1, C. H. Lake 2, C. Harrison (conductor) 3, G. Lewis 4, R. Harrison 5, J. Evinson 6, R. Harrison, jun. (first quarter in the method), 7, H. Hurst 8.

### NOTICE.

GLoucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Forest Branch.—Meeting on May 8th at Newland, near Coleford. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Village Club Room. All ringers who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 6th, so that arrangements for tea can be made.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 4th; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea for 5.30. Ringing finishes at 8. Acton bells available from 8.20 to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea on usual terms at 5.30; please let me know all who require same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, also available 3—4.30 p.m.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The opening of the recast bells at St. Laurence, Alton, is fixed for Saturday, May 1st. Service at 3.30. All ringers invited.—W. Perry, Hon. Sec., 35, Ackender Road, Alton, Hants.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 2.30 to 6.30 and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at cafe close to the church. Reports now ready, 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, May 1st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged by the Vicar. Red bus New Street to Dudley passes church. Nearest rail station Blackheath, Great Western from Snow Hill. Those intending to be present please advise A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Sellindge on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, May 1st. The bells (10) will be ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Sharnford on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, May 1st. 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.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutterton, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m.; this will be followed immediately by the usual business meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Lavenham District.—A meeting will be held at Monks Eleigh, on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open 2.30. Business meeting 4.30. A large attendance requested.—A. Symonds, Dist. Sec., Lavenham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for May.—St. Clement Danes', Sunday the 2nd, at 10 a.m., and Monday, the 10th, at 7.30; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 3rd, at 7.30; and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 18th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8th, at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, jointly. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. General meeting at 6 p.m. in the St. Marie's Presbytery, Canon Doland in the chair. Visitors will find ample refreshment cafes near both churches.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All are welcome.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on Saturday, May 8th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Kindly notify me not later than May 4th.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Enstone on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on May 8th at Wolborough, Newton Abbot. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Highwick bells (8) also available. Will those wishing to ring at the latter tower in the afternoon please advise me by the previous Thursday, also those requiring tea? All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Titchester Deanery Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Yeovil (10 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should give notice not later than Tuesday, May 4th.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leverington on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) ready 2 o'clock. Will those who want tea kindly notify J. H. Shinkins, Leverington, Wisbech, by May 6th? 1s. 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, Dis. Sec., 101, Elvey Road, March.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holm Lacy on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than May 3rd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, May 8th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Eynesbury Tower (6) also open. All ringers welcome.—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — The annual festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, May 8th, when the 6 bells, which have recently been recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., will be available at 2.30 p.m. A short service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45, which will be given at St. Mary's Room. All ringers are welcome. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Wednesday previous? —H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All welcome.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 8th. The towers of St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's will be open for ringing from 1 till 3.15, and after the service. Business meeting in St. Nicholas Hall, St. Nicholas Road, at 3.30. A meat tea will be provided at the Imperial Hotel, Queen's Road—price 3s. each (1s. 6d. to members). Service at St. Nicholas Church at 6 p.m. Half rail fare (maximum 2s.) will be allowed to resident members attending the meeting. Those intending to be present must notify the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 4th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. General Secretary, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingfold, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 4th?—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** —A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notices of attendances should be sent not later than May 3rd to Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Chipping Parish Church, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fried Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be provided for all who send in their names to the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., 12, Chorley Old Road, Bolton or myself not later than May 5th. A good attendance is requested. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, May 8th. Service at the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. (Preacher: Canon E. P. Knubley), followed by luncheon and business meeting in St. James' Hall. Members requiring lunch must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than May 4th. Incumbents of the following churches have kindly placed their bells at the disposal of the Guild:—Ring of ten, Trowbridge; rings of eight, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Melksham, Warminster and Westbury; rings of six, Holt, Hilberton, Keevil, North Bradley, Seend and Steeple Ashton.—T. Hervey Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, May 8th. Bells at liberty 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, May 15th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. The Rectory gardens will be open to ringers and friends. Those intending to be present kindly advise by Wednesday, May 12th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The branch spring meeting will be held at Tackley on Saturday, May 15th. Service 3 p.m., Parish Church. Preacher: Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, president. Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 13th.—W. Evetts, jun., Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, near Oxford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District. — A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, May 15th. Tea, 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Please notify me by May 12th. Bells at Sproughton and Bramford available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome at this annual affair. — G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

**YORKS ASSOCIATION AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — A joint meeting of the above two associations will be held at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., and the bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, May 11th.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Joint Hon. Secs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — South District.—A business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, May 15th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Everyone heartily welcomed. Will those coming to tea let me know before the 12th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**ESSEX & HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (Herts) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30 in St. Michael's Parish Room. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea kindly advise us before May 13th.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford (Essex Association); W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Ware, Herts (Herts Association).

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The 47th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 24th.—F. J. Pitstow, General Sec., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.** — Mr. John Saddington, secretary of the Loughborough District, M.C.A., has removed to Four Winds Bungalow, Swing Bridge Lane, Derby Road, Loughborough. Will all local members and other hon. secretaries please note?

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — If any member has a copy of Second Annual Report (1883-4) I should be glad to acquire same for binding with official records.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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We feel perfectly sure that no apologies on our own part will be necessary for the non-appearance of 'The Ringing World' for May 7th. Apart from the first and vital fact that the printers' operatives 'came out,' and no type could be set up, we were faced with further obstacles in the matter of distribution—for this journal goes into every corner of England. That it was missed we have ample evidence, from the various enquiries which we have received, and it has to be placed on record that in the fifteen years of the paper's life this is the first occasion that the firm which, from the first, has carried out the printing contract has failed to produce the journal on contract time—and this though we passed through more than four years of war. The dislocation which has thus occurred will not, we hope, prevent our recording, for the interest of present readers and future ringers, anything of importance which has happened in the interim. But ringing affairs themselves were put badly out of joint. It was hardly possible to ring bells while the country was in the throes of such a struggle, while the breakdown of transport caused the postponement of a number of meetings in different parts of the country. The various organisations will, no doubt, quickly get back to work again, if only the uncertainty caused by the dislocation disappears. It is hoped that matters will settle themselves in time for definite announcements as to the Whitsuntide gatherings to be made through our columns.

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Composed by W. PYE.

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Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER

\* First peal. This peal was arranged for Bert Newson and James Trappitt, who hail from Croydon, and was rung after turning up short for Royal.

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WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

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On Tuesday, April 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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WILLIAM GOFTON ... .. 4	*GEORGE HILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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\* First peal in the method.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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†R. OLIVER ... .. 2	‡A. DEAS... .. 6
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\* First peal. † First peal of Major, and in the method. ‡ First peal in the method. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th and 7th are local men, and only had two practices of Major before starting for the above peal. Mr. G. Hill hails from Penistone, and was elected a member of the association in the belfry.

FEERING, ESSEX

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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OGDEN MOORE ... .. 4	*JOHN KIRK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CLEGG.

Rung to celebrate the Jubilee of St. Mark's Sunday School, and as a birthday peal to the conductor, who has been a ringer at this church for 47 years. \* First peal and first attempt.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM DENT ... .. 6
LEONARD ALLINGTON ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... .. 7
FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... .. 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Messrs. Dent and Chalk hail from Colchester, and Allington from Sudbury. First peal by L. Allington. 100th peal by W. R. J. Poulson. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 2nd, 4th and 6th ringers.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5046 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Treble	*HERBERT BABER ... .. 5
*GEORGE A. WEBBER ... .. 2	*REGINALD MIDDLE ... .. 6
*LEONARD PULLIN ... .. 3	STANLEY CARTER ... .. 7
*SIDNEY T. WITHEY ... .. 4	HARRY PROUT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

In Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES ... .. Treble	EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... .. 5
AUSTIN HEAD ... .. 2	JAMES RICHES ... .. 6
ROBERT RICHES ... .. 3	WALTER RICHES ... .. 7
ROBERT RAYNER ... .. 4	ALBERT RICHES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

Author's peal No. 97.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

TONY PRICE ... .. Treble	ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... .. 5
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 2	JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 6
WALTER J. CURSTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM I. ELDRÉD ... .. 7
TOM GREENACRE ... .. 4	WALTER N. ASBRY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on eight bells as conductor.

THURCASTON, Near LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

JOHN H. DREWERY ... .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. Treble	*RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... .. 7
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

This peal was rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's visit to the town to present new colours to the 5th Batt. Queen's Royal Regiment. \* First peal in the method away from the treble.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS (Leicester) ... .. Treble
ERNEST J. JELLEY (South Wigston) ... .. 2
ERNEST BARTRAM (Melton Mowbray) ... .. 3
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE (Ashby-de-la Zouch) ... .. 4
ERNEST STONE (Nuneaton) ... .. 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER (Lutterworth) ... .. 6
ERNEST F. PAYNE (Syston) ... .. 7
ERNEST H. CLARKE (Derby) ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST G. HIBBINS (Cambridge).

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Witnessed by ERNEST BAGWORTH (Leicester).

The first 'Ernest' peal yet rung. The band travelled an aggregate total of 280 miles.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 5
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... .. 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 6
*REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal in the method on a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Vicar's niece, Mrs. G. H. M. Wilson, and his wife's mother, Mrs. L. D. M. Clutterbuck, who entered into rest the previous week. R.I.P.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 5
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. DEAN.

FORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. WILLIAM EDWARDS... Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 5
*MISS ALICE STOKES ... .. 2	ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 7
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 4	JAMES NISBET ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal in the method.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

ERNEST MORRIS' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.  
Tenor 28 cwt.

*ERNEST KILL ... .. Treble	FRANK ASHWORTH ... .. 5
†TREVOR HOLLOWAY ... .. 2	‡FREDK. PRECEY ... .. 6
E. F. WHITE ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 7
J. FRANCIS ... .. 4	ED. MARLOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. FLETCHER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal in the method.  
First peal as conductor. Rung after the induction of the new Vicar,  
and as a peal of welcome to him.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	REUBEN CHARGE ... .. 5
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... .. 2	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 6
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7
JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. PYE.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2	WILLIAM EDGE ... .. 6
HARRY OVERTON ... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7
HAROLD EDWARDS ... .. 4	FRANK BARNARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

\* First pent. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

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SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
FRANK KLETTE ... .. 3	WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 7
†PERCY HACKETT ... .. 4	*WILLIAM MASON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

\* First peal, and proposed a member in the belfry. † First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Canon Astbury, Knottall Lodge, Langley, who for over 40 years was Vicar of the Old Church, Smethwick, and whose body was interred in the above churchyard on the previous Monday.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LEONARD AND JOHN.

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lb. in F.

WALTER J. CURSTON ... Treble	JAMES H. RAFFER ... .. 4
TONY PRICE ... .. 2	WALTER N. ASHBY ... .. 5
ARTHUR WIGMORE ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SVRES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

HULL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

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

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 4
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	HERBERT HOWELL ... .. 5
A. BERNARD COOK ... .. 3	JOHN H. HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung on the front six.

BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM OSMENT ... .. Treble	*REV. E. S. C. LOCK ... .. 4
*BERTRAM DUNKERTON ... .. 2	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... 5
ERNEST A. H. LANE ... .. 3	*WILLIAM PHELPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. Morant) for granting the use of the bells, and for his kindness in providing a capital tea afterwards.

COWLINGE, NEWMARKET.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5760 CHANGES;**

Twenty-four callings. A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 10 cwt.

SYDNEY COOTE ... .. Treble	G. H. SAVAGE ... .. 3
STANLEY PLEDGER ... .. 2	HARRY STUBBINGS ... .. 4
CHARLES GOOCH ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by G. H. SAVAGE.

First peal by all the ringers; also first known to have been rung on the bells.

UPWELL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Colledge Single Reverse, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. Treble	WALTER N. ASHEY ... .. 4
JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 2	TONY PRICE ... .. 5
ARTHUR WIGMORE ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Ipswich, Cambridge, London, Wells, Durham and York.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 4
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 2	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 5
GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM THEOBALD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. BUNN ... .. Treble	GEORGE LEE ... .. 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... .. 2	JOHN SPENCER ... .. 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

\* First peal and first attempt, aged 15.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Old Doubles, and Plain Bob, and 18 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

REGINALD BUTCHER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. TITE ... .. 3
MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 2	HARRY BAXTER ... .. 4
ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal and first attempt.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. Treble	HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 4
JOSEPH BERRISFORD ... .. 2	HENRY BERRISFORD ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

\* First peal in seven methods. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th hail from Kingsley, the others from Norton. The band tender thanks to Mr. H. Billings for having everything in readiness, and his kind courtesy.

'THE MUSIC OF THE BELLS.'

Under this heading the 'Birmingham Mail,' one of the most influential daily papers in the Midlands, had the following leading article recently:—

There is no harder annual among newspaper correspondences than that relating to what complainants term "the church bell nuisance." It crops up in our own columns from time to time, as it did a few weeks ago, and as it does, no doubt, in most of the other newspapers which their readers are accustomed to regard as the medium for ventilating their grievances. The bell ringers of Worcestershire discussed the matter at the annual meeting of their change ringing association, and were rather perturbed by a threat on someone's part to bring forward a Bill in Parliament to suppress or restrict church bell ringing. We do not think they need have any serious fears that the practice of the very fascinating and intricate science of campanology will come under the ban of Parliament. Nor need they, we believe, assume that the objectors represent more than a minute fraction of the community. The music of the bells is linked up too intimately with our national life and history to be dispensed with at the behest of a few people who, with or without real cause, protest against it as an unnecessary or disturbing survival. There may be cases in which it is a real trouble, where people reside in very close proximity to the church, where they are nervy or poor sleepers, where cheap bells with irritating notes are installed, or where they are rung unreasonably and too insistently. But with most of us, whether we be churchgoers or not, the silencing of the church bells would be a distinct loss. To hear them at their best, one needs to be in a pleasant countryside, when their sound is borne across the open fields, and blends harmoniously with the music of the birds, the hum of the insects, and the peaceful atmosphere of rural surroundings. Even in town, most of us find them inspiring and cheering, and would miss them sadly if they were stilled. Modern life in crowded cities has given us too many noises of its own, not all of them pleasing, and some distinctly nerve-wracking—the hooting of motors and the roar of street traffic, the often raucous strains of neighbours' gramophones or loud speakers, and, as aerial traffic develops, the drone of the aeroplane engine may add another disturbance to everyday life.

Bells, when they are musical in their tones—we would gladly support a Bill prohibiting the erection of any bell whose note would not pass a committee of musicians—have an appeal which goes down to the fibres of our being. They have a spiritual and a traditional significance which we could ill afford to banish in this too materialistic age. For well-nigh countless centuries they have touched human life at the most intimate points, have been associated with occasions of joy or mourning, have roused the worker from his slumbers or marked the close of his day of toil, have celebrated the ingathering of the fruits of the earth, have heralded the approach of danger from fire or from the enemy without the gates, have turned our thoughts to God and to worship. The "passing bell" is a symbol of the equality of man in the presence of "death, the leveller," tolled as it is for king or peasant, for the infant who has been snatched from life on its very threshold and for the traveller gathered to his rest at a ripe old age. They have marked the triumph of tyranny, as in the case of the "curfew" carrying in its note the order that all lights and fires must be extinguished and no person must walk abroad, and the passing of tyranny, for peals on the church bells have always been an accompaniment of public rejoicing. They have guided and still guide the fog-bound mariner along a rocky coast, and the lost traveller on the lonely moorlands in dark of night. Even now, we believe, in certain remote parts, the evening bell is rung for this purpose, thanks to the request of some grateful soul in generations past who found guidance and safety through the ringing of a church bell. And even now in villages here and there, where the march of human progress is little felt, the morning bell—a much pleasanter institution than the raucous steam whistle or "buzzer" of the urban factory—rouses the horse-keeper, stockman, and agricultural worker to a realisation that the time for slumber is gone and a new day has awakened. In many villages, too, a merry peal yet returns thanks for the safe garnering of the harvest, and the "gleaming bell," which gave the freedom of the cornfields to the country folk, is still rung. No, we certainly cannot afford to lose the music of the church bells, even if, as must happen with most of the accompaniments and conveniences of communal life, they may occasionally be disturbing to the individual whose temperament or whose occupation do not fit him easily into the general scheme of things.

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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE NAMING OF METHODS—COMMENTS ON THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In the issue of 'The Ringing World' of April 30th I traced the history of method nomenclature up to the appointment of the committee at the meeting of the Council in London in 1924.

In due season, the Nomenclature Committee prepared its report, and this was presented to the Council at the Chester meeting. It was soon clear that it would meet with opposition, and opposition for two distinct reasons. First, the Chester Guild had made itself champion of the floral names, and intended to fight to the end against their alteration. They took the step of ringing the methods, and they claimed that now they had been rung with the floral names the matter was settled. Secondly, the proposals of the report respecting names of methods generally were disputed. The Council ordered the report to be published, and the consideration of it to be deferred till next year. This is the question on which the Council will vote at Ipswich.

You will notice that really there are two questions distinct from each other. The lesser, but much more immediate, is the question of floral names. The other is the series of proposals relating to the naming of methods generally. Presently I will explain what they are. I think it will generally be agreed that, however desirable it may be to overhaul and reform the naming of methods generally, there is no need for any hurry in the matter. The Exercise has got on tolerably well with the present system for a good long time. But the six-bell method names do require settling at once. For this reason, among others—the book is already sold out, and a new edition will have to be prepared and issued. In the ordinary course this task will fall to the Methods Committee. As a body, that committee has no views for or against the floral names. It is prepared to accept either the Analysis Committee's list or the Nomenclature Committee's list but it does want the Council to give definite instructions as to which is to be used. And on that point there is no question that the Council is entitled to give orders.

You may, if you please, argue that the Council should not interfere with the names which have been given to methods, but you cannot dispute that it can print what it pleases in its own publications. I think it would be for the general convenience (it certainly would be for the Methods Committee's convenience) if matters are so ordered that these two questions are voted on separately. I commend to the Nomenclature Committee's consideration the suggestion that they should first submit to the Council the clauses of their report dealing with the six-bell names, and, when they have been voted on, the clauses dealing with more general matters. Quite likely such a course might turn out to be good tactics.

And now turn to the report itself. It opens with a preamble or general statement, giving a general justification of what is to follow, 'without any system to guide the selection of fresh names,' so we are told, '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.' On whether you agree with this statement or not will largely depend what you think of the proposals of reform which follow. If you agree that method names are actually in a state of almost indescribable confusion you will welcome sympathetically any attempt to put matters right. Even if you do not agree with the details of the suggested reforms you will still welcome them, hoping that they may be modified to meet your objections. Your criticism will be constructive. But on the other hand, if you think that the system of naming methods which the Exercise has used for three hundred years has, on the whole, worked remarkably well, and that the names in use are almost invariably good and suitable ones you will be disposed to reject any suggestion of change entirely. You will not bother much about the details of the proposed reforms, you will meet the whole with a flat and single negative.

But assuming that you think reform necessary you will turn to the recommendations offered. First of all, the committee suggest 'that method classification should be simplified, and should in future fall into three main divisions: 1. Plain; 2. Treble Bob; 3. Surprise.' Here I think the Nomenclature Committee are going beyond their terms of reference, and are dealing with matters on which, apparently, they have no technical knowledge. Simplify method classification by all means if you can, but these gentlemen do not realise that all this has been thoroughly thrashed out already, and is the subject of a report adopted by the Council. They must give us a definition of what a Treble Bob method is, and what a Surprise. They must show us how all methods can be put into the three classes. They will find there is

more in the matter and greater difficulties than they suppose. At any rate, I do not think they ought to suggest a repeal of the report on classification before they have made themselves acquainted with what it contains.

The second recommendation is one for which a lot can be said. It is that the same name should not be used for two methods; that if, for instance, you have a Brighton Surprise you should not also have a Brighton Court. This is a point which may well be remembered in naming future methods; but not every one will agree to make it apply to old and established methods. When we remember that the titles, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, are equally historical, we shall not be very willing to alter either. We shall ask ourselves whether, as a matter of fact, there is any inconvenience and confusion in having the word Oxford applied to two distinct methods.

Thirdly, all what are called non-essential words, such as 'Pleasure,' 'Delight,' 'Court' and 'Bob,' are to be dropped. 'Bob' applied to methods is a meaningless appendage. We should like to have the committee's reasons for saying that these words are non-essential and meaningless. They are neither one nor the other to anyone who knows something of the history and value the continuity of ringing. Once more this committee is referred to the report on classification.

Fourthly, only selected topographical names are to be employed in the future. The growing custom of the Exercise is to call methods only by the names of towns, villages or counties, and it is the safest plan to adopt. If you do so you are not very likely to get a bad name, but we may ask why this should be a rigid rule. Why, if a man hits on another name equal to Superlative or Grandsire, he may not use it?

Then follows a long list of names which it is proposed to substitute for old ones. You can go through the list and see if you think the new ones are sufficient improvement to justify the trouble and inconvenience of change: whether Grimsby, for instance is any better than Duke of Norfolk; Lambeth than London Scholars' Pleasure; or Norton than Morning Star. Perhaps you may think that the men of long ago who rang and named these methods are deserving of some consideration, and you will not lightly break these links with the past.

Future methods are to be dealt with as follows: A selected list of names is to be published, and none outside it is to be used unless a committee of the Council gives permission; concerning which two comments seem suitable to be made. It is easy enough to say to ringers you may call methods only by such names as a committee thinks fit. But who is to make them obey? If they say we shall call our method what we please, as we have always done, what answer can you make? And, secondly, what guarantee have you that any committee would select any better names than leading ringers and composers do at present?

## DEATH OF ANOTHER SHEFFIELD RINGER

The hand of death has fallen heavily amongst Sheffield ringers this year. First Mr. William Lomas, of the Cathedral band, passed away in February, followed by Mr. Jack Smithson, of All Saints', in March. Now we regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas G. Sarel, of St. Marie's, who died on April 27th.

Mr. Sarel came from the southern counties some 45 years ago, and his associations with the St. Marie's Company covered about 40 years. He was a member of the company up to his death, but, bronchitis having taken a firm hold of him, he had not been able to attend Sunday service ringing for the last two months.

A 'mender of soles' by trade, the perseverance and thoroughness with which he carried on his work was exemplified in the belfry; to make a mistake was a very rare occurrence with him, and he was recognised as being one of the safest of ringers.

He had rung about 35 peals, all in the standard methods, the last one being when, in his 72nd year, he rang the 3rd bell to Holt's Original with not a word of correction, striking admirably throughout the peal with a delight which would have done credit to a much younger man.

Handbells he had a special liking for, though his abilities in change ringing never passed beyond taking the trebles for Grandsire, but he was far from being a novice with 'four in hand' for tune ringing.

Although Mr. Sarel had passed 'the allotted span,' being in his 74th year, he will be sadly missed by Sheffield ringers, and it was with feelings of regret that four members of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield District Society paid the last tribute to his memory at Abbey Lane Cemetery, when a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside at the close of the funeral service by: J. Evinson 1-2, C. Harrison 3-4, G. Lewis 5-6 and A. Craven 7-8.

For evening service, on May 2nd, at Norton, Derbyshire, with bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Sarel, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by: \*N. Harrison 1, H. Beardshaw 2, J. Berridge 3, C. Bates 4, G. Smith 5, T. E. Lee 6, W. Biggin (conductor) 7, \*L. Coupe 8. \*First quarter peal.

**ALTON BELLS RECAST.**

**A FINE RING FROM CROYDON FOUNDRY.**

The recast ring of eight bells at St. Lawrence's Church, Alton, Hants, were reopened by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild on Saturday, May 1st. Members present included Mr. G. Williams (Master) and Mr. G. Pullinger (general sec.), and about 30 ringers from Aldershot, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Sutton, Farnham, Guildford, North Stoneham, Seale, Wickham, Winchester and the local band. A very welcome visitor was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, complete with notebook and rule.

All the bells have been recast and hung in a new iron H. frame, on ball bearings, with new and modern fittings. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in their customary excellent manner, and gave every satisfaction. The weight of the tenor is 13 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs. in E., and the total weight of the peal is 74 cwt. 15 lbs. The general opinion was that Alton now possesses an exceptionally fine ring of bells.

The reopening service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, R.D. (vice-president) and the Guild form of service used. He gave a most interesting address on the origin and meaning of the use of bells, and the history of change ringing down to the present time. There was a large congregation present.

The ringers sat down to a sumptuous meat tea, provided by the generosity of Mr. H. P. Birrell (churchwarden). The Rev. F. R. Dawson (Vicar) presided, and was supported by Mr. H. P. Birrell, Mr. Bond, Dr. Leslie (churchwardens), Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. Cyril Johnston. Following tea speeches were made by the gentlemen mentioned, and Mr. G. Williams, in reply, voiced the thanks and appreciation of the ringers.

Afterwards a move was made to the tower, and ringing enjoyed up to 8 p.m., the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

It is interesting to note that change ringing has been practised in Alton from an early date, and two peal boards record that peals of Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells on March 7th, 1777, and on February 15th, 1785. It is believed that the former was the first peal rung in the county. William Dyer, who was a subscriber to 'The Clavis,' took part in both these peals, and his descendants, who still reside in Alton, subscribed towards the work just completed.

As the opening clashed with the quarterly meeting of the Winchester District, at Fawley, the latter was postponed to June 5th. Due notice of this will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

For evening service on Sunday, May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: H. Perry 1. G. Pullinger 2. V. Lowton 3. G. Noakes 4. E. Ham 5. A. Evans 6. A. Hardiman (conductor) 7. H. Sutton 8.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on Saturday, April 24th, and, for once, fewer members put in appearance than had notified, which is something unusual these days, as in this district generally about twenty more than are catered for turn up at the meetings. If, therefore, this should catch the eye of those who did not put in an appearance, they might like to send on the price of their tea to the secretary of the district to balance matters.

The tower was open for ringing at 3 p.m., and at 5 o'clock the Association service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. T. Wallis, who gave a very interesting address on the history of the church.

Tea was partaken of at the Six Bells, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. W. Harper, of Swanscombe, was elected chairman, in the absence of the Rector. Five new members were elected, and the election of one non-resident member was confirmed, he having been proposed previous to a peal.

Northfleet and Borden were proposed as the place of the next meeting on the last Saturday in July, the former place being decided on by the majority of one vote.

Votes of thanks were passed to all concerned, and the tower was again visited and ringing continued until 8.45, Standard methods up to Superlative being rung. In spite of the small attendance, the meeting was thoroughly representative of the district.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Hendon on Saturday, May 1st, and was attended by some 24 members from Finchley, Southgate, Hornsey, Stamford Hill, Willesden, Walthamstow, Leytonstone and other parts.

At the special service the Vicar (Rev. S. E. Chettoe) gave a very interesting address on the history and uses of bells, which was much appreciated.

After tea in the Church House, the usual business meeting was held. Stanmore was chosen for the next meeting on June 19th, which it is hoped will be held jointly with Hertfordshire friends.

It was much regretted that the president of the association, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., was unable to be present owing to a chill, and his speedy recovery was hoped for.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, also to Mr. C. H. Martin and the local ringers for their very warm welcome.

Much use was made of the pretty peal of six bells, touches in several methods from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise being rung.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Secretaries are reminded that notices of meetings should reach us by **TUESDAY**, in order to be included in the same week's issue. Notices which arrive on Wednesday are often too late for insertion, and inconvenience is thus caused.

We understand that Dr. J. B. Williamson, a late Master of the Cambridge University Guild, has now returned to Ventnor permanently, and is practising there in partnership with one of the local doctors.

A red covered memo book with addresses and touches, also a black leather letter case, with a course of Bristol Surprise inside, were picked up at Fulham, where the annual general Middlesex Association meeting was held. These can be had on application to Robert Holloway, 10, Summerlands Avenue, Acton, W.3.

A very 'Ernest' band met at the Loughborough Foundry campanile on May 1st, when they rang the first Ernest name peal. It is said they were deadly earnest about getting it, and we congratulate them on their success, as ringers with this name are not quite so easily found as those with a common or garden name like John, or Thomas.

Mr. William Reyner, for two years president, and now vice-president of the Barnsley and District Association, who has completed fifty years as bell ringer and chorister at Sandal Parish Church, and Mr. John Glover, another chorister of fifty years' service, have been honoured by the choir, who entertained them to supper, and presented each with a silver-mounted walking stick, suitably inscribed. Mr. Reyner's family have been connected with the church since 1700.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild was founded in March, 1886, and it is expected to have a record festival at Whitsuntide to celebrate the 40th anniversary. We understand the Bishop hopes to be present.

The Coalbrookdale 'Cater Band' hope to ring a touch of Shropshire at the Guild Festival.

Edmonton bells were opened by the Royal Cumberland Youths on May 8th, 1788, with a peal of 5,280 'Oxford Treble Bobs,' composed and conducted by John Reeves.

A peal of 10,200 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch on May 10th, 1777, and on the same day, in 1779, 12,240 Bob Major was rung at Braughing.

May 14th was the anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise, 14,112, rung at King's Norton, in 1903.

We are glad to state that Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Haddon Lodge, Diss, who two months ago, in a nursing home in Norwich, had to undergo a serious internal operation for gastric ulcers and removal of the appendix, is now making satisfactory progress. Mr. Wilson wishes, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to specially thank Mr. C. E. Borrett and Mr. G. P. Burton, ringers of St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, for their great kindness to him while in the nursing home.

Over £5 was raised the other day in aid of Cound Church Bell Restoration Fund by a dance at the Guildhall.

## METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

As I have opposed Mr. Trollope so often on this matter, it seems only right that I should say that so far as his article under 'Notes by the Way,' with the above title, goes, I agree with him entirely. The only word I could object to is the last, and here a mere verbal alteration would probably find us agreed. Instead of reading that there was no great wish for any alteration of names 'in general,' I would suggest that it read 'for a general alteration of names.'

I have never concealed the fact that I quite agree with Mr. Pritchett's argument, as quoted by Mr. Trollope, that some names of flowers are suitable names for methods. In my experience, I find that nearly all ringers (and outsiders too) object very strongly to certain names of flowers. I would mention dahlia, helonia, geranium. These may be called 'botanical,' rather than 'floral' names. The introduction of these 'botanical' names has, however, set many ringers against 'floral' names altogether. What we want to find out is, whether the Exercise generally wants to dispense with the 'floral' names, or with the 'botanical' ones only.

Naturally, the condemnation of some names led to the criticism of names in general, and it is this that the Nomenclature Committee seem to have been appointed for. I do not mean a general change of names; but that in each class a few need consideration.

It is here that most, if not all, of our critics fall foul of our report. Both in your columns, and by word of mouth, we have frequently been told that such 'drastic' alterations are not required. When we have been able to find out to what reference was being made, in every case it appeared that it was supposed that all the old favourite names were to be discarded. When it was pointed out that not a single well-known and popular name has been scheduled for alteration in our report criticism has at once ceased.

Probably it will be decided to keep some floral names. The question is, which?

HERBERT DRAKE



# COALBROOKDALE BELLS.

A FINE RING OF TEN.

The consummation of the scheme for the restoration and augmentation of Coalbrookdale bells was reached on Saturday, April 17th, when the new trebles were dedicated by the Bishop of Hereford. The original peal was an octave (tenor 19½ cwt.), cast by C. and G. Mears in 1852. Of this ring the 3rd and 5th have been recast, and the peal harmonically tuned, the tenor being now 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs. in the key of D. The two trebles have been added as a memorial to Lieut. Maurice A. A. Darby, son of the late Mr. A. E. W. Darby, patron of the living, who was killed in the war.

The first bell has the following inscription cast on it: 'These two treble bells were erected by public subscription in grateful remembrance of Lieut. Maurice A. A. Darby, who gave his life for King and Country in the Great War, 1914-1918.'

## DEDICATION SERVICE.

The dedication service was attended by a large congregation of people from the surrounding district, including Mrs. A. E. W. Darby and Mrs. Cope Darby. The service was conducted by Preb. Crowe, and other clergy present, in addition to the Bishop of Hereford, were the Revs. R. A. Giles (Sheriffhales), A. C. Howell (Little Wenlock), E. Roberts (Iron Bridge), T. R. J. Fawkes (Dawley), H. Scott (Clun), and H. S. T. Richardson (Hopesay). The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' and following prayers, a psalm, and the lesson, the Bishop formally dedicated the two new bells, 'from all profane and unhallowed uses, to the glory of God, and the service of His holy Church.' After the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' the ten bells rang out for the first time, the set changes



COALBROOKDALE CHURCH.

The inscription on the second bell, which was chosen by Lieut. Darby's mother and sister, is:—

Who stands if Freedom fall?  
Who dies if England fall?

The ten bells are hung on one level, in a heavy cast iron frame, mounted on a double tier foundation of steel girders, spanning the tower north and south and east and west, thus tying the four walls together. The bells are fitted with the latest type of ball bearings and cast iron headstocks, everything in connection with the work being of the most modern type.

To Mr. William Saunders, for thirty years the conductor at this tower, is due the carrying out of this enterprise to a successful issue. He has laboured strenuously and unobtrusively for the accomplishment of the scheme, and his part in it has been wholehearted and unselfish.

The completion of the work has been marked by the following inscription on a tablet in the tower: 'To the glory of God. The peal of eight bells in this tower was restored in 1925. The fifth bell bears the following inscription: "Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1925. Alfred E. W. Darby, Esq., J.P., D.L., Patron; Preb. C. B. Crowe, M.A., R.D., Vicar; Herbert Hughes, Frederick Johnson, Churchwardens." Also two treble bells were added in grateful remembrance of Lieut. Maurice A. A. Darby, Grenadier Guards, who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918, son of Alfred E. W. Darby, and Frederica, his wife, of Adcote and Sunnyside, in this county, grandson of Alfred Darby, donor of the eight bells. The cost, £650, was raised by public subscription. Dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Hereford, April 17th, 1926.'

being Queen's, Whittington's, and Tittams, and the ringers W. Saunders (conductor 1, L. Hewitt 2, W. Wase 3, R. Evans 4, J. Henley 5, A. S. Bayley 6, R. Jones 7, W. Lago 8, J. Garbett 9, J. H. Rixon 10. A collection taken during the service realised £14 5s.

In his address, the Bishop said that it was not untrue to say that Christianity had taken up and developed the use of bells as no other faith had done. In China and Japan, too, bells were used in connection with worship, but the idea of them in those countries was to attract the attention of the god. When Christianity was freed from persecution and became the religion of the Empire, bells were introduced to gather together the faithful, and from that time until now that was the main purpose of bells in Christian worship. So intimately associated were bells with Christianity that when Islam poured across Eastern Christianity Mahomet determined to dissociate himself entirely from that symbol, and he forbade the use of the bells. Different Christian nations had developed bell ringing according to their natural characteristics and idiosyncracies. In the south of Europe, on Easter eve, the bells suddenly jangled out after their Lenten silence, but in no sense of order or harmony; in Belgium there was the carillon ringing, and our English sense of order had produced the peal and chime, and change ringing, which expressed in some subtle way our national characteristic, with its love of orderliness and rhythm. His Lordship said that he wished to remind them that the ringing of bells had played a great part in our national life. In days gone by there was the market bell, the gleaming bell, the fire bell, and how often along the border countryside must the tocsin bell have rung out—the alarm bell of some raid across the Welsh border calling able-bodied men to arms to repel the invader? Then there was the vestry bell and the curfew bell, which was still rung. In a study of church

## CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The following are arrangements by the Reception Committee:—  
Hotels: 'Great White Horse,' bed and breakfast, 9s. 6d. (Saturday dinner to Wednesday breakfast, inclusive terms, £2). 'Crown and Anchor' (headquarters), bed and breakfast, 9s. 'Grand,' bed and breakfast, 7s. 6d. 'Queen's,' ditto, 7s. 6d. 'Victoria' Temperance, ditto, 5s. 6d. A room will be reserved for the use of members on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings, at the 'Crown and Anchor.' The manager of the 'Great White Horse' is reserving a separate dining-room for members, if they will ask for it (without extra charge). This is the hotel immortalised by Dickens. Mr. Pickwick's room is still shown to visitors, and also that of the Lady in Car-papers.

Peals are being arranged on the Saturday afternoon, and later. Will any who would like to be included please send word as soon as possible to Mr. C. J. Sedgely, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich, mentioning day and methods preferred?

It is suggested that members may like to visit Felixstowe or Norwich on the Sunday. If a party for Norwich is desired it can be arranged, if sufficient notice is given. The steamers to Felixstowe (no bells) are very pleasant, and an extension to Harwich (eight bells) can be made.

An excursion has been arranged for Monday, leaving at 10 a.m., for Stowmarket, Bury St. Edmunds (lunch can be had at the 'Angel'), Lavenham, Sudbury and Hadleigh. The bells will be available at each of these places. The motor coach will hold 30, and it will be open, as long as seats are available in it, to all members who send their names to Mr. G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevalier Street, Ipswich, to whom other inquiries should be addressed.

The Suffolk Guild invite the members of the Council to meet them at tea at the Co-operative Hall at 5 p.m., after the Council meeting: and, after tea, Mr. Chas. J. Sedgely will conduct members round some of the interesting antiquities of Ipswich.

At 8 p.m. there will be a social meeting for members of the Council, and of the Suffolk Guild, in the large room at the 'Crown and Anchor.'

Visitors from the South by road are advised to explore Gainsborough country just over the county boundary at Flatford and Dedham; they will beware of the dangerous Dedham Gun Hill, leading to the bridge by which one leaves Essex. On the other journey, they may like to go through Polstead and Stoke-by-Nayland, with their beautiful country and fine churches.

Those from the North, by a half-mile detour from the Yarmouth Road, may see Ufford Church, with its unique font-cover, and the Vale of Ufford. Sudbury is supposed to be 'Eatanswill'; though some say Ipswich and others Bury.

Members are also recommended to visit 'Christchurch Mansion' (admission free) in the park adjoining St. Margaret's Church. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8) and St. Clement's (6) will be available on Monday.

There will be a service of the Holy Communion at St. Mary-le-Tower Church on Tuesday at 8 a.m.

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accounts in ancient parishes one might almost write the history of the country from the way in which the bells were rung on every possible occasion: all through the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries every great event was signalised by the ringing of bells. But while bells had been used for secular and sacred purposes, and to express sorrow or rejoicing, the main purpose for which they were hung in our church towers was for the calling together of Christian people to worship God. The proverb which said that 'bell ringers call others to church, but will not enter themselves,' was false, because he was pleased to say that in that diocese those who took part in bell ringing, for the most part, joined in the worship to which they had called others. It was little less than hypocrisy for men to join in calling others to worship and then absent themselves.

Visiting ringers were present from London, Birmingham, Bradford, Derby, Wolverhampton, Bridgnorth, Southampton, and many towers in Salop and neighbouring counties, and the ringing included touches in a variety of methods, including four well-struck courses of Stedman Caters immediately after the service by P. O. Laffin 1, E. T. Allaway 2, G. Williams 3, W. Short 4, T. Salter 5, R. Matthews 6, A. A. Hughes 7, A. Padidon Smith 8, J. E. Groves (conductor) 9, W. Farley 10.

The bells are a very fine ring, and everyone was delighted with both tone and 'go.' The work of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank has been splendidly done and Coalbrookdale now possesses a peal of bells of which it may be justly proud. Many of the visitors stayed over Sunday, and good ringing was enjoyed prior to the services.

## DEATH OF A SUSSEX RINGER.

## THE LATE MR. WILLIAM MARKWELL'S MANY ACTIVITIES.

As already briefly reported, the Sussex County Association, and the Central Division in particular, has lost an old and valued member by the death of Mr. William Markwell, Henfield Church, and many organisations in connection with the life of this little Sussex town, will sadly feel his demise, for in many spheres he was an active and enthusiastic worker. In addition to being a ringer for many years, he had been vergar and sacristan for about eleven years. He was a member of the Communicants' Guild and of the C.E.M.S., which he had represented at various conferences. A visit to Bradford in this capacity had always been to him an interesting one, as he was able to take part in the ringing arranged for the delegates' special service. He was chairman of the Eardley Hall Memorial Institute, Lecture Master of the local lodge of the M.U. Oddfellows, and in various other ways he gave his help in the social affairs of Henfield. Early in January his health began to fail, and, despite all that could be done, he passed away on April 22nd at the age of 63 years.

He was the eldest son of Mr. James Markwell, of Wilburton, Combs, who was the captain of the Wilburton ringers for over 40 years. During that period the bells were rung by the family of Markwells, to commemorate which a tablet is being placed in Wilburton Church. In 1893 he came to Henfield to take up service with the late Canon Lowe, and it was not very long before he began to prove his worth in all matters ecclesiastical and social, and his passing will be a serious loss to the whole district.

On Sunday, April 25th, the bells at Henfield were rung muffled for the morning and evening services. For the evening service a touch of 1,008 of Stedman Triples was rung by C. Tyler 1, F. Parsons 2, E. Morey 3, F. Cruttenden 4, A. E. Baker 5, W. J. Alliss 6, G. Payne (conductor) 7, A. Hodges 8.

The funeral took place on Monday, April 26th, the service at St. Peter's Church being attended by a large congregation. The officiating clergy were the Vicar (Rev. R. J. Len) and the Rev. B. J. Boodle, M.A. The hymns chosen were 'Jesus lives' and 'Father of all.' With the singing of the Nunc Dimittis the procession, headed by the cross bearer, choir and clergy, wended its way to the cemetery, where again there was a large gathering of sympathisers. After the committal course of Stedman Triples (the deceased's favourite method) was rung on the handbells over the grave by C. Tyler, G. Payne, L. Payne and A. E. Baker.

The County Association was represented by Mr. John T. Rickman (Master), Mr. Keith Hart and Mr. Richard Stredwick.

The local hand was represented by Messrs. W. J. Alliss, S. Burt, A. Hodges, F. Parsons, E. and W. Morey, C. A. Barnes, E. Court, E. Lish and A. Trevatt.

Immediately after the funeral the visiting ringers, with Mr. Herbert Markwell (Tunbridge Wells), brother of deceased, joined the local ringers and assisted to ring muffled touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

## A VISIT TO SHEFFIELD.

On Easter Monday members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford paid a visit to Sheffield to attempt to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells. On arrival at the city station, the visitors were met by several of the Cathedral company, including Messrs. S. F. Palmer, J. Thorpe, F. Wilkey, A. Craven, P. A. Knights, and others. A delightful tram ride through the city to Norton Church, Derbyshire, was the first move, where a handy and musical ring of eight were soon turning over to the tune of Stedman Triples. Time did not permit of a long stay, and steps were turned towards the Angel Hotel, where a hot lunch was provided, through the kindness of the Rev. D. T. Sykes, M.A. (a former curate at St. Giles' Church, Willenhall). Mr. S. F. Palmer presided, and, in the name of the reverend gentleman (who was unavoidably absent) and the Cathedral company, gave the visitors a hearty welcome. At 2.30 the Cathedral bells—a noble ring of twelve—were set going to Stedman Cinques. Some good tapping was obtained up to the turning course, which alas! did not finish as it should have done. The hand stood thus: S. Elton 1, W. Biggin 2, H. Knight (conductor) 3, J. Perry 4, C. Wallater 5, A. J. Hughes 6, A. Craven 7, T. J. Elton 8, E. F. Mitchell 9, S. F. Palmer 10, P. A. Knights 11, J. Thorpe 12. A course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on the back eight as a wind-up for the day's tower bell ringing. Tea, at the Angel Hotel, was the next item, after which a pleasant evening was spent at the Museum Hotel, where handbells were brought into use.

Sincere thanks are tendered to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, to the Rev. D. T. Sykes for his hospitality, and the Cathedral company (especially Mr. S. F. Palmer, who made all necessary arrangements) for their entertainment.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****PROGRESS OF THE CATHEDRAL BELLS FUND.**

The annual meeting was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Favoured by fine weather, quite a goodly number of members put in an appearance, although ringing facilities in the city were again confined (as last year) to the two six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's. Through the kind offices of the Dean, who also gave the address, a special service was held in the Ringers' Chapel at the cathedral. This small chapel, on the walls of which are records, carefully restored, of the companies of ringers attached to the cathedral during the 17th century, was filled to overflowing with present-day ringers, who listened with the deepest interest to a short account of the history of this ancient portion of the cathedral, given by the Dean as the subject of his address.—A collection was made for the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund.

After service, a move was made to the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, where about a hundred members and friends sat down to tea, including both the Bishop and the Dean of Lincoln, patron and president of the Guild respectively.

The Bishop of Lincoln presided at the business meeting, supported on the platform by the Very Rev. the Dean, the Rev. H. Law James (Master) and Mr. F. F. Linley (vice-president and treasurer). All the officers were re-elected, as follows:—President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln; Master, the Rev. H. Law James; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley.

In proposing the re-election of the Dean as president, Mr. F. F. Linley offered to him the hearty congratulations of the Guild on his (the Dean's) 80th birthday a week earlier.—In replying, the Dean thanked the ringers for their good wishes, and especially those of them who had taken part in the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Washington on the previous Saturday in honour of the event.

Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, speaking on the Cathedral Memorial Bells Fund, said that, although he had been very pleased to see so many at the service, yet many more were present at tea than had been able to get up to the cathedral. He proposed that a collection be made in the room to enable those who had not been present at the service to contribute to the fund.—This was unanimously agreed to, and resulted in the welcome addition of £3 2s. 8d.—The Treasurer (Mr. Linley) stated that the collection at the service amounted to £3 10s. 7d., including a contribution sent by a member who was not able to be present, and thus a total of £6 13s. 3d. had been added during the day, leaving a balance of about £84 still required. He urged the Guild to make still further efforts during the year to complete this amount, so that the order for the new bells could be put in hand, and the full peal of twelve ready by the time the restoration of the cathedral was finished.

In closing the meeting, the Bishop of Lincoln said he was very sorry that the two eight-bell towers in the city were still closed for ringing. The position as to St. Peter-at-Archies' was very uncertain, as it was quite possible the church would be demolished in the near future, to make way for street improvements.—To this the Dean added that the reopening of the cathedral tower depended solely on the amount of work required to be done to complete the restoration of this tower. This could not be ascertained until the scaffolding was erected, but that would be commenced very shortly.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Bishop for presiding, to the Dean for arranging the service, and for his address, and to the incumbents of St. Peter-at-Gowt's, St. Botolph's and St. John's, Washington, for kindly placing their bells at the disposal of the Guild during the afternoon and evening.

**DEVON GUILD'S PROGRESS.**

In the annual report of the Devon Guild it is stated that 1925 was again a period of steady advance by the Guild, not so much in extension of its influence as in making good on existing ground. A total of 61 certificates were issued to performing members who had qualified. This showed that the system of organised instruction is having good results, and the branch reports fully bear this out. Four new hands joined during the year, making a total of 56, and there was evidence of great activity towards a higher and more conscientious standard. The peals rung comprised two of Grandsire Cutlers, seven of Grandsire Triples, three of Stedman Triples, and one of Kent Treble Bob Major, this latter being the first by a local hand for sixteen years.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

On Thursday, April 22nd, the bells of Conisborough Parish Church were rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Ruth E. Strawbridge (elder daughter of the Rev. W. A. Strawbridge, Vicar of Conisborough, and of Mrs. Strawbridge), and Mr. D. F. St. Ledger Gordon, of Sticklepath, Devon. In the evening, the bells were again rung, and a half-peal of Minor was brought round in 1 hr. and 27 minutes. It consisted of 720 Bob Minor and 1,800 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Sarsby 1, M. C. Fowler 2, O. Greathead 3, A. W. Gledstone 4, P. Gledstone 5, H. Walker (conductor) 6.

**SIMPSON-TUNING.****SUGGESTIONS FOR AN IDEAL RING.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the letters in your columns on the 'Five-tone Principle' of tuning bells, and am sorry that I shall miss the discussion of that question at the Central Council's meeting this year, which promises to be thoroughly engrossing. For my own part, I agree that the new system fairly well ensures a musical peal, but I do not think that the last word in this matter has by any means been said. Probably most of the founders will admit that further progress may yet be made towards perfection.

One criticism frequently made on bells so tuned always surprises me. Ringers are often heard to say that in 'Simpson-tuned' bells they hear too much of the overtones. My complaint is that they are heard too little. To my ear the triplicated octave so dominates the other harmonics that the third is not heard clearly enough. It has always seemed to me, from my earliest boyhood, that a strong, true third is the very making of bell music. The ideal bell will need to have this defect remedied.

Then again in actual practice the result of five-tone tuning appears to me much more satisfactory in large than in small bells. I have heard some magnificent heavy bells tuned on this principle, also some very musical middle-weight peals, but, of the light bells that I have heard, those tuned on old-fashioned lines sound decidedly the most pleasing. And for some reason, doubtless well known to the bell founders, five-tone tuning appears to produce disproportionately light triples.

Moreover, the whole question of correct harmonics may yet call for much further exploration. The system at present in favour is to produce three octaves with a Minor third and a Major fifth. Now, in the case of the great carillon for New York it was observed that tunos in a Minor key could be played with more satisfactory effect than those in the Major. The reason appears obvious. When a bell automatically sounds the Minor third of its keynotes, that overtone will clash with the Major third of the same note. Thus, if the carillonneur strike the chord of C major, with E natural as its third, the bell in C sounding the tonic of the chord inevitably sounds also E flat, which jars against the E natural.

But we as ringers are more concerned with the effect of harmonics in the case of bells rung in peal, where only one bell sounds at a time; yet the tones necessarily blend. The question may well be raised, whether even in the overtones any note should be introduced, which is foreign to the key, in which the bells are cast. Thus it may be that the ideal ring of bells in the natural key would not produce any sharps or flats. In an octave tuned on such a system, the treble, tenor, 4th and 5th would be tuned to the Major 3rd and 5th, the 3rd, 6th and 7th to the Minor third and Major fifth, the second alone to the Minor 3rd and Minor 5th. This suggestion may at least afford material for thought and discussion.

Let me conclude with all good wishes to your editorial self and all ringing friends in the British Isles.—Yours truly,

Cyprus, 21st April, 1926.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****PRESENTATION TO LATE CHAIRMAN OF READING BRANCH.**

The first quarterly meeting of the Reading branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Mortimer on Saturday, April 24th. The bells of both towers, St. Mary's and St. John's, were kept merrily going during the afternoon, and the service at St. John's was well attended, the preacher being the Vicar (the Rev. Beckwith), who gave a very appropriate address on St. Mary's bells, and mentioned records dating back to 1700.

Tea was served to a company of 48 at St. John's Hall: when all were seated, Mr. E. J. Foster, on behalf of the Reading branch, presented Mr. W. Pole Routh (late chairman of the branch) with a handsome pair of silver candlesticks, in recognition of the 15 years' service he had given as chairman of the branch.—Mr. W. Pole Routh was rather unprepared for this pleasing incident, and in acknowledging the gift said it was a great pleasure to have been chairman of the branch. He mentioned that it was the first occasion on which he had ever had a presentation made to him.

Full justice was done to the excellent tea, which was provided by much hard work on the part of Mr. H. Punter, who had collected the catables from various residents at Mortimer.

Mr. A. D. Cullum proposed, and Mr. H. Goodyer seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the beautiful service and for the use of the bells, and this was carried with acclamation.

Good touches of Stedman, etc., were then rung at both towers, until about 9 p.m. everyone agreeing it had been a very successful meeting.

**WARMINSTER WILTS.**—On Saturday, April 17th, at the Minster Church of St. Denys, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 53 minutes: Reg. Webb (first quarter-peal) 1 E. F. White 2, Jas. Gard 3, F. Precey 4, F. Ashworth 5, T. Holloway 6, W. E. Fletcher (conductor) 7, Ed. Marlow 8.

**DEATH OF A COLESHILL RINGER.****THE LATE MR. FREDERICK CLAYTON'S WORK.**

A gloom was cast over the Colehill district on Saturday, April 24th, by the sudden death of Mr. Frederick Clayton at the age of 54 years. A native of Worlingworth, Suffolk, he came to King's Norton, Birmingham, about the year 1896, at which place he became a prominent member of the local band, ringing in numerous peals for St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. He went to reside at Colehill about 20 years ago, and there held the position of honorary instructor to the local band on a peal of six bells. He formed several bands of ringers from absolutely raw material, as nothing but call changes had been attempted previous to his coming. His keenness in ringing matters was unbounded. He was one of those rare ringers, who was never known to arrive late at the tower. He was a stickler for men under his charge becoming members of the Warwickshire Guild and regular readers of 'The Ringing World.' His agitations for two trebles to make up a peal of eight were unceasing, and, through the generosity of the churchwarden (Mr. A. Piffeld), his desire was gratified on January 1st, 1924, when the trebles were installed. He set about the task of forming an eight-bell band with his usual vigour, from men who had never rung on a peal of eight. He now leaves a company capable of ringing Bob, Grandsire, St. Dunstan, Canterbury and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

Besides being connected with the ringing, Mr. Clayton took a large part in founding and developing the Colehill Town Brass Band.

The funeral took place at Colehill Parish Church on April 26th. The Archdeacon of Aston (Vicar of Colehill) officiated. The Colehill Town Band played Chopin's Funeral March on the way to the church. The bearers were six of the local ringers. The service in church was most impressive. The hymn 'On the Resurrection Morning' was rung, and the coffin was carried from the church to its last resting-place to the strains of 'The Dead March' in Saul, feelingly rendered by the organist (Mr. Sinclair Davey).

At the graveside the hymn 'Peace, Perfect Peace' was sung, accompanied by the Colehill Town Band.

Among the ringers present was Mr. B. W. Witchell, district secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, who was a friend of the late ringer for over 30 years. During the evening muffled touches were rung on Colehill bells.

**NEW PEAL AT PENSNETT.**

A new peal of eight bells was opened on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mark's, Pensnett, the bells having been erected to the memory of Mr. Fred E. Griffiths, J.P., C.C., a well-known and very philanthropic gentleman who resided in the above village.

The bells have been made by the well-known founders, Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Woodland Works, Grove Lane, Smethwick. It is very satisfactory to note that under new management the company maintained their reputation in executing the work, which has been carried out under the supervision of the new managing director, Mr. D. Meese. The architects were Messrs. Webb and Gray, Dudley.

The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Stafford, assisted by the Rev. Norman Edwards, M.A., Vicar of Pensnett, in the presence of a large and distinguished congregation. Amongst the ringers who opened the bells was Mr. T. Miller, of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

The company have a further contract for rehunging the peal of bells at Wordsley Church, which were rehung by them in 1892.

**A COMING-OF-AGE TOUCH.**

At Acton, Middlesex, on Wednesday, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): Robt. Fardon 1, Miss R. G. Hawksworth (first in the method) 2, G. M. Kilby 3, H. Kilby 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, C. V. Ebberson 6, F. Skevington 7, A. W. Coles (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the 'coming-of-age' of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, to whom the best wishes of the band were extended. The touch was accomplished subsequent to the unfortunate failure of a peal.

**A YOUTHFUL BAND.**

At St. Mary and All Saints' Church, Whalley, Lancashire, a band, including five youths of less than 19 years of age, rang their first six-bell extent on April 21st, a 720 Bob Minor being brought round by H. Hargreaves 1, B. Potts 2, T. Jackson (Exton) 3, H. J. Hoyle (conductor) 5, W. Proctor 6.

**EYNESBURY HUNTS.** — On Monday, April 19th, at the Parish Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. W. Hawkford 1, Miss C. Fields 2, S. J. Coleman 3, F. S. Bayley 4, G. D. Coleman (conductor) 5, H. Fields 6.

**SIMPSON-TUNING.****A STAFFORD EXPERIENCE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Keeble's letter is getting nearer the real source of trouble than any other. The experience we had at Stafford might be of interest to your readers. Owing to a few of the loud-speaking gentry objecting to new ideas, we had to be content with our bells tuned on the old principle and rebung. When the bells were taken out, the double floor with air-space between was removed, and a 2½-inch plank used in its place; the result was that calls could not be heard across the heltry in an ordinary voice, and there were general complaints about the howl of the bells inside and out. I mentioned this to the founder, and he suggested cutting off the clapper buffer, which was the cause. However, it was decided to put in a second floor, which entirely did away with the howl, and the clapper buffers are in use to-day.

Personally, I have always been convinced that, provided bells are properly founded, the chief trouble is in the tower. In the early days of 'The Ringing World' I suggested that all towers should work on the principle of the Venetian blind, so that during ringing they should point upwards, as I believe these to be the real conductors of sound. Ringers who have not yet done so should attend a lantern lecture on sound. They would be well repaid by doing so, and I am sure they would come away convinced that sound could be properly conducted.—  
Yours truly,  
J. J. TAYLOR.

**DUNMOW BELLS RESTORED.****TWO TREBLES SHORTLY TO BE ADDED.**

The restored ring of six bells in Dunmow Parish Church, Essex, were dedicated and reopened in the presence of a large congregation at a special service on Sunday, April 18th. The work, which has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, included recasting three of the bells, the retuning of the rest, and the re-hunging of the whole on ball bearings in a new steel frame. The cost of the work exceeded £700, all of which has been raised, and a sum of £50 is in hand towards adding two more bells at a cost of about £150 to complete the octave. A very generous response had been made to an appeal for subscriptions to the bell fund, some of the neighbouring villages contributing, for the sound of Dunmow bells had long been a welcome feature of the countryside, and a house-to-house collection in Dunmow yielded £68.

In the large congregation at the dedication were over 70 ringers from all parts of Essex, and some from beyond the county. The Rev. W. J. House, D.D., Vicar, who had taken a great interest in the restoration of the bells, officiated. The Rev. G. A. Campbell, Witham, gave the address (in the absence of the Bishop of Colchester owing to ill-health), and the Rev. J. Evans, Colchester, a former vicar of Dunmow, dedicated the bells in the ringing chamber. A few rounds were then rung on the bells by the Dunmow band, conducted by Mr. H. Smith. Immediately after the service the first touch was rung, being 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association. Subsequently the visiting ringers took part in ringing the bells. Col. T. Gibbons, D.S.O., J.P., was hon. treasurer to the bell fund. The work was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the bells are hung with ball bearings, and the tone and 'go' were the admiration of all who rang and heard them. The visiting ringers who took part included Mr. C. H. Howard, Master, and Mr. F. J. Pitslow, secretary Essex Association; Mr. C. T. Coles, secretary, Middlesex County Association; Mr. W. J. Nevard, Master, North-Eastern Division, Essex; Mr. E. J. Butler, secretary, South-Western Division; Mr. F. Clayton, Master, Northern Division; Messrs. W. and G. R. Pve, Romford; W. Keeble, FeCering; W. Elliott, Kelvedon; and H. E. Hammond and L. W. Wiffen, Braintree.

The collection for the Bells Fund, including a contribution of £2 1s. 2d. from the ringers, amounted to £17. Among the contributors were the local band, who gave £10, and put in a new floor, thus saving the Parish Church Council over £30. It is hoped the two trebles will be added before the end of the year. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Cambridge Surprise, Treble Bob, and various other methods, were rung. The work of restoration of the bells reflects great credit on the famous Loughborough firm.

When the octave is completed, Dunmow bells, with a tenor 21 cwt. 1 or 16 lb. in E natural, will rank among the most melodious in the Eastern Counties.

**A DATE TOUCH.**

On Tuesday, April 13th, at Kendal Parish Church, Cumberland, a date touch of Minor (1,926 changes), consisting of 436 and 720 Plain Bob and 720 Canterbury Pleasure, was rung in 1 hour 10 minutes: I. R. Todd 1, W. Aitkinson 2, W. Pichall 3, T. Haslam 4, T. J. Clement 5, E. Jennings (conductor) 6. This is the longest touch of Minor yet rung on the bells, which are 110 years old.

## ST. WERBURGH'S 'GEESE.'

St. Werburgh's day again arrives:  
Her Geese to Ipswich Town she drives.

Autolycus.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I know I am quite safe from being 'extincted,' though I may suffer from redundancy, as they don't use the battleaxe in Ipswich. In Rotherham they use the 'Cross Daggers,' in Blackburn they use the 'Cross Axes,' but in Ipswich they use the Halberd: an ancient and honourable, though clumsy weapon; but, as used in Ipswich, a very delightful one, and I have passed some pleasant hours in the use of it. So the Halberd for mine, sir, every time; such a fine old English tone about it, peopled as it is by ye shades of Motts and Prentice and Catchpole, not forgetting dear old Harry Howell, who said so little and thought so much and rang so well. To sit and commune with shades like theirs is a treat which amply repays any good ringer for his trouble in journeying to Ipswich Town. That's the place to get a five-toned 'thurst' adjusted. And you but give Simon the Cellarer of the Halberd the job, by the time your five tones are in harmony, corrected with all the world, you won't have a grumble left for the flat seventh, nor e'en a care, 'at peace with all the world' will be your slogan. So just call in there on your way to the meeting, my merry disciples of Saint Werburgh and St. Maturin; 't will save you much breath. Ah, yes—I know what it means now: Ye Ancient Halberd, Ipswich Town, a Council Meeting—what a combination! Could Gray but have known how apt an illustration of 'far from the madding crowd,' this year to sit in ye Halberd in sweet commune, what time ye Council sits elsewhere in solemn conclave. Yes, take them away, good Saint Werburgh, Shepherd them to their seats, to split hairs (and infinitives) over their paltry 'names for methods,' and, good Saint Werburgh, please ask your flock to tell me, is it the names we ring, or only the methods? I begin to have my doubts as to whether or not my ringing has been properly learnt, but there, ye shade of good Harry Howell consoles me with the information that those who are clever enough to tell us whether or not a method is correctly named will surely put my mind at rest on so small a matter.

But, what say you, good sir? let's form a committee to decide the matter, and sit, perforce, in Ye Halberd. And, by the way, perhaps good Oliver Cromwell (who represents Brum) will point out to those interested that 'The Press' never have ridiculed our names for methods. What the press has done—say, is still doing—is to expose its own ignorance and bumptious conceit. 'The Press' thinks, that, being ringers, we must perforce be illiterate, and that, when we publish 5040 of Grandsire Triples or Bob Major, we have omitted, through our lack of education, to make the matter plural. So they, of their benevolence, thinking to do us a kindness, supply the s. I recently had the pleasure of pointing out to a pressman that Major and Grandsire, like press and sheep, were both singular and plural, and that, though I knew the difference between Major and Grandsire (as defined by the Central Council), I had not as yet discovered the difference between press and sheep. I should like good Oliver to demand a Roland — let our committee give us a real example of 'press ridicule' of our method names, and when he gets it, he can tell them to 'Take that Bauble away.' The press but emphasise the fact that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, making themselves look very silly in the eyes of all good ringers, for, after all, 't is us who get the best laugh when we read their paltry piffle. Though, of course, if one must be thin skinned enough to take every shaft to heart you can see a bogey behind every tree, and it always is the man of least import who fancies that the world has little else to do but gibe at his vain carcase.

Yes, good Dame Werburgh, marshal them to their nests, don't spare your switch, parade the dear old Simpson-cum-Carillon bogey for their delectation; won't they just straighten their necks and preen their feathers over such a momentous question.

But really, sir, there is no need for the dear things to moult a single feather, as Simpson-tuning sings its own requiem. After about three decades the champion of all the 'so-called' Simpson Howlers will have howled his last despairing howl, and be relegated to the category of things 'as used ter be'—the limbo of all good dye pans. So why let your flock be turned into disgruntled dyspeptics over such puffing fads, such theist's whims? They'll fatten far better on 'register of compositions grass,' some good, some green and some luscious.

And as to carillons—well, a light ring of six is the best—that the majority of country parishes can afford: a carillon, such as that at Loughborough, is only within the reach of very few towns, and the pitiful struggles of the gravedigger, who tried to delight the rustics with his version of 'The Tales of Hoffman,' would soon put the average parishioner off his church going for a spell. And could one imagine a 'Bristol Surprise Ringer' trying airily with St. Botolph's carillon and broad-casting 'The Pilgrim's Song' down Bishopsgate the morning after—well, 'the night before.' I know him, sir, and I think not. No, we Brits, so heastly insular, of such phlegmatic temperaments, like a bit of vim behind our call to worship (and some require dynamite,

I regret to say). Not, as one writer put it, 'the plaintive strains of the carillon stealing at twilight o'er the meads of the low countries.' That wouldn't suit a rugged land (of 'ruggeded' ringers) like ours.

But the most powerful nail in the carillon coffin is the fact that real change ringing makes work for the founders, at any rate in this country, and they know full well that there is good money made out of recasting and rehanging rings of bells that have been well handled by good change ringers; they know that as soon as they fill our towers with carillons the plums of their trade are all pulled. Who ever heard of carillons wanting rehanging even once in a century? So put your flock to sleep, good Saint Werburgh, tuck them warmly into their basket, to invent in their dreams a few fresh bogies for next year's seance, and tell them—

We've shooed away that Simpson howl;  
The Carillon Spectre's dropped his cowl,  
We've shelved that nomenclature mess;  
So kiss them all ' Good-night: God bless'—

SAMIWELL.

for

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Stafford on April 17th, attended by a fairly good muster of members. A short service was conducted by the Rev. I. O. Johnson, who also gave an address. He apologised for the absence of the Rector (the Rev. Lionel Lambert), but in his name he welcomed his hearers to the county town.

Tea was provided at the Gresham Restaurant, after which the question was raised with regard to a memorial to the late William Rock Small. It was explained that the window which is to be put in St. Martin's Church, Tipton, and unveiled on Saturday, May 22nd, is to be done by the family of the late veteran. A suggestion was made that a brass tablet might be erected by subscription from the members of the society, and it was eventually decided to leave the question open till the annual meeting, which is provisionally arranged to take place at Lichfield on June 19th.

The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, etc., were brought home. A course of Cambridge Surprise Major unfortunately came to grief, when nearly home, through indisposition of one of the band.

## MR. JOHN CARTER'S 72ND BIRTHDAY.

On Friday, April 30th, Mr. John Carter, the well-known ringer and composer, reached his 72nd birthday, and in honour of the event, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes, composed by Mr. Carter) was rung at St. Clement Danes', Church, Strand, by F. G. Newman 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, C.S.M. J. Bennett 5, J. C. Doel 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, E. A. Young 8.

Mr. Young very kindly conveyed the best wishes of the band to Mr. Carter, who is lying seriously ill at his house at Honor Oak Park. The band desire to thank Messrs. F. W. H. Sergison, F. G. Symonds and E. F. Pike, who came to avoid meeting short, but did not ring.

Mr. Carter received callers and letters, including one from the College Youths.

## MR. WALTER PRIME'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

One of the best known and most respected of London ringers, Mr. Walter Prime has just celebrated his golden wedding. Mr. Prime has had a long association with the College Youths (of which he is one of the trustees) and St. Paul's Cathedral, where he has rung the tenor to a peal single-handed.

In celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Prime's wedding jubilee a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, for evening service on Sunday, April 25th: J. Bullock (conductor) 1, C. Choout 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. Green 4, A. E. Darvell 5, E. C. Russell 6, E. Brett 7, J. S. Hawkins 8.

## RAILWAYMEN'S PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' of April 30th, a peal of Double Norwich Major rung at Chippenham, Wilts. and published, 'believed to be the first peal of Double Norwich by a band of railwaymen.' I would point out that eight members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, all of whom were railwaymen employed by the old L. and N.W. Railway, rang a peal of Double Norwich at Tarnorley, Cheshire, on June 11th, 1921.—Yours truly, J. H. RIDING.

## THE IPSWICH GATHERING.

In the event of the railway service returning to normal by Monday next, the arrangements for the Central Council meeting at Ipswich on Whitsun Tuesday will stand.

**MANCHESTER RINGER'S DEATH.**

The death occurred, on Monday, April 5th, at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, of Mr. William Hy. Cooper, after only a very brief illness. Deceased, who was 54 years of age, had been a member of the choir for many years, and a regular ringer for 25 years or more at St. John's Church, Dean's Gate. He was always considered a safe man and a good striker. He had rung in some 33 peals, including Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal.

The interment took place at the Southern Cemetery on Thursday, April 8th, when the mortal remains were borne to the grave by members of the R.A.O.B., of which he was a member.

Among those present at the graveside were ringers and their wives, representing the following towers: St. John's, Town Hall, St. Thomas', Pendleion; the Sacred Trinity, Salford; and Christ Church, West Didsbury.

**INFORMATION WANTED.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am giving a lecture on June 19th on 'Bells and Bell Ringers,' and would be pleased to receive any interesting information from any ringer or association secretary as to notable peals, historical or curious events, ladies' guilds and branches, and the number of members, humorous events, curious inscriptions or epitaphs, etc.—

Yours truly,  
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**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.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 2nd, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. H. Hollier 1, W. H. Wood 2, J. Driver 3, H. Belcher 4, A. Cutmore 5, D. Stevens (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells) 6, F. Skewington (conductor) 7, H. Folkard 8, A. Harden 9, P. Norton 10.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Ridout 1, F. Millard (first quarter-peal) 2, T. Ford 3, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 4, H. Morgan 5, G. Day 6, J. Hammond 7, J. W. Jones 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: Robt. Holloway 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, Miss R. Hawksworth 4, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 5, C. Ebberson 6, R. Thompson 7, A. Harding 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On Sunday, April 18th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes): B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, Miss N. Grassby 3, J. Coles 4, G. Hobbins 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of the Dean of Lincoln.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: A. Wood 1, P. Massam 2, H. Ward 3, H. Jones 4, G. Copley 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and first 720 as conductor.—Also, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: T. Ward 1, E. Ward 2, P. Massam 3, A. Wormald 4, G. Copley 5, T. W. Strangeways (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

DERBY.—On Sunday, April 11th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Alkmund, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Waterfield 1, P. Tate 2, G. Freebrey (conductor) 3, C. Draper 4, W. Slater 5, G. H. Robinson, jun., 6, G. H. Robinson, sen., 7, J. Garner 8. Rung on the occasion of the appointment of Mr. G. H. Robinson, sen., to the office of Vicar's warden, he being a much-respected member of the local company.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, April 18th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: Miss F. Hawksford 1, Miss C. Fields 2, L. J. Flint 3, F. S. Bayley (conductor) 4, G. D. Coleman 5, S. J. Coleman 6, H. Fields 7, C. L. Jones 8.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—For a men's special service, on Sunday, April 18th, 1,440 of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: W. H. Poole 1, J. Furlong 2, C. J. Brackley 3, J. Leggett 4, H. Turner (conductor) 5, W. Leggett 6. Longest length of Minor by the ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERRLAND.—On Sunday, April 18th, for evening service, at Christ Church, 1,260 changes Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Gray 1, J. Robertson 2, A. Tully 3, J. E. Scott 4, E. A. Hern (conductor) 5, G. Dix 6, E. Gosden 7, A. Scaife 8. First quarter-peal in method by ringers of 1, 2, 7 and 8.

BRANCHLEY, KENT.—On Sunday morning, April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. H. Sone (Linton) 1, Mrs. H. Baker (Frittenden) 2, S. Driver (Blacklands, Hastings) 3, J. Downing (Blacklands, Hastings) 4, H. Baker (Frittenden) 5, T. E. Sone (Paddock Wood) 6, J. Wheadon (Branchley) 7, F. M. Mitchell (Milton-next-Gravesend) 8. Composed and conducted by T. E. Sone.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, April 11th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. H. Lambert 1, F. Burden 2, W. Wenban 3, Mrs. Baker 4, S. Driver 5, J. Downing (conductor) 6, H. Baker 7, A. Blackman 8.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, April 11th, at St. George's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Thirkell 1, W. H. Lambert 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, H. Baker 4, S. Driver 5, J. Downing (conductor) 6, W. Wenban 7, B. Goldsmith 8. Messrs. Downing and Driver are from Hastings.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday April 11th, at evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Roberts, late choirmaster of St. John's Church, Ruardean: L. Nelmes 1, J. Harper, sen., 2, J. Harper, jun., 3, G. Wilks 4, H. Reid 5, J. Bishop 6, W. Bishop (conductor) 7, H. Meek 8.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), at St. Thomas's Church, in 46 mins.: N. Clark (first quarter-peal) 1, J. North 2, I. Bryant 3, J. Roberts 4, R. Stiles 5, B. McKie (conductor) 6. All ringers belong to local band.

**NOTICES.**

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 47th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 24th 1926. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral with address by the Bishop or Colchester. 12.15 p.m., meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30 p.m., Lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street, members 2/- each. 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 18th.—F. J. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry at 11 a.m., service at All Saints' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon and business meeting at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m. Application for lunch tickets, with remittance (2/6) must be made to Mr. T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton, on or before Monday, May 17th. Towers available: Kingsthorpe (6) from 10 to 11.30 a.m., St. Peter's (8) from 10 to 11.45 a.m., All Saints' (8), St. Giles' (10) and St. Edmund's (8) throughout the day.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec. (pro tem.) Geddington, near Kettering.

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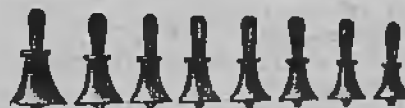
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### THE NORFOLK GUILD.

The annual report of the Norfolk Guild for 1925 is hardly encouraging reading, for it chronicles a 'stationary' position, with a reduction in membership, a slight financial loss on the year, and a considerable drop in the number of peals rung. Compared with the report of 1924, there appears to be a net loss of 49 performing members resident in the county. It is true that if non-resident and other life members be included the figures show a reduction of only 30—that is serious enough—but it is disturbing to find that from one reason or another fifty ringers within the borders of the county have been lost to the Guild in 12 months. Taken in conjunction with the reduction of 25 peals, it looks as if there is a waning interest, and this is emphasised by the fact that, although the Guild is divided into about a dozen districts, only two district meetings were held during the year. It is not surprising, therefore, that the report draws the attention of district secretaries and members to this lack of activity, and commends the matter to their earnest attention.

Apparently the organisation needs overhauling. Districts are of no use unless they are made centres of activity, and secretaries who are merely officials in name are equally unnecessary. It may be that those who occupy these positions in the Norfolk Guild are awaiting a lead in the matter of bringing their members together in district meetings; if so, they have that lead in the appeal made to them in the report. There is, among ringers, far too much of that spirit which leaves things to others, and an association does not fulfil its proper functions if it neglects to provide opportunities for the meeting of its members. It is obvious that three general meetings a year for an association of the size of the Norfolk Guild can in no way be said to be adequate, and it is little wonder that the report regrets that in 1925 they were all very poorly attended. The fault may not be all with the district secretaries, and perhaps their hands would be strengthened if the rules of the Guild were made to provide for, say, two meetings in each district per annum. So far as the rules are at present framed, they do not even recognise the existence of districts, except to say that district secretaries shall be members of the general committee, and it would materially strengthen the position if periodical district meetings were also provided for by rule. It is recognised by all associations who have divided into districts that by far the best method of creating and maintaining interest is the holding of frequent district meetings, and what has proved successful elsewhere would doubtless prove of equal value in Norfolk in reviving a flagging interest and renewing that vigorous support for which the annual report makes an urgent appeal.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 6
WILLIAM HOWE ... .. 2	CHARLES G. GLASS ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... .. 3	ERNEST W. MARSH ... .. 8
TOM G. BARTLETT ... .. 4	ALFRED G. BETTS ... .. 9
ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... .. 5	WILLIAM ACREMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5010 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

W. GRUNDY ... .. Treble	W. JONES ... .. 5
S. HARRISON ... .. 2	F. GRUNDY ... .. 6
J. FREEMAN ... .. 3	J. POTTER ... .. 7
S. JAMES ... .. 4	A. BURTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. GRUNDY.

First peal as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Norman Allen and Miss Ethel Derbyshire, daughter of Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, chief ringer of this church. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Derbyshire for their kind hospitality after the peal. The ringer of the 4th hails from Swinton, 7th and tenor from Walkden.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS BENNEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 5
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	JAMES H. RUMLEY ... .. 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4	ALFRED JOYCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prime, and the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Langdon, and the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Attwater.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Treble	JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 5
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

SHEPESHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS IDA B. THOMPSON ... Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 6
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
† PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. 4	* ARTHUR GAMBLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The above peal was specially arranged for Miss I. B. Thompson, it being her first peal in the method, first peal on eight and first attempt. \* First peal (age 18). † 100th peal. 50th peal as conductor.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5154 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HORAM ... .. 5
MRS. WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 2	JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 6
MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 3	TOM WILDE ... .. 7
ALFRED BARNES ... .. 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 5
JOHN PERRY ... .. 2	JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 6
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	BENJAMIN DALTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung on the Festival of SS. Philip and James.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES WINSER ... .. Treble	*VICTOR JARRETT, R.E. ... Treble
*PHILLIP SPRINGHAM ... .. 2	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 6
CHARLES NORRIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 7
*HARRY SPRINGATE ... .. 4	*EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. HAIGH.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. Rung for the silver wedding of the Rev. F. Wiltshire, and as a birthday compliment to P. R. Belsey and V. Jarrett. First peal of Oxford on the bells and rung at the first attempt.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*MRS. F. SEAGER ... .. Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 5
*THOMAS WILCOCK ... .. 2	FRED DIXON ... .. 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 7
HERBERT HAIGH ... .. 4	*ARTHUR TROTTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

\* First peal. Great credit is due to these young ringers for the manner in which they rang. The peal was rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the conductor.

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5080 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb.

JACK JUDGE ... .. Treble	MADRICK SMITH ... .. 5
WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM STONE ... .. 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 3	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 7
CYRIL BENNETT ... .. 4	THOMAS IMPRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 3, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COTBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Treble	JAMES W. TRAPPITT, JUN. ... 5
*MISS A. DONNISON ... .. 2	BERT N. NEWSON ... .. 6
EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
JOSEPH E. KEEN ... .. 4	FREDERICK SHERATON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER

\* First peal in the method on an inside bell. This peal was arranged for the ringers of 5 and 6, who hail from Croydon. This composition contains the 6th the extent in all positions, being at home the last 12 course ends.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	*WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 5
*ALBERT HARRISON ... .. 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
CLEMENT MORE ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal in the method.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

DANIEL COOPER ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 5
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 2	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 6
ALFRED L. BROWN ... .. 3	*JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 7
ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 4	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Treble	*JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 5
MISS FRED A. ORR ... .. 2	AMOS CLARK ... .. 6
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells.

BLETCHLEY,

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HARRY VALENTINE SEAR ... Treble	†FREDERICK J. STONTON ... 5
HARRY SEAR ... .. 2	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 6
JOHN MEAD ... .. 3	WALTER SEAR ... .. 7
WILLIAM MEAD ... .. 4	FREDERICK WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by HARRY SEAR.

\* First peal and son of the conductor. † First peal in the method.

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BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, May 10, 1926, in Three Hours & Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS BEVAN ... .. Treble	HENRY E. COX ... .. 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. LLEWELLYN ... .. 6
JOHN PARK ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 4	ROBERT SOMMERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal on 8 bells. † First peal of Triples on inside bell.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 2	REGINALD I. ROWN ... .. 6
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH AND DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR (SPLICED), 6152 CHANGES;

Being 2,560 of Double Norwich and 2,592 of Double Oxford.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BOND ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first time these two methods have been rung spliced.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 6
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES CARTER. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Treble	RICHARD J. JACKSON ... .. 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	WILLIAM COPE ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	ALFRED G. GRANT ... .. 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 4	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age, on May 11th, of the ringer of the 2nd, brother of the conductor; also as a compliment to N. S. Bagworth, whose 19th birthday occurred on the same date. The conductor's 100th peal on tower bells.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, for Ascension Eve service, on May 12th, 1,184 Guildford Surprise Major, in 47 mins.: H. Burdock 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. T. Scott 3, R. Philpots 4, J. A. Cole 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

PERRY HARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES COITRELL ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 6
JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the Guild. Rung at the first attempt.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6
GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
JAMES FLEETY ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt. 22 lb. in C.

JOHN LEE ... .. Treble	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 5
ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6
JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. 7
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* 100th peal. First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells. The conductor (a minor) is assumed to be the youngest ringer to ring a bell of this weight to a peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE  
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

A. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	C. MORGAN ... .. 4
C. N. TEMPLE ... .. 2	T. LADE ... .. 5
W. V. COWLEY ... .. 3	A. HARRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. LADE.

First peal by all except the conductor.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS ADAMS ... .. Treble	VICTOR GOATCHER ... .. 4
*FREDERICK TURRELL ... .. 2	HARRY TORRELL ... .. 5
GEORGE WARNETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM DENMAN, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. DENMAN.

\* First peal on a bob bell.

BRINKWORTH, WILTS.—On Saturday, April 17th, on the occasion of the monthly meeting of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, the following rang the first 720 of Bob Minor on the recently augmented peal of 6 bells: E. Bishop 1, A. W. Bond 2, H. Wheeler 3, S. Palmer 4, H. W. Bishop 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6. Tenor about 1 ton.

**HARROLD, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

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

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

WILLIAM SHARP ... .. Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 4
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 2	AMOS SMART ... .. 5
WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

**MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, May 11, 1926, in Two Hours & Forty Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,**

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

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

HARRY PROUT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 4
FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

\* First peal of Minor inside. First peal on the bells.

**HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE ... .. 2	* EDWARD BARKER ... .. 5
* BENJAMIN HAMMOND ... 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* First peal in five methods. First peal on the bells. The conductor's 50th peal.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, May 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 16 lb. in B flat.

MISS FRED A. ORR ... Treble	JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 4
MISS E. E. CHAPMAN ... 2	* THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5
† FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor by all. Cambridge Royal, Major and Minor have now been rung on these bells.

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

*On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6600 CHANGES;**

Consisting of Plain Bob, Extreme and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

A. NORMAN GEARY ... Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 3
JOSEPH NORTON ... .. 2	ERNEST H. DYER ... .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The longest peal on 5 bells by the M.C.A.

**YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

**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.

* D. LOCKWOOD ... .. Treble	G. BAILBY ... .. 4
W. STEGGALL ... .. 2	F. HAYWARD ... .. 5
† H. DAY ... .. 3	D. WHITING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since they were relung by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye.

**COUND, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

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

Being 10 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure and 10 six scores of Plain Bob, each called in four different ways, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Stedman, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

G. LEONARD HEWITT ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 4
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 3	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

First peal in four methods by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 4th. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Arranged and rung as a bi-centenary celebration of the casting of the bells, which were cast in 1726 by Abraham Rudhall, and have recently been relung and tuned by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY OF  
SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**

*On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

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

In four methods, viz., 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS IDA B. THOMPSON ... Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 4
FRED BLOOD ... .. 2	WALTER WHITE ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. WHITE ... .. 3	FRED W. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung on the second anniversary of the induction of the Rector (the Rev. Alan Chaplin), who congratulated the ringers at the conclusion of the peal.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

CAMBRIDGE.

**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Monday, May 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

**IN TRINITY COLLEGE,**

**A PEAL OF ROB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 5-6
REV. A. H. BOGHEY (Trin.) 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by S. H. WOOD.  
First peal as conductor.

**MR. P. PRICE'S CENTURY.**

The one hundred peals of Mr. P. Price, of Beeston, Notts, rung in four counties and 22 towers:—

Kent Treble Bob Minor 2, Grandsire Triples 7, Stedman Triples 18, Bob Major 5, Little Bob Major (6.720) 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 18, Oxford Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich Major 10, Superlative Surprise Major 15, Norfolk Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, London Surprise Major 1 (conducted 1), Grandsire Caters 4, Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Caters 4, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 4, total 100 (conducted 1).

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### THE CRITICISMS OF CRITICUS.

'THE RINGING WORLD' IS MISSED.—THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND NOMENCLATURE. — A WORD ON SIMPSON TUNING.

There were several things about the Strike that I didn't like from the selfish point of view. I didn't like walking to business instead of jumping on my customary bus; I didn't like it when my wife told me one day that she had not been able to get any butter and that I must eat margarine. And there were other minor things I didn't like, but the thing I liked least of all was the absence of my morning and evening newspapers, and when 'The Ringing World' failed to appear it was really a black Friday for me. For I don't know how many years, this faithful friend had never failed me on Friday morning. It came as regularly as breakfast that day, but twice now it has absented itself at the appointed hour, and I feel lost. But perhaps this hold-up of the ringers' own weekly may serve one good purpose—it may help to impress upon the unthinking something of the outlook for the Exercise if it had no newspaper to further its interests and keep us all in touch with the doings of the rest of the fraternity throughout the world. For instance, no one knew whether Saturday's meetings were on or off; whether any peals had been rung or not; nor even whether the Guilds had 'called out' their members at the behest of the T.U.C., or whether we were to remain 'in' when it came to a question of discharging public services. Failing official instructions, our little band stuck to their job, so that it was unnecessary to call in volunteers. In that way we may even have saved life, for volunteers might have hanged themselves had they tried to handle the ropes—thus may we consider ourselves heroes!

But, what is to happen to the Central Council? We are all waiting anxiously to know whether the august assembly is to meet at Whitsun, and, without our journal, how are we to hear? I am penning these lines in the hope that 'The Ringing World' will again see the light in a few days, and that our Parliament will be able to sit in dignified session at Ipswich. At the time of writing we have not seen the agenda, and we can only guess at a few of the things they are going to talk about. Anyhow, there are in two of the subjects more than enough to fill out the available time unless the President lays down a time limit for the speakers. Nomenclature and Simpson tuning are enough in themselves to fill the bill. But, on second thoughts, why need they waste a lot of time to the exclusion of other business? Both these subjects have been long under discussion in the Exercise. Every member has, therefore, had time to consider his views, and, one may hope, to make up his mind. Therefore, why make a lot of unnecessary speeches? Here is a hint to the members to save boring one another. If everyone has to make a speech in the hope of converting the opposition to his views, the stay in Ipswich will have to be extended to a week. This might be very nice for the members, but what would those associations say who have to pay the expenses? But don't let me say anything that will seem like putting a wet blanket on the 'show.' We may look for a lively debate on both these topics, and if we were robbed of it we, who have to be content with reading the reports, will lose a great deal of entertainment if not of enlightenment.

Nomenclature is a very thorny subject. Some people

object to the change, merely because it is change; 'What was good enough for father and grandfather is good enough for me,' is the attitude of not a few ringers. Others find a ground of legitimate objection to certain of the suggested alterations, and these are the obstacles which the committee will have to be prepared to meet. What the majority of ringers quarrel with is not the fact that curious and inappropriate names have come down to us from past generations, but that a committee of the Council should have endeavoured to extend and perpetuate them. Our forefathers had their funny little ways, just as we have ours, and if Mr. Woodcock liked to call a method his 'Delight' it is no worse than Mr. John Carter calling a method his 'Principle.' If someone rang the first 720 of a new method on Trinity Sunday, and liked to commemorate it by calling it by that name, we need not quarrel much about it, but why go round the garden looking for names which, while quite charming in their own setting, are really entirely out of place in their application to ringing matters? If the committee cannot get all their proposed changes through, they should concentrate on amending the absurd category of names which have been bestowed upon some of the methods which were unnamed until the Peals Analysis Committee got down to the job. Ringers in these days don't want more ridiculous names added to their vocabulary, but it must not be overlooked that, if the principle of permitting ringers to name the methods which they first ring is admitted, it will be difficult now to change some of those which the Analysis Committee found for those in the Minor Collection, because they have since been rung and the ringers claimed the titles. But there's going to be a fight over these names, if I read the signs aright, and I am looking forward to perusing the debates, as I am sure thousands of others are.

And then there will be the Simpson tuning debate. Those who have a liking for the old methods of tuning will doubtless fight for the principle to the last ditch, but I don't think they will really be able to stem the progress in the art of tuning—I am not sure whether it is right to use the word 'progress,' it is probably the Irishman's backward progress, for is not Simpson tuning older than change ringing itself? The Dutchmen, or whatever they were called, practised it under another name three hundred years ago. Perhaps we have not yet reached the stage of perfection in bell tuning, but this every open-minded ringer must, I think, admit, that peals of bells tuned harmonically are infinitely superior to those tuned on the old happy-go-lucky methods. We talk of some of the fine old bells which are left to us—they are usually to be found singly and seldom in complete rings—but do they not possess their fine qualities largely because by a happy chance they come very near to a harmonically-tuned bell? One thing is quite certain, however, that to get the best out of Simpson tuned bells, they need to be rung slowly. The anxiety on the part of some ringers to ring quick peals must be curbed on Simpson tuned bells if the best is to be got out of the ringing. Simpson-tuned bells rung fast are the cause of that jangle of sound, and probably the howling of which we hear so much complaint. And that being the case, why do not the founders hang the bells right out, instead of tucking them up in the stocks, and add slightly larger wheels? This would help to slow down the pace of those who are out for the quickest peal ever. But, for the Central Council to think of con-

demning modern tuning — well, it is likely to be as effective as the old lady's broom when she endeavoured to keep the sea back with it. The endeavour to preserve the fine old peal at Coventry was of course entirely another matter. The effort there was highly commendable, because here was a ring of bells of exceptional quality condemned to the melting-pot to make way for a chime, and the justification of the Council's action is to be found in the fact that the scheme was eventually amended so that ten of them can be utilised as a ringing peal if and when a suitable tower is provided. That is hardly likely in our time, but to have gained so much is all to the good, and, what is more, the Exercise owes a great deal to the efforts of Mr. C. F. Johnston in his long endeavour to have the new bells hung for ringing. Whatever views the Exercise held, they now know that the founders went to unusual lengths to secure a ringable peal for Coventry, and the compromise is something at least to be thankful for.

CRITICUS.

**SENSATIONAL BELFRY TRAGEDY!**

Simpson-tuning, writes 'I. P.,' is alone responsible for a shocking accident which happened in the bellchamber of St. Mary's, Ilkeston, recently. While a party of visitors, interested in Simpson-tuning, were inspecting this noble peal—which were in the inverted position—the sexton, unaware of anyone being above, pulled off the tenor bell. The dramatic event was followed by heartrending and terrible screams. The spectators were horrified to see the monster swing round, tearing away at one fell sweep a right arm and left leg completely from the body. The latter was in turn hurled with great violence to and fro against the solid masonry of the tower, with sickening thud.

The sexton, hearing the panic-stricken cries, with superhuman effort, brought the bell to a standstill. With alacrity the terrified visitors, trembling in every limb, struggled to the rescue, across the massive framework. Reverently, with tender care, they lifted from the bottom of the bell pit all that remained of the torn and dismembered body of the steeplekeeper's overalls!

**SALISBURY GUILD SECRETARY IN THE EAST**

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, during March, paid a visit to Jerusalem, where he had the privilege of taking an official part in a historic service. Near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is an old church long disused, and now underground, with another built over it. It is said to date from the eighth century, or earlier, and to have been used by the Knights of St. John at the time of the Crusades. On the occasion of the recent pilgrimage of that Order to the Holy City this ancient building was again furnished for divine worship, and at the invitation of the Bishop of Jerusalem, who celebrated the Holy Communion, in the presence of Lord Plumer and a large attendance of knights and ladies, Mr. Edwards took part in the first service held there for some seven centuries.

The Archbishop of the ancient Church of Cyprus, founded by St. Paul and St. Barnabas, has accepted from Mr. Edwards a short poem, 'In Praise of Cyprus,' written in classical Greek, and has caused it to be published in a Greek newspaper.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Maidstone district was held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 17th. St. Michael's tower also being open for visiting ringers. Members attended from most of the towers in the district, also from Ashford, Canterbury, Rochester, and Tonbridge districts, no fewer than 26 towers being represented. Service was conducted by the Rev. R. Sinclair, who gave an interesting address. Mr. W. E. Pitman presided at the organ.

Tea was provided at the Palace Tea Rooms, 83 members being present.

At the business meeting, Mr. C. H. Sone was re-elected hon. district secretary, and Messrs. G. Pound and L. Head district representatives. Fifteen new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hunton, and the half-yearly meeting at Leeds.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**—On Wednesday, April 7th, a 720 Bob Minor: \*R. French 1. \*E. Wilkinson 2, C. Leman 3, S. Hoare 4, H. Hodgetts 5, P. W. Brinklow (conductor) 6. \* First 720 in the method.

**LEICESTER.**—On April 9th, at St. Margaret's, 720 Bob Minor: \*J. Grant 1. \*D. Grant 2, E. Morris (conductor) 3, G. S. Morris 4, J. Morris 5, R. F. Elkington 6. \* First 720 in the method.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association should note that the Whit-Monday meeting at West Hartlepool has been postponed.

The announcement that the Central Council meeting would stand was broadcast by the B.B.C. on Monday evening.

Reports of peals rung on Whit-Monday should be posted to us the same night.

Eighty years ago last Tuesday Thurstans' famous peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the first time. This peal is one of the most interesting compositions in the art, and was the consummation of years of striving and rivalry between composers, particularly at Birmingham. Thurstans, Cooper, Lates, Day and Johnson, all competent to do justice to the subject, were turning their attention to this method. The rivalry was especially keen between Thurstans and Lates, both of whom previously had peals on the same plan, but with special singles to couple up the parts.

The composition was first rung at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, by St. Martin's Youths, and conducted by Henry Johnson, who had had the figures in his possession for some months before it was actually rung. The story of the evolution of this peal is really a very interesting one, and it may be read in Snowdon's 'Stedman.'

On May 18th, 1883, Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, called the famous peal of 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram-in-Longendale.

In view of the fate of Coventry bells, now being, or shortly to be, recast, it is interesting to recall that on May 20th, 1780, a peal of 5,220 Tittom Bob Royal was rung on them by St. Martin's Youths.

To-day is the anniversary of the 13,054 Stedman Caters rung at Cheltenham in 1888.

The first peal of Stedman Triples rung outside Norwich was achieved at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, London, on May 22nd, 1799.

The opening of the bells at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, New South Wales, took place on May 27th, 1862.

## NORFOLK GUILD.

### MORE LIFE WANTED.

In the annual report of the Norfolk Guild, at the completion of its 48th year of existence, it is stated that the revised list of 785 members and the small balance of £3 15s. 9d. each show a small reduction upon last year's figures. The peals in 1925 were 61, against 66 in 1924. The three general meetings were very poorly attended, and all members really interested in the welfare of the Guild are urged to a realisation of the necessity for more vigorous support and recruiting. With the large membership that support could readily be obtained if the members would only remember the claims of the Guild due from them for carrying on its objects; the recognition of church bell ringers as office holders in the Church; the promotion of scientific change ringing. In an area covering nearly the whole of Norfolk, general meetings were of little use to the districts, obviously so, on the score of expense and distance; therefore, if they were to be a live Guild, it was imperative that members in the districts should have district and combined practice meetings more frequently than hitherto. During the past year they had had only two district meetings, both of which were satisfactory in point of attendance and the quality of the ringing. This matter is particularly commended to the district secretaries and members.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Great Waltham on Saturday last. The bells were raised about 3 o'clock, and were kept going until 4.30, when a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Morgan). The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, and the organist (Mr. Franklin) and the choir gave their services. Tea, served at the Beehive, was followed by the usual business meeting, presided over by Mr. G. Green (district master).

The Rev. Douglas and Mr. P. Green, of Great Baddow, were elected probationary members, and Messrs. A. Boyce, L. Day, C. Claydon and J. Franklin were elected ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Galleywood, as soon as the bells are ready.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his helpful address, and also thanked the organist and choir. He said it would be a great benefit to the ringers if the chiming apparatus could be removed from the ringing chamber, or the ringing chamber placed lower down in the tower.

The Vicar, responding, welcomed the association to Great Waltham, but said he was afraid no improvements could be made at present.

About 24 members attended, representing Great Baddow, Writtle, Broomfield, Rettendon, Springfield, Chelmsford, Maldon and the local company. The methods rung included Cambridge Surprise.

CRADLEY.—At the Parish Church, on Monday, April 19th, 1920 Cambridge Surprise Minor, by the local band: H. Pritchard 1, J. Holder 2, C. Horne 3, G. Fincher 4, R. Lewis 5, G. Lewis (conductor) 6. First 720 of Surprise Minor for ringers 2 and 4.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### AGENDA FOR NEXT TUESDAY'S MEETING.

The Third Session of the Twelfth Council (34th annual meeting) will be held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Ipswich, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 25th, 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.

#### GENERAL.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Statements of Accounts and Sale of Publications.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
5. Introduction of New Members to the President.
6. Coventry Bells; to confirm action taken by the Council.
7. 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.\*

#### MOTIONS :—

8. That the time has arrived when the Council should consider whether Simpson-tuning is in the best interests of the Exercise.  
(Messrs. E. A. Young and W. A. Cave.)
9. For as much as the Church Towers of England contain a large number of valuable old bells, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers requests the Diocesan Advisory Committees of the various Dioceses to co-opt some members having knowledge of the archæology, tuning and proper hanging of bells, to form a special sub-committee to advise them, when necessary, on all questions relating to the tuning, recasting or rechanging of bells, in order that bells may not needlessly be recast, and that rechanging shall be carried out in a proper manner.  
(Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.)
10. That the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association earnestly requests the Central Council to continue to press the Railway Clearing Board for cheaper travelling facilities to be granted to ringers.  
(Messrs. E. Guise and E. Bishop.)
11. That the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, at their annual meeting held at Painswick on April 5th, 1926, unanimously agree that historic bells should not be tuned by the Canon Simpson principle, even though it is necessary for them to be recast; but that the Canon Simpson principle may be used on modern bells only.  
(Messrs. E. Guise and W. A. Cave.)

12. That the Council consider the question of the institution of a 'Bellringers' Sunday' by means of an annual service throughout the country, or otherwise, and make recommendations.  
(Messrs. T. H. Taffender and A. D. Barker.)
13. Other business, if any.

\* Notice of amendment to resolution to adopt report of Nomenclature Committee. 'That this Council, while urging on the Exercise the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for new methods, declines to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy of giving names to new methods. And, further, is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods, except where urgently necessary.'

(Mr. J. A. Trollope and Rev. C. D. P. Davies.)

### SOME COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA.

The general strike finished just in time to enable the announcement to be made that the arrangements for the Central Council meeting will stand. Had the dislocation of the railway services lasted one more day the proceedings at Ipswich would have been postponed, for it would have been impossible to go on with the arrangements when there was any uncertainty about the representatives getting to their destination from distant parts of the country. Happily matters got back more or less to normal on Monday, and the programme, therefore, will be carried out as arranged. So far as our readers are concerned, the strike has robbed them of early information of the business which is to come before the Council, but above we print the full agenda, and we are sure it will be perused with interest.

Judging from the business done for discussion, there is a full day before the Council on Whitsun Tuesday, and it will be well if the more routine matters which come in the early portion of the agenda are expeditiously dealt with. The usual reports are to come from the committees, but the most contentious of these will be found to be the last, viz., that of the Nomenclature Committee. This subject of method names has come before the Council every year since 1921, and it is full time that the Council made up its mind upon general principles at least. In this respect the Committee, in its report published in our issue of April 2nd last, has endeavoured to lay down lines upon which method naming should proceed in future, as well as proposing wholesale alterations to names which are already in existence. Whether the Council will consider they have gone too far in this respect, and whether all the alterations are looked upon as improvements remains to be seen, but it is quite certain there is going to be a full dress debate on the subject.

Already there is an amendment tabled, which would just leave the matter where it is—in a most chaotic and unsatisfactory condition. A pious resolution urging the importance of choosing suitable names will be forgotten in a week, and, as it is suggested that ringers are to be left to enjoy their present rights of naming new methods, this amendment will carry the matter no further. Even the Analysis Committee, whose action in allocating floral names to Treble Bob Minor methods was the real starting point of the present controversy, stated in their report, presented to the Council in 1922, that they felt

strongly that some central authority should be appointed to control nomenclature in the future, and so prevent difficulties arising which may extend beyond Minor methods. And with the confusion which undoubtedly has been created through irresponsible individuals giving to methods any names they fancied, it does seem reasonable that something should be done to straighten out the tangle and lay down defined lines for the future. Men like Mr. J. A. Trollope and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in whose names the amendment appears, could be trusted to use good sense and good taste in selecting method names, but left as proposed by the amendment, there is



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nothing to exclude the most freakish of titles if it pleased the fancy of some eccentric individual to apply it to a method of which he claimed authorship. Nomenclature is going to provide an interesting feature in next Tuesday's proceedings, and our readers will, we are sure, look forward with interest to the report of the debate.

There are no fewer than five motions on the agenda, and the first is on 'Simpson-tuning.' To carry the resolution as it stands would, it seems to us, be perfectly innocuous and non-committal. If the Council like to say that the time has arrived when they should consider

whether Simpson tuning is in the best interests of the Exercise, it will not commit anyone to approval or otherwise of Simpson-tuning itself. Doubtless the President will allow a full expression of views on the merits and demerits of this modern method of tuning bells, although it seems to us he would be well within his rights if he kept speakers strictly to the terms of the motion. In any case, the carrying or rejection of the motion as it stands will not put on record what the Council thinks of Simpson tuning, and one could have wished that the hon. secretary's resolution had been a little more concrete in form. But probably an amendment would bring the subject to a direct issue.

The motion of which the Rev. H. Law James has given notice bears upon an important question, which has, in somewhat different form, already been before the Council. Representations have been made by the Council to the various Diocesan Advisory Committees that each committee should include at least one member having expert knowledge of bells, bell hanging and change ringing. The resolution before the Council next Tuesday carries this a step further, and is sure to meet with the approval of the Council, for the suggestion, if it can be given effect to, is a most valuable one. The difficulty will be to get the Advisory Committees to see it in the same light, for even the former resolution has not yet been successful, we believe, in placing a practical man on every committee. This is such an important matter, however, that the Council must keep pegging away at the Advisory Committees, and at those who have an influence in the appointments thereto. Mr. James's motion will bring the matter again under their notice with a still more impressive note, and will help Advisory Committees to realise that the question of bell restoration is as important as any other that can come under their consideration.

Two resolutions from the Gloucester and Bristol Association will be moved by Mr. Edgar Guise, the hon. secretary of that organisation. The effort to get cheaper railway travelling facilities is one which will appeal to all ringers, and it might be well if the Council appointed a committee, not only to investigate the best way to approach the railway authorities, but to properly organise the matter. When, last year, the railways were asked for the facilities, it was rather hurriedly done, and associations were left to take individual action. Some did their part, others did nothing, and the result was an uncoordinated effort, which failed to impress the railway companies sufficiently. The endeavour to obtain the cheaper facilities is well worth making, and, if obtained, would be a great gain to ringing, but the campaign does want to be effectively organised.

The second of the Gloucester and Bristol motions may meet, in part, with approval, but to suggest that old bells when recast should not be Simpson-tuned is, we imagine, more than the Council is likely to endorse. Probably by the time this is reached the Council will have heard enough of Simpson-tuning for one day.

The proposal that there should be an annual 'Bell Ringers' Sunday' throughout the country is an interesting one. Here again, to make it a success, careful organisation would be required, but if it could be effectually carried out it would help to impress the public with the importance of the ringers' service to the Church. There are likely to be many difficulties in the way of getting uniform action, but if the Council approve of the

idea in principle a committee might be able to draw up a scheme which, with the approval of Bishops and clergy, might be given effect to, even though it is not possible to make the 'day' universal.

On the social side, the visit to Ipswich promises to be a very pleasant one. In recent years much more attention has been paid to the entertainment of the members, and the Suffolk Guild have made preparations which will enable anyone who can spare the time to spend a full and enjoyable holiday in East Anglia.

#### THE SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The following are the arrangements by the Reception Committee:—  
Hotels: 'Great White Horse,' bed and breakfast, 9s. 6d. (Saturday dinner to Wednesday breakfast, inclusive terms, £2). 'Crown and Anchor' (headquarters), bed and breakfast, 9s. 'Grand,' bed and breakfast, 7s. 6d. 'Queen's,' ditto, 7s. 6d. 'Victoria' Temperance, ditto, 5s. 6d. A room will be reserved for the use of members on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings, at the 'Crown and Anchor.' The manager of the 'Great White Horse' is reserving a separate dining-room for members, if they will ask for it (without extra charge). This is the hotel immortalised by Dickens. Mr. Pickwick's room is still shown to visitors, and also that of the Lady in Curl-papers.

Peals are being arranged on the Saturday afternoon, and later. Will any who would like to be included please send word as soon as possible to Mr. C. J. Sedgely, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich, mentioning day and methods preferred?

A peal of Stedman Cinquos is being arranged at St. Mary-le-Tower on Saturday, at 5.30 p.m., and a peal at Debenham (8 bells) on Sunday at 12 noon or 1 p.m.

It is suggested that members may like to visit Felixstowe or Norwich on the Sunday.

An excursion has been arranged for Monday, leaving the 'Red' Eastern Counties Office, in the Old Cattle Market, at 10 a.m., for Stowmarket and Bury St. Edmunds. The motor coach will hold 30, and it will be open, as long as seats are available in it, to all members who send their names to Mr. G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevalier Street, Ipswich, to whom other inquiries should be addressed.

A good lunch will be provided at the Angel for 3s. 6d., for those who desire it, before leaving Bury. Archdeacon Farnilow invites the whole party to have tea with him at the Abbey House, at 3.30. On the return journey the bells of Lavenham and Hadleigh will be visited.

The Suffolk Guild invite the members of the Council and their friends to meet them at tea at the Co-operative Hall at 5 p.m., after the Council meeting: and, after tea, Mr. Chas. J. Sedgely will conduct members round some of the interesting antiquities of Ipswich.

At 8 p.m. there will be a social meeting for members of the Council, and of the Suffolk Guild, in the large room at the 'Crown and Anchor.'

Visitors from the South by road are advised to explore Gainsborough country just over the county boundary at Flatford and Deham: they will beware of the dangerous Dedham Gun Hill, leading to the bridge by which one leaves Essex. On the other journey, they may like to go through Polstead and Stoke-by-Nayland, with their beautiful country and fine churches.

Those from the North, by a half-mile detour from the Yarmouth Road, may see Ufford Church, with its unique font-cover, and the Vale of Ufford. Sudbury is supposed to be 'Eatanswill'; though some say Ipswich and others Bury.

Members are also recommended to visit 'Christchurch Mansion' (admission free) in the park adjoining St. Margaret's Church. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8) and St. Clement's (6) will be available on Monday.

There will be a service of the Holy Communion at St. Mary-le-Tower Church on Tuesday at 8 a.m.: also at St. Mary-at-Elms (near H.Q.) on Sunday at 8, Monday at 9, Tuesday at 8, Wednesday at 7.15.

#### ESSEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

If representatives of associations travelling to the Central Council meeting at Ipswich on Whit-Tuesday would care to call on their way at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, and pay a visit to the Essex Association annual meeting, they would receive a hearty welcome.

CHAS. H. HOWARD.

Master.

BAGSHOT, SURREY. — At St. Anne's Church, on May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: E. Hunt 1, Miss M. Nye 2, J. Corbett 3, H. Hunt 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, B. Hawkins 6, S. Armstrong 7, C. Hunt 8. Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

#### NOTES BY THE WAY.

##### MORE COMMENTS ON NOMENCLATURE.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

But the Nomenclature Committee (so it seems) intend to withdraw the report presented at Chester and to substitute thirteen separate resolutions. The change is one of form and not of substance, and it has some undoubted advantages and some undoubted disadvantages. The committee think it will save time. That is at least doubtful; for if the Council is to debate and vote separately on thirteen propositions, every one of which will excite some opposition, there will not be much time left to deal with other matters. These resolutions do, however, state the committee's intentions quite clearly, and members of the Council would do well to study them thoroughly beforehand. The chief objection to dealing with the matter thus piecemeal is that, on the face of it, there would be no opportunity for expressing an opinion on the report as a whole. As I have already said, many of us are not interested in the details. We feel that the whole of this attempt to alter the naming of methods is on wrong and mistaken lines. We want to be able to say 'No' definitely to the whole. We do not want the bother of having to say 'No' thirteen times over.

But, if we must discuss the details, we have to say that the more we see of these proposals the less we like them. They are either unnecessary or noxious.

The first resolution declares that no method shall have more than one name. That can be put down as unnecessary. It is the present custom of the Exercise to have only one name for each method. Where any method has been named twice it is either because its name has been changed for some reason, or because the people who named it the second time did not know that it already had one. The resolution would not touch these cases. The committee themselves have attempted a wholesale renaming, and unless they can absolutely blot out the old names (a most unlikely thing) they would actually be doing what they declare should not be done.

The second resolution says that no name shall belong to more than one method. The Exercise is accustomed to the use of names for two and sometimes more methods. Thus we have Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Cambridge Court, London Surprise and London Court, and so on. In theory, no doubt, this is all very wrong; but, as a matter of fact, has any inconvenience resulted? I do not think so. Certainly not sufficient to warrant any rigid prohibition. And here, too, the committee propose to do the thing they forbid. One of their names for the six-bell methods is Dartford, and a peal of Dartford Little Bob Major, a totally different method, was rung last year.

Resolution No. 3 says that no name shall contain more than one word. And pray why not? Names have various uses besides the simple and obvious one of being means of identification. They are sometimes descriptive and sometimes ornamental. If you want to be brief you can talk about Double Norwich, or even Norwich, if you choose, but that is no reason why you should want to deprive Double Norwich Court Bob Major of its full style and title. But the committee (or perhaps Mr. Burton) does use words when they are quite unnecessary. Copying the jargon employed by some business men, he signs his letter 'for and on behalf of' the Nomenclature Committee. Five words, and four of them are redundant.

Resolution 4 says that 'Class designations, when added to a name, should always have some reference to the thing designated. Thus the word "bob" in this connection shall always, as originally, have reference to dodging.' Precisely what that means I do not profess to know. I do know (though it is possible the committee do not) that what are here called class designations have been very carefully defined, and have definite meanings. If the reference to 'bob' methods is an allusion to the theory lately put forward by a member of the Nomenclature Committee, it must be said clearly that there are no grounds for that theory either in history or in probability.

Then come the alternatives proposed to the floral names. I cannot say I like these floral names, but when I see what is proposed to put in their place I wonder whether it is worth while, after all, to make any change. Is Hyde any better than Hyacinth, or anything like as good? or Marlow than Marigold; Preston than Primrose; Blundell than Bluebell; Shadwell than Shamrock?

Or, again, what gain shall we have if we do away with the long list of old names and adopt the proposed new ones? Evening Star and Morning Star are fine poetical names. College Bob and London Scholars' Pleasure are old historical names, connecting the methods with the two great London Societies who first rang them. What object can there be in altering them to Borking and Fulham?

And, finally, there is the proposal that the Council should try and forbid the use of any name or the alteration of any name unless it has been allowed by its committee. That, I think, is the worst of all the recommendations of this report. It is not workable, and, if it were, it is mischievous and clean against the best interests of the Exercise.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Thursday, May 13th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: P. Lane 1, F. Jennings 2, G. Jennings 3, A. J. Trappitt 4, T. G. Bannister 5, C. H. Kippin 6, J. F. Galver (conductor) 7, J. Avery 8.

**SPIRE RESTORATION AT ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.**

**INTERESTING BELL HISTORY.**

The restoration has recently been completed of the unusual lead spire at Almondsbury, Glos. There are only four or five lead spires of this type in England, the most famous being the ones at Chesterfield, Godalming and Barnstaple. The work has thus been nearly unique, and very interesting.

The entire covering of lead, a matter of some 14 tons, has been taken off, recast and refixed in the most up-to-date fashion, consistent with not altering its original appearance. It should therefore be many years before this work has to be considered again. When the lead covering had been removed, and it was consequently possible to see inside more clearly, it was found that some of the main beams had rotted to a greater extent than previously imagined; the spire was indeed in a dangerous condition, and the work had not been taken in hand a day too soon. The whole structure of the spire has now been greatly reinforced by the addition of several new beams (some of them 10 inches square and 30 feet long) and the strengthening of some of the old ones.

The work has taken over a year to complete, and the total cost is nearly £1,700. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the Vicar (Canon G. R. Wood) and to the generous response of the parishioners and friends of the parish, over £1,500 of this has already been collected, and it is hoped that the remainder will soon follow.

On Friday, April 16th, a service of thanksgiving was held in the church, conducted by the Bishop of Bristol, followed by a social gathering and concert in the Schools, at which about 280 people were present, including the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the Vicar (Canon Wood), the diocesan architect (Mr. P. Harland Thomas) and the contractors, Mr. Dowling, who did the interior work and the scaffolding, and Mr. Shull, who was responsible for the lead work, and some of the workmen, all of whom combined to do a difficult and interesting piece of work thoroughly and well.

Almondsbury is fortunate to possess a peal of bells in every way worthy of its beautiful spire. For sheer tone they are second to few in the country, and some of them are 300 years old. Their history is best given by the inscriptions on them, which are as follows:—

Tenor (23 cwt.). 'Come at my call to serve the Lord all.' W.P., R.P., 1601.

7. These bells were recast into six by Abel Rudhall, Anno Domini 1743, out of the rents of the Church Lands in the hands of Thomas Chester Esq., Treasurer thereof.

6. David Cooper, Vicar. Sholto Vere Hare | Churchwardens. Recast A.D. 1881  
George Luton | by Llewellyn & James; Almondsbury, Gloucestershire. Bristol.

5. Wm. Hollister, Thos. Grasman, Charles Prowse, Churchwardens. 'Richard Purdue & Wm. Purdue first cast mg.' 1652, A.R.

4. Thos. Bilby Vicarius, 1676, Thos. Stephens, Ino. Seager, Churchwardens.

'Roger Purdue and Wm. Covant first cast me.' A.R.

3. 'Florat Almondsbury.' A.R. 1743.

2. 'Prosperity to our benefactors.' A.R. 1751.

Treble. 'Peace and Good Neighbourhood.' A.R. 1751.

The initials W.P., R.P., on the tenor presumably belong to the same family as the Richard and William Purdue mentioned on the 5th. They were, it is believed, a firm of Bristol bell founders. Great Peter, the 5-ton clock bell in Exeter Cathedral, was cast in 1676 by a Thomas Purdue, probably a descendant of either William or Richard. He also cast the 9th and 11th of the present ring of twelve in the same year, and No. 8 in 1693. The original dates of 6 and 7 are unfortunately lost, but the 5th was cast in 1652, a date of great interest, as at that time England was in a state of ecclesiastical anarchy. It was no common thing to procure a new bell in the midst of that chaos, but Almondsbury seems to have procured three, as it is believed that 6 and 7 were added at the same time as 5.

In 1743 Almondsbury possessed five bells, and wanted more. They therefore had four of them melted down and recast into five, leaving the tenor as it was. This work was done, as is seen by the inscription on the 7th, by Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, a descendant of the famous Abraham Rudhall. He also cast the two trebles, which were added in 1751.

About 1875 the 6th was struck and cracked by the clapper of the 7th, which broke during ringing. It was recast in 1881 by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol. The inscription on it before this was 'William Moseley, Vicar; John Bartlett and Thomas Cox, Churchwardens. A.R.'

The bells were quarter-turned and rehung in a new frame in 1903, by John Sully, of Stogumber, Somerset.

As far as is known five peals have been rung on the bells, the first being Grandsire Triples in 1836 by 'the Society of Union Youths.' A peal has not yet been rung on them by an entirely local band, the only attempt, as far as we know, being on April 17th of this year, the day after the rededication service. This was thought a very suitable time for the first local peal, and, accordingly, the attempt was made, but unfortunately it broke down after 2½ hours' ringing.

Those who took part in the attempt were as follows: V. Wills treble, W. H. Brown 2, H. Robbins 3, S. H. Wood 4, S. Rosser 5, T. Fowler 6, G. E. Capewell (conductor) 7, H. Kingston tenor. Six of these have yet to score their first peal. The band expect to make another, and they hope successful, attempt in the near future.

**PORTISHEAD NOTES.**

On Tuesday, May 4th, the ringers of St. Peter's, Portishead, with their President and the Rev. H. S. Briggs (curate), met with a special object.—The Captain asked Rev. H. W. Jukes (President) to present Mr. E. J. Goldstone with a fumed oak clock, on behalf of his fellow-ringers, on the occasion of his approaching marriage with Miss Elizabeth Jutsan (Exmouth). The clock had a silver plate, with the following inscription: 'Presented to Mr. E. J. Goldstone, on the occasion of his marriage, May 10th, 1926.'

The President remarked on the many years (26) Mr. Goldstone had been a ringer. For several years also he had held the office of hon. treasurer.—Mr. Goldstone, who was almost overwhelmed, acknowledged the gift.

As soon as the news came through, calling off the General Strike, a band of willing ringers gathered in the belfry to ring for so important an occasion. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: Miss B. Stadden 1, Mrs. N. Edwards 2, Mrs. M. Briggs 3, Miss G. Broad 4, Miss G. Dobbs 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, A. E. Colburn 8. This was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

May 13th being Ascension Day, the bells were rung at St. Peter's Church. On that day also a confirmation service was held by the Bishop of Taunton, when no less than five ringers from the local band were confirmed. For this service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, and celebrated these ringers' confirmation: Miss V. Crocker 1, Mrs. N. Edwards 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss D. Willett 4, Mrs. M. Briggs 5, Miss H. Orchard 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8.

**THE TURNER'S HILL PEAL.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have seen the report of the Central Divisional meeting of the Sussex County Association, held at Cuckfield on April 17th, and note the remarks made in connection with the Turner's Hill peal. If the last four courses formed the best part of the peal, as Mr. Hart has stated, I shudder to think of what the first part of the peal must have been like.

As pointed out in my letter published in 'The Ringing World' on April 9th, I shall be quite willing to publish my name in connection herewith, but before doing so perhaps Mr. Hart will apologise in the columns of this paper to the gentleman he has already accused of writing the anonymous letters. Surely one should make quite sure of one's information before writing such a letter as I know he has done to a member of the association.—Yours truly, 'LISTENER.'

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Repeated.

The peal contains 2560 of Double Norwich and 2592 of Double Oxford. First rung at Crayford on May 15th, 1926. Conducted by E. Barnett, sen.

**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.

**CHELMSFORD.**—For morning service, at the Cathedral, on Sunday, May 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by: F. Tolworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, W. Lincoln 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, R. Clark 5, J. Clark 6, J. Wood 7, E. Kemp 8, P. Timson (conductor) 9, G. Cooper 10.

**STONY STRATFORD.**—On Sunday, May 9th, for evening service, at St. Giles', 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Pedley 1, H. Tompkins 2, T. Tompkins 3, E. Yates 4, H. Edwards 5, W. Burham 6, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 7, W. Clarke 8.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, May 9th, at the Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples, by: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, Miss E. E. Harcastle 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, E. E. Bish 4, J. W. Chapman 5, F. E. Collins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, May 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: 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, 504 in the same method.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On Sunday, May 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1,259 changes, in 50 mins.: B. Thompson 1, J. Segar 2, G. Swannack 3, F. Hind 4, F. Hourchin 5, L. Barlow 6, H. Haigh (conductor) 7, P. Woodward 8, H. Blagg 9, F. Brackebury 10. In this and 1,277 changes on the previous Thursday nine members of the tower scored their first quarter of Caters. Messrs. J. Hurst, A. Clarke and H. Warburton were included on Thursday instead of 4, 5, 6.

**HALSE.**—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, May 2nd, for morning service, 720 of Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins., each 120 called differently: \*G. Lang 1, \*A. Pole 2, W. Clapp 3, F. Pole 4, W. A. J. Knight, Milverton (conductor) 5, L. Pole 6. \*1st 720.

**GREAT BADDOW.**—For evening service, on May 2nd, a quarter-peal of Boh Major was rung in 45 mins., by the following: R. Thrift 1, L. Thrift 2, H. Warner 3, E. Runter 4, H. Allen 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, A. Richell 7, G. Green (conductor) 8.

**LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.**—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on May 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. E. Wilson 1, Miss E. Gillet (conductor) 2, H. Willacy 3, C. H. Kerr 4, D. McLellan 5, J. Hardman 6.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, May 2nd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Double Court: W. S. Butler 1, W. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, A. Evers 4, E. Bright (conductor) 5, P. Ashcroft 6.

**NORTHLEACH, GLOS.**—On Sunday, May 2nd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: R. Westmacott 1, J. Mustoe 2, J. C. Acock 3, W. Clayton 4, J. Sly 5, D. Hills 6, C. Westmacott (conductor) 7, J. Cook 8.

**DORE, SHEFFIELD.**—On Sunday, April 25th, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Boh Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: E. Davenport 1, R. Johnson 2, W. Bingham 3, Miss Molly Davenport 4, N. Short 5, J. Sykes 6, A. Robinson 7, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: R. Johnson 1, W. Bingham 2, J. Sykes 3, Miss Molly Davenport 4, A. Robinson 5, N. Fisher 6, N. Short (conductor) 7, M. Fisher 8. Rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Derby, and in honour of the confirmation of Ronald E. Johnson and Mark Fisher, which took place during the afternoon.

**COVENTRY CATHEDRAL BELLS.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Ringers will agree with most of Mr. Cyril Johnston's letter, and will be grateful to him for his hard work in trying to save this peal to ring on. Where most of us will disagree with him is in his remark that the bells were cast in one of the worst periods of bell founding; implying that that was a reason for destroying them. On the contrary, if, in spite of it being a bad period, the bells were good ones, this very fact makes them so much more valuable, and especially a ring which should be preserved.

But most of all do we disagree with his statement that the bells were not old enough for their destruction to be vandalism. Old is a comparative term, and 150 years is certainly old enough to make the destruction of a musical instrument of that age vandalism. Moreover, the value of this peal did not lie in the individual bells, but in the fact that they were as they had been tuned 150 years ago, and this cannot be said of any other ring.

But has age really anything to do with vandalism? A few years ago, a certain peer cut out the face of a portrait which an eminent artist had just painted of him, and returned him the rest of the canvas. This was vandalism, although the work was only just finished. However, in this case, he was certainly entitled to commit the act of vandalism, for he had paid for the painting, and he may have been justified also.

In the case of these bells, the question is whether the destruction was justified. We who say that it was not, can point to the many who considered the ring a thing of beauty and a joy (not now, alas!) for ever.

But as to whether those through whose hands these bells have passed were entitled to destroy them, there can, I think, be no question at all. These instruments (for which, by the way, America would have put up thousands of pounds, before they were recast, but nothing now), were a legacy from past generations. No man living today was entitled to lift a finger to injure them. And all who have helped in any way to do so are undoubtedly the worst of vandals.

Vandalism does not consist in destroying what is old but in destroying what some one else values, merely because you do not value it. Mr. Cyril Johnston is entitled to say that he does not value these beautiful old bells, but he cannot say that we do not. When the offer was made to buy them out, what was formerly bad enough became wanton.

HERBERT DRAKE.

**ISLE OF WIGHT RINGER'S DEATH.**

We regret to record the death, which occurred at Ryde on Saturday, May 1st, of Mr. Philip S. Parker, following a seizure. Deceased, who was 47 years of age, was a member of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and had been an active ringer at All Saints' Church, Ryde, for over twenty years, and his services as a regular service ringer will be greatly missed, while the I.W. District deplore his demise. By his death the district has lost its first ringing member since its formation over five years ago.

The bells at the Parish Church were rung half-muffled prior to the funeral, which took place at Ryde on the following Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. D. E. Hunter (in the absence of the Vicar) officiated, and, in addition to the family mourners, eight of the local ringers, including Mr. E. Hatcher (foreman) and Mr. B. J. Snow (hon. district secretary), were present, also Mr. W. Upton (late district secretary). Several members of the British Legion also followed the coffin, to pay their last tribute of respect to their assistant secretary, and members of the local Foresters, of which Court deceased was a P.C.R., also attended. The floral tributes included one from 'his brother ringers' and one in the shape of a bell from the members of the I.W. District. The Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, R.D., of West Wight, President, and Mr. H. Barton, of Ventnor, Ringing Master of the district, were both prevented from attending the funeral. During the evening half-muffled ringing again took place at the Ryde tower, Mr. A. R. Ward conducting.

**'DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Western District was held at Cossett, and was well attended by members from Newcastle, Chester-le-Street, Blackhill and Tanfield, while the local ringers also turned up in good numbers. A hearty invitation was received from the Vicar (the Rev. — Feddan) and his curate (the Rev. — Beadlehole). Ringing commenced with Grandsire, and some good touches were brought round in this method, also in Kent, Boh Major, Stedman Triples and Bob Triples. A splendid tea was partaken of at the Commercial Hotel, and a short meeting was held, when a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—In responding, the Vicar said it would be sixty years on November 15th next when the church was opened, and he asked for the association's co-operation with him in making the celebration a success.—The meeting promised to give him all the help possible.

Afterwards ringing went on till 8 o'clock, and brought an enjoyable day to a close.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** —

Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; both at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, at Shelley. Bells ready 1 p.m. Service of reopening of Church after alterations at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d. A short business meeting to be held in Schoolroom. A hearty invitation is offered to all ringers.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) for Saturday, May 22nd, at 6 p.m. This will be the only notification.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry at 11 a.m., service at All Saints' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon and business meeting at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m. Application for lunch tickets, with remittance (2/6) must be made to Mr. T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton. Towers available: Kingsthorpe (6) from 10 to 11.30 a.m., St. Peter's (8) from 10 to 11.45 a.m., All Saints' (8), St. Giles' (10) and St. Edmund's (8) throughout the day.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec. (pro tem.) Geddington, near Kettering.

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.** — The general meeting, fixed at the annual meeting April 5th last, to be held at Aylsham on Whit-Monday, May 24th, has been cancelled.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m., in the Welby Institute.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, 'Collingwood,' Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 47th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1926. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Bishop of Colchester. 12.15 p.m., meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street; members 2/- each. Towers open for ringing during day:—Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—F. J. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden, General Secretary and Treasurer.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8), ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 26th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m., meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Elstree, Saturday, May 29th. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea, 1/2 each at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Buses from Watford every hour. Cheap tickets from St. Pancras, London. Number for tea by Wednesday, May 26th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.**—Holy Trinity Church.—The annual ringing day will be held on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available all day. Tea will be arranged, and it is hoped that there will be a good muster.—G. C. Bixley, Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the districts will be held at Castle Donnington on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. An hearty invitation to all ringers.—J. Saddington, Hon. District Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — The united monthly practice will be continued at Chelmsford for 10 and 12 bell ringing on and after May 29th. Will all ringers interested please note?—P. Timson, District Secretary, S.E. Division.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at East Bridgford on Saturday, May 29th. Tower open afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea, please advise Mrs. S. Carnell, Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, Notts, by May 28th.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on May 29th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—W. J. Brooks.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, May 29th. Bells, St. Mary's (6), All Saints' (8), available from 2 p.m. for afternoon and evening. All ringers made welcome.—L. Moon, Assistant District Sec., 5, Falmouth Street, Newmarket.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at West Meon on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Red Lion 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by the 25th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea, provided by the Rector, 5 p.m.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Wombourn on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who let me know not later than June 1st. A small charge may be made.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 5th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea as usual. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**HOYLANDSWAINE CUP CONTEST** to be held on Saturday, June 12th. Members are earnestly invited to join at once.—Apply to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The re-cast bells of St. John's, Newcastle, will be dedicated on Trinity Sunday at 3 p.m., and will be open to the members of the Association on Saturday, June 5th, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Probably the cathedral bells will also be open.) Tea at a moderate charge will be provided for those who notify me of their intention of being present by June 2nd. The Whit-Monday meeting arranged for at West Hartlepool is postponed owing to the General Strike.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

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**KENNINGTON, S.E.**—Recently, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, Kennington, for a special service in connection with the Patronal Festival, 1,260 Stedman Triples, by: Miss F. E. Orr 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, E. E. Bish 4, J. W. Chapman 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, F. E. Collins 7, J. Lee 8.—Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, with T. Welbourne and G. W. Wild standing in.

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### STEPS TO PROGRESS.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild report contains some practical suggestions by the hon. secretary for increasing the usefulness of the Guild and the interest of its members. The proposals are not new, but it is well that they should be constantly brought to the attention of ringers, among whom, in every society, there is such a large proportion of lukewarm or apathetic individuals. This lack of keenness may not be altogether the fault of the ringers themselves. Up to a stage they make progress; then comes the time when they can get no further by their own unaided efforts, and being, as it were, against a blank wall their enthusiasm flickers out, and they drop back into that unfortunately large group who ring when they have a mind to, cannot always be relied upon when they are wanted, have no further desire to advance in the art, and no interest in their association, let alone in the Exercise generally. This state of affairs is often lamented, and we have been told that dynamite would not move this class of ringer from his lethargy. Once this condition of atrophy has set in, it is indeed hard to overcome. The remedy is to prevent its getting a grip on the ringer, and this could be done more generally than is now the case if associations would give greater encouragement to the aspirations of young ringers—not merely beginners, but those who have reached a stage where they are groping on the fringe of the art, who have learnt enough to excite their interest, and yet, in their own belfry, cannot get that assistance which is necessary to help them up the ladder.

The secretary of the Winchester Guild urges individual members to help in arranging extra meetings, combined practices and peal attempts in more isolated towers. These are three steps which, if carried out generally, would not only educate the clergy and ringers to the advantages offered by membership of the Guild, as the Winchester report points out, but would result in a rapid advance of the art in places where at present it is languishing or entirely absent. Men who follow other pastimes—and church bell ringing has a claim to a higher title than this—are ready to devote their week-end leisure to practice, and clubs organise a complete season's fixture list of Saturday engagements. Certain bands of ringers, too, where they can be kept together and have sufficient enthusiasm because they are an accomplished company, get in a regular weekly peal attempt, and thus maintain and increase their own standard. Why cannot this plan be adopted in regard to less advanced ringers? A quarterly district meeting is quite inadequate to sustain the interest of a large body of members. It may be enough

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for the transaction of business, but to keep and raise the enthusiasm of the greater number of members of an association frequent gatherings, at which instruction should be the main object, are needed. It is a question of organisation and of securing the interest of those best able to give the necessary help. It could be done, and we hope that not only will the Winchester Guild's secretary's appeal be responded to in the area of his own association, but taken up and given effect to in many other of the large organisations.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... <i>Treble</i> 1	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
CHARLES MBE ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... 6	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung on occasion of the Central Council visit to Ipswich.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KING'S NORTON.

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

On Saturday, May 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK B. YATES ... .. <i>Treble</i> 1	WILLIAM BALL ... .. 5
PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. 2	CHARLES WEBB ... .. 6
HARRY WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JOHN WITHERS ... .. 7
JOHN NEAL ... .. 4	HARRY WITHERS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. JACKSON. Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

HOGHTON, LANCES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON & BLACKBURN BRANCHES)

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. <i>Treble</i> 1	JOHN BROWN ... .. 5
*MISS MAY CLAYTON ... .. 2	JOHN WATSON ... .. 6
*THOMAS CALDERBANK ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 4	JAMES HARRISON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the Rev. Canon J. Sinker, Vicar of Blackburn and Rural Dean. \* First peal of Stedman. Miss Clayton is the first lady ringer in the Preston branch to ring a peal in this method.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF LATES' ONE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. <i>Treble</i> 1	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM BATES ... .. 2	JAMES PAGEIT ... .. 6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. 3	SYDNEY DAWSON ... .. 7
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... .. 4	*CHARLES DRAPER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

\* First peal of Stedman and first in the method on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN., ... Treble	*WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
*WILLIAM FERNLEY... .. 2	JOHN P. FIDLER... .. 6
TOM WILDE ... .. 3	SYDNEY HOUGH... .. 7
*HARRY LANGLEY ... .. 4	*JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOLT.  
Conducted by JOHN P. FIDLER.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal in the method.  
First peal on eight bells as conductor. Rung as a welcome to Mr. John Bancroft, of Vancouver, a former Norbury ringer.

BRISTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT SUMMERS ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. POSTON ... .. 5
JOHN CLARK ... .. 2	JOSEPH WILLIAMS ... .. 6
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 3	FRANK VOYCE ... .. 7
WILLIAMS H. WILLIAMS ... 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.  
Conducted by W. POSTON.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours & Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. THOMAS... .. 5
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 6
WALTER NURTON... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
DAVID J. LEWIS ... .. 4	JOHN WEATHERSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Triples.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

PILTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALFRED BECK ... .. Treble	REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 4
†FRANK RICKARDS ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK... .. 5
FREDERICK TARGETT... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Comprising seven different compositions.

HARRY ENGLAND... .. Treble	JAMES MARR... .. 4
THOMAS H. WISE ... .. 2	JOSEPH DEAN ... .. 5
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

First peal on the bells.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERIC WADMAN ... .. Treble	*HERBERT W. PEARCE... .. 4
FREDERICK TARGETT... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

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

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, May 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES,

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

SIDNEY PENGELLY ... .. Treble	HORACE BENNETT ... .. 4
HAROLD E. RYDER ... .. 2	WARREN S. HORNEROOK ... 5
EDGAR G. BOMYER ... .. 3	ALFRED T. WESTCOTT... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. S. HORNEROOK.

First peal by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th, and all are Sunday ringers at the above church.

CHILDS WICKHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine 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. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Treble	JAMES HEMMING... .. 4
MISS AMY JOHNSON ... .. 2	JOHN HALL ... .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS .. .. 4
FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON ... .. 5
THOMAS J. CLEMENT ... .. 3	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. J. Clement. First peal of Minor on the bells rung on the middle six.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven 720's Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*J. ORMESBY RYMER ... .. Treble	†BERTRAM J. SNOW ... .. 4
†HARRY A. PHILLIPS ... .. 2	DR. J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON 5
HARRY BARTON ... .. 3	†A. RICHARD WARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1838.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Two Hours & Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor to cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	4
ERNEST MORRIS ...	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ...	E. HARRY STONELEY ...	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* 400th peal.

SILENT BELLS AT DURBAN.

BAND AT GREYVILLE BROKEN UP.

The peal of ten bells at Greyville, Durban, South Africa, has been silent since October. A promising band had been formed there, which included one or two ringers from England, but a 'rift in the tube' has put an end to their work. The silence of the bells has led to newspaper correspondence, which opened with the following letter to the 'Natal Advertiser' from 'One Interested':—

'There has been quite a lot of criticism over the Cenotaph, or War Memorial, but no one seems to have noticed that what was considered a suitable and lasting memorial to the men who lost their lives in the Great War, from the Greyville district, viz., the bells of St. Mary, Greyville, have been silent for months past.

'On the main wall of the base of the tower are the names of those who gave their lives for their country. Sir Charles Smith was the patriotic donor of a peal of bells (10 in number), and surely Sunday, March 7th, was a day when a muffled peal should have been rung upon them, but for some reason unknown these beautiful bells were silent.

'Was it because the ringers were too interested in the unveiling of the memorial, rather than spend that same time in the belfry, doing honour to the unveiling of the "Light of Remembrance?" One wonders whether Sir Charles Smith has been notified of the omission, and, if so, what he thinks of those who are responsible for that omission. If he does not know, he should most certainly be acquainted with the fact, as if the bells are not rung they will get out of order, and many pounds will be required to put them in proper order again.

'There was a time when St. Mary's bells were heard regularly on Sundays, and generally once in the week, but for some months the bells have been silent. As the bells were given as a lasting memorial to the men of Greyville who lost their lives in the Great War, then by all means let us hear them, or hear a reason why, for it is known that the tower had a guild of ringers second to none in Africa, who had worked very hard to acquire the difficult rudiments of change ringing.

'Sunday next is one of the greatest of the church festivals, one wonders if the bells will be silent as they were on Christmas Day, and other days important in the church calendar. Is it too late to arrange to have the bells rung on Easter Day?'

A newspaper representative interviewed the Rev. W. Maddock, of St. Mary's, regarding this letter, and elicited the statement that the main reason why the bells are not at present ringing is the difficulty in securing the services of competent ringers. There are, of course, very few efficient campanologists available in this country; and, furthermore, the climatic conditions as a general thing are rather against the work being taken up by amateurs. Mr. Maddock, however, is hopeful that there may be a resumption ere long.

At the same time it should be pointed out that the writer of the above letter is not necessarily representative of the general public of Durban. 'One Interested' wants the bells to ring out again, but there are plenty of others who do not. The St. Mary's Church authorities have been pointedly requested by many people living within sound of the bells to ring them no more; some folk have been quite rude about it, and others have even hinted darkly at interdicts and injunctions.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RINGERS AND AUTHORITIES.'

The 'Natal Advertiser' returned to the subject with the following article:—

'Many townspeople of Durban will recollect the peal of joy there was when the last of the fine set of bells arrived to be installed in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Greyville, and how hopes were high that at last South Africa had a peal of bells worthy of the name. They were installed as a memorial to the brave dead. Since that day they have been rung occasionally, but for the past few months they have remained a silent memorial.

'The Vicar of the parish, the Rev. W. Maddock, has been blamed for this condition of affairs, and, recently, in reply to a question, he openly gave as reasons that people had complained to him of the noise; and that there was difficulty in obtaining a change of bellringers.

'In an interview one of the leading bellringers stated that, some 18 months ago, the churchwarden was in charge of the bells, but this charge was handed over when it was arranged to secure a full set of bellringers. Some 14 bellringers were obtained, including three

ladies, and this was sufficient strength to ring the ten bells and leave a few spare members for emergencies.

'Things went well for a time, until some difference arose between one of the ringers and the church authorities. The ringer in question felt obliged to resign from the tower. At the time the Vicar was certainly not totally averse to the bellringing, for he caused an advertisement to be placed in the Parish Magazine asking for a bellringer to take the resigned one's place. Nobody responded except the latter, who was not reappointed.

'Some time afterwards a meeting was called, at which it was decided to close the tower down in view of the continued impasse regarding personnel.

'The bellringers pointed out that there has never been any difficulty in obtaining enough ringers, and at the time when the Vicar gave his reasons for closing the tower, there was sufficient strength to keep the bells going, even without the resigned member.

'With regard to the Vicar's statement that objections had been received from residents, the bellringers point out that the bells were only pealed on Sundays at morning and evening service, and once during the week for practice. Moreover, they feel that the opposition does not justify the entire closing down of the tower. "We feel that the bells, which cost several hundred pounds, were purchased to be used, and even to-day we have the men and women who are able to use them."

'Asked what the outlook was, it was stated that at present there was a deadlock. The bellringers were ready to resume, but they were unable to do so in the face of the Vicar's attitude. This position was likely to continue indefinitely.

'Meanwhile, the bells that were intended to ring a merry peal are silent, and the ringers who gave their services gratis are necessarily silent too, and what has been described as one of the finest peals in South Africa might as well not be there.

'Mr. Maddock, who has been approached, says the matter is purely a parochial one, which he does not care to discuss in the columns of a newspaper, and, further, he states that the peal of bells was not given as a war memorial, but purely as a private gift to the church. The tower of the church was erected as a memorial of the Great War.'

A PERSONAL GRIEVANCE.'

There followed a protest against a revival of ringing by someone with frayed nerves, who signed himself 'Peace and Quietness'—the kind of protest which makes its appearance from time to time in newspapers in this country. But the situation has not been cleared up, as the following letter from 'One Still Interested' shows:—

'I am extremely obliged that you were courteous enough to publish my letter on April 6th, re St. Mary's bells, and I ask for your further indulgence, because I am satisfied that there has been, and now is, some undercurrent at work to prevent the bells being rung, and the following may answer many questions to those who do not quite understand the position as it is to-day.

'The bells of St. Mary's Church, Greyville, were accepted by the late Vicar, the Rev. Robinson, about four years ago. Since which date, until November last, they were regularly rung for service and practice. During that period no real complaint was made that the bells were a nuisance, if it were, it was not made known to the ringers, and "Peace and Quietness" must be alone in his misery when he writes of the large amount of annoyance he was subjected to when the bells were being rung, and which happened to be for the Sunday services, and for about one hour one evening in the week. What are the bells for if not to be rung? And yet he says, for God's sake leave things as they are. What a spirit? But I question whether "Peace and Quietness" has the brain power to recognise what ringers of church bells do to become proficient in the science and art of change ringing.

'I would also call attention to the Rev. Maddock's statement that the main reason why the bells were not rung was because of the difficulty of securing efficient ringers; if he is properly reported, then I can say, without fear of contradiction, that his statement is grossly exaggerated, because up to the time the bells ceased to be rung, there were ringers attached to the tower with Home experience, and classed among the best ringers in England, who were competent, and fully qualified to give instruction to anyone willing to accept it. Why quibble? It would be more manly on the part of the Rev. Maddock if he openly stated that it was a personal grievance with certain individuals which caused the breaking up of the band of competent and experienced ringers, who rang the bells, and who gave their services for the good of the cause. Is it any wonder that Mr. Maddock pleads that the matter is purely a parochial one? If he had said personal, instead of parochial, he would have been much nearer the mark, and is a strong reason why he does not wish the matter discussed in the columns of the newspaper.

'One other matter should be mentioned, and that is, if the bells are not given as a war memorial, why should each bell have an inscription impressed upon them, relating to important personages and events of the late war? The diocesan trustees are, I believe, vested with the absolute right of being able to dispose of the bells; if the Rev. Maddock finds they are so distasteful to himself and a few others, he could apply for their removal. In the meantime the question asked in the first letter has not been answered. Why?'

It is now stated that a chiming apparatus is to be installed.

**GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—When will the author of 'Notes by the Way' cease trying to mislead your readers?

The following figures are the Grandsire method and Plain Bob respectively, from 4 to 6 bells inclusive, and each method extends to infinity. What is the use of pretending that something is what it is NOT?

	GRANDSIRE.	
1234	12345	123456
2134	21354	213546
2314	23145	231456
3241	32415	324165
3421	34251	342615
4312	43521	436251
4132	45312	463521
1423	54132	645312
1243	51423	654132
	15243	561423
	12534	516243
		152634
		125364

	PLAIN BOB.	
1234	12345	123456
2143	21435	214365
2413	24153	241635
4231	42513	426153
4321	45231	462513
3412	54321	645231
3142	53412	654321
1324	35142	563412
	31524	536142
1342	13254	351624
		315264
	13524	132546

Yours faithfully,  
**OWEN KAY.**

**THE BELLS OF TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.**

Campanologists have published several volumes describing the church bells of a great many of the English counties, but here we have a booklet giving a brief description of the bells of a village church. Trumpington is a village about two miles south of Cambridge. Its fine church contains among its interesting features the famous brass to the memory of Sir Roger de Trumpington. It is 6ft. in length, and, owing to its position upon a raised tomb, instead of being as is usual let into a marble slab in the pavement, it is in a very good state of preservation.

This booklet gives particulars of the five bells and their founders. There is also an illustration of the 4th bell 'set up.' This, the oldest bell, is believed to have been cast at the Bury St. Edmunds foundry by Henry Smythe, who died in 1476, as like other bells from that foundry it has the usual shield, and has initials 'H. S.' in black letters.

The bells, three of which were recast in 1900, are hung in a wooden frame, which was repaired at that time, but now needs to be replaced.

The earliest reference to the bells is in the Burial Register in the following entry: '1692, Septemb. 6. Mr. Thomas Allen was buried aetat: 81. He was born at Stenning in Sussex, in his old age he so-journed in this parish to the ring of 4 bells he added a treble.'

It is hoped that the interest awakened by this little book may lead to the work being soon put in hand, and there is ample room in the tower for another bell. Perhaps a donor or donors will follow Mr. T. Allen's example and 'add a treble,' which will improve the ring, and give more scope to the keen voluntary society of ringers, founded in 1918, who have already rung four peals in a variety of methods.

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**ROCK FERRY RINGERS' SUPPER.**

On Monday, December 28th, the ringers of St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry (Wirral branch, Chester Diocesan Guild), held an informal supper to celebrate the year's activities. The guests of honour were Messrs. Ludkin, Barnes and Battle, three Wirral ringers who have stood by Rock Ferry on numerous occasions (Mr. Sydney Barnes, by the way, should note that it is not 'the thing' to pin one's invitation card upon one's waistcoat). After supper, the Rev. Archibald Ball, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, made an appearance, and delighted the company with some Irish 'yaros,' and also declared his appreciation of the initiative shown by his ringers. The Vicar made a generous offer respecting the Guild members, if they desired a similar evening upon a larger scale. The singing of Messrs. Fitzsimmons and Withers, who are concert artistes of local renown, was one of the features of the night, as also was the tremendous feat of memory Mr. Barnes displayed during his recitation. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were thanked very warmly for the accommodation of the ringers, and a very enjoyable evening came to a close with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The Rock Ferry ringers, who are under the leadership of Mr. John Cooke, have rung 100 720's in various Minor methods during 1925, which is believed to be a record for the Wirral branch. They were as follows: Cambridge Surprise Minor, 5; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Spliced, 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 12; Kent Treble Bob, 19; Double Court, 1; Single Court, 8; Oxford Bob, 29; Bob Minor, 25; total, 100.

**DOUBLE NORWICH & BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR SPLICED**

5088, BY A. J. PITMAN.

D. Norwich	2345678	M	B	W	H
Bristol	26435				
"	32465				
"	35264				
"	45362				
"	56423				
"	24365				
"	54263				
"	53462				
"	23564				
"	36245				
D. Norwich	† 64523	2			

\*Bobs at 4-5. Ring Double Norwich to first course end, then Bristol from 2643578 to Before in last course (7823456). From this point ring Double Norwich to the end as follows:—

D. Norwich	† 64523	1	4	6
	45623			
	35426			
a	53624			
a	43526			
a	54326			
b	24653			
b	34256			
b	24536			
	32655			
	52436			
	25634			
c	45236			
	35642			
	25346			
c	23456			

This is the first peal with these two methods spliced, and consists of 2528 changes Bristol and 2560 Double Norwich.

**HANDBELLS.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir, — From my experience during all my ringing career, I have noticed one great thing lacking, viz., the number of peals of handbells that are either hanging up or in boxes, and never used from one year to another. Let me suggest that they are got out, and tune ringing from music practised. It does not take a lot to learn, especially with Mr. Gordon's arrangement to single score work. Look how useful ringers could be to assist at parish functions, etc. There are lots of good ringers who don't understand music at all. What do they know about a bell? Nothing. Then let's learn it, and be able to discuss it, and if there should be another Coventry case crop up, we can go for a win.—Yours, etc.,

Oldbury.

JOHN JAGGAR.

**THE CRITICISMS OF CRITICUS.**  
**PEAL QUALITY GIVES PLACE QUANTITY.—**  
**SOME INTERESTING COMPARISONS.**

The falling off in the number of peals rung last year has been the subject of comment among many ringers, and I have heard a variety of views expressed as to the reasons for it. Some hold the opinion that in past years the organising and conducting of peals was largely in the hands of a comparatively few enthusiasts, who for some reason have cooled off or have had to content themselves with less ringing. Others say that there is less keenness among ringers as a whole, while others again are inclined to accept the suggestion put forward in 'The Ringing World' editorial that there is in these days a general desire for a higher standard of methods, and consequently, perhaps, more peals are lost. All these things are largely speculation, but I fancy most of us have been inclined to think that the great disparity in the quantity of peal ringing now and before the war is due to a diminished enthusiasm.

If that be so, this much, at least, can be said, that in quality ringing to-day has reached a higher standard than twelve years ago—that is, if figures go for anything. This year, for the first time, we are without the relative point values, so I cannot say accurately what progress has been made, but there certainly has been advance all round. I have taken the trouble to look up the Analysis table for the year 1913, when the record total of peals was rung. In that twelve months no fewer than 2,359 peals were recorded, out of which there were 204 peals of Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, which is 8.6 per cent. Last year, out of the 1,689 peals rung, 282 were Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, which is 16.1 per cent., which is nearly double. Now this, in my opinion, shows a really striking advance. There has been little change in the variety of methods, but there is no question that, taken between these periods, there has been a very excellent rise in the standard of ringing. As between year and year it may not be so noticeable, but between 1913 and 1925 there is a wide contrast, and quantity has given way to quality. On this score, at any rate, there is no need to give way to pessimism.

There is one feature which some may consider disquieting. The six-bell men do not seem to be so active as they used to be, and the 522 peals of Minor and 178 peals of Doubles in 1913 fell to 283 and 93 respectively in 1925. Can anyone tell us whose fault this is? Is it that the associations are not giving their six-bell men the same encouragement as they used to do? On all numbers peal ringing could do with a fillip, and perhaps it could be done if more conductors were encouraged. There are still far too many towers where the conducting is in the hands of one man, and the rest of the company are entirely dependent upon his favours for any peals they want to ring. This brings us back to an old cause of complaint. There are some men who will brook no rival in a tower. They seem to forget that if anything happens to them, the rest of the band are on the rocks, so to speak, and might easily break up. However capable a man may be, it is a mistake to have only one conductor in a tower. By that I do not mean there should be divided leadership. There can be only one responsible leader, but the best leader is he who trains those under him to become leaders as well. To become a conductor a man needs practice as much as he does to

become a good ringer, and every promising hand should be given the opportunity of learning this branch of the art.

I have in mind more than one instance of a tower with a capable band, content to place their destinies in the hands of a brilliant conductor. For a time all went well, and peals came as plentifully as any enthusiast could desire. Then the inevitable happened. The conductor moved away—in one or two cases died—and the band was heard of no more, or, at any rate, for a very long time, until, indeed, another had learned sufficient to take up the mantle of the departed. Now, in every case, this could have been avoided if other members of the band had been encouraged—and instructed, for there are many hints which a capable man can give to his pupil if he chooses. I do not say that in every case it has been the selfishness of the leader. Sometimes the rest of the band have been to blame, for they have been not only content, but desirous of leaving it all to the one individual. It is, however, a mistake, and a mistake that is often costly to ringing.

From all that one can gather, the strike kind of knocked ringing temporarily sideways. It is almost as if ringers had gone on strike with the other millions who 'downed tools.' Perhaps the 'downed ropes' has been of a compulsory nature, not because of Trade Union orders and truculent pickets, but just inability to 'get together.' If we take our pleasures sadly, as Englishmen are said to do, we also like to take them easily, and it is astonishing how little is necessary to put some ringers out of their stride. I can understand that men did not feel like ringing bells in the uncertain days of the great emergency, but they seem very slow in recovery. We have heard no news from Birmingham lately—that is, news that matters—and I am beginning to wonder whether Cuckoo Road was the scene of any rioting and any of the inhabitants bludgeoned. Or is it that our old friend, the redoubtable George of England, has merely had to cancel his arrangements because the services of the L.M.S. were no longer at his disposal? Surely, however, a young man of his energies would not be kept out of a peal because there were no trains? At least he could have walked—wherever the peal might have been—at worst he could have ridden his tricycle?

So we were able, after all, last week, to learn officially what the Central Council were to talk about. It is of no use at this moment to speculate what the Council will decide on all the many things that will come before them. As I write I have no doubt they will all be enjoying themselves at Ipswich, with its memories of Jimmy Motts and other stalwarts. But what I said last week about a fight over the method names looks as if it was likely to mature. If Mr. Trollope's amendment is carried, I, as a law-abiding citizen, who will retain my freedom to give any old name I choose to a new method when I ring it, shall claim my rights to call it what I please. I've got the method, and I've found a name for it. It is not my favourite flower, but my favourite dish, and if I like to call it 'Tripe and Onions Minor' who shall say me 'Nay.'

**CRITICUS.**

**OXTON.** — On Thursday, May 13th, at the Church of St. Saviour, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Edwards 1. W. Wharton 2. H. Martin 3. E. Glenville 4. S. F. Barnes 5. J. Evans 6. R. Birchall (conductor) 7. S. Moston 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1st and 4th, and rung for the Dedication Festival.

**THE 'ERNEST' PEAL BAND.**

The band of 'Ernest's' who rang the peal of Bob Major, 5008 changes, at Loughborough Bell Foundry tower, on Saturday, May 1st, 1926, in 2 hours and 45 minutes.

ERNEST BAGWORTH, Leicester, Witness.	ERNEST H. CLARKE, Derby, Tenor.	ERNEST F. PAYNE, Syston, 7th.	ERNEST W. TIPLER, Lutterworth, 6th.	ERNEST STONE, Nuneaton, 5th.
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ERNEST MORRIS, Leicester, Trebble.	ERNEST J. JELLEY, Wigston, 2nd.	ERNEST BARTRAM, Melton Mowbray, 3rd.	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE, Asbby-de-la-Zouch, 4th.
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The Peal was composed by ERNEST G. HIBBINS, of Cambridge, and conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters occurs to-day. It was rung at St. John's Church, Horsleydown, London, by the College Youths on May 28th, 1787, and was composed and conducted by John Reeves. Although the composition, long years after, turned out to be false, the performance was a landmark in ringing history.

A peal tablet recorded the event, and part of the inscription is worth quoting: 'In honour to a most noble performance by the Ancient Society of College Youths, who, on Monday, May 28th, 1787, did ring in an excellent manner, the first complete peal of Caters upon Stedman's Principle, 5,076 changes, in 3 hours and 27 mins. May this peal transmit their names to posterity with that of the ingenious Mr. W. Jones, on whose abilities his inimitable commentaries so happily concludes with "Here the Cynic and the Panegyrist stop, and join in eulogiums to such distinguished merits."'

Exactly a quarter of a century ago to-day the first Surprise peal was rung out of England—a peal of Superlative Surprise at Bray, Ireland. It was rung during a tour in the Emerald Isle by members of St. Martin's, Birmingham, Guild—a tour which still holds pleasant memories for those who took part, although much water has flowed down the Liffey since that time.

On the following day the first and only peal on the sea was rung on handbells while the tourists were crossing from Dublin to Holyhead, and that evening the first Surprise peal in Wales (New Cambridge) was rung at Bangor. Looking back, it seems scarcely possible that these events, of no small historic interest in ringing annals, happened twenty-five years ago.

Thirty years ago to-morrow the then record length of Grandsire Cinques, 10,075, was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne. The record since made, and which stands as the greatest number of changes on twelve bells, is the 13,000 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick in 1920.

A 5,000 of Union Bob Royal was rung at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, by the College Youths on May 30th, 1741, and to the record was appended the following tag:—

'When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth;

A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth.'

The only previous peal of Treble Ten had been rung about seven weeks earlier at the same church by the Eastern Scholars, and the lines above quoted are thought by some historians to show that this first peal was false, but the bad may have been intended to refer to the striking and not to the truth of the composition.

The first peal of New Cumberland Surprise was rung at Burton-on-Trent exactly 40 years ago next Monday.

Tuesday is the anniversary of the 14,051 Stedman Caters on handbells at Guildford, rung on June 1st, 1912.

On June 3rd, 1773, the first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham was rung. This was 5,329 Grandsire Cinques. It is almost safe to say that at no church have more twelve-bell peals been rung than at St. Martin's, in the Bull Ring, which began its twelve-bell history 153 years ago.

Arrangements are now practically complete for the dedication of the Royal Cumberland Youths' War Memorial and Queen Alexandra peal tablet, on Saturday, June 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Bells will be available from 1 p.m. till 6 p.m., at different towers, and at 7 p.m. a reunion meeting and social will be held at the Bedford Head, Maiden Lane, Strand. All ringers are heartily invited, and, to facilitate arrangements for providing light refreshments, those intending to be present are requested to let the Master know early at 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18. Full arrangements will be announced next week, if possible.

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, postponed on account of the General Strike, will take place at Trowbridge on June 19th.

All ringers will be welcome at the dedication of the bells at Timberscombe, Somerset, on Saturday, June 4th. These bells have just been augmented from six to eight.

## SIX SURPRISE METHODS IN ONE 720.

WHAT METHOD SPLICING WILL DO.

On Monday, May 17th, for practice, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, a spliced 720, comprising Beverley, Cambridge, Hexham, Primrose, Surfleet and Berwick, by G. L. Joyce (conductor) 1, A. Prior 2, W. Theobald 3, J. Moule 4, W. Miller 5, E. D. Smith 6.

This 720 was arranged on the plan laid down by Mr. J. W. Parker in 'Method Splicing,' and is the first to be so rung.

The Leytonstone Company are indebted to Mr. Parker for his work in this little book, as he has opened up a field which is well worth exploration by the most blasé ringer. Methods separately rung may become monotonous to an accomplished hand, but the same methods, spliced one with another, grip the attention, and stimulate the interest in what is to be tried at the next practice. The experience of the Leytonstone Company is that its members have shown keener interest in what is going to be done since the advent of the possibilities opened up by Mr. J. W. Parker's work, which is decidedly away from the beaten track.



**LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.**  
5,024, by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY, IPSWICH.

Ln	M	and	W	H
23456				
53246	x			
32546	x			
25346	x			
45236	x			
52436	x			
42635	--			
25634	--			
35264	x			
52364	x			
23564	x			
63254	x			
53624	x			
34625	--			
46325	x			
26435	x			
36245	x			
62345	x			
23645	x			

Repeat last eight courses.

**TWO PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR**

5,008's by GEORGE H. CROSS.

23456	1	3	5	6	9	23456	1	3	5	6	9
42635	--	S	S			42635	--	S	S		
23645	--			x		23645	--			x	
52634	--	S	S		S	52634	--	S	S		S
36254	--					36254	--				
65234	--					65234	--				
53264	--			x		53264	--			x	
62354	--					62354	--				
32654	--			S		32654	--			S	
26354	--					26354	--				
23654	--			S		23654	--			S	
62435	--	S	S			62435	--	S	S		
23465	--			x		23465	--			x	
42563	--	S	S			42563	--	S	S		
45236	--			S		45236	--			S	
52436	--					52436	--				
34256	--					34256	--				
42356	--					42356	--				
52346	S			x		52346	S			x	
43256	S			S		43256	S			S	
32456	--					32456	--				
24356	--					24356	--				
23456	--			S		23456	--			S	

x Indicates six calls at 6, viz.: B, R, S, B, R, S. Each of these compositions contains the full combination of 4 5-6 in 5-6, without the 3rd in 6th's or 2nd in 5-6. The first of the compositions is the first ever obtained, and the second the first ever rung with these qualities in the minimum number of changes.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE. — On Ascension Day, May 13th. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: P. Marshall 1, J. Hughes 2, Miss E. M. Burnell 3, R. Edwards 4, D. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
MORE DISTRICT PEALS AND COMBINED PRACTICES WANTED.

In the annual report of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, just issued, the secretary, Mr. George Pullinger, is able to state that there are many encouraging signs in the work of the Guild. Portsmouth, Guildford and Yorktown districts have increased their membership, and several of the districts have a number of young ringers coming on. The number of members who paid contributions during last year were: Honorary 66, full 541, probationers 69, life 1, compounding 16; with 79 towers in union. Restoration work has gone on steadily, but at Holy Rood Church, Southampton, the bell frames and fittings are in a very dilapidated state, almost unsafe for ringing. It is hoped, he says, that the Archdeacon may be induced to pay a visit to this tower, so that the Parochial Church Council may be enlightened as to the conditions, and that a fund may be started for the restoration.

It is to be regretted, the secretary adds, that more district peals are not rung. A quarterly district peal, at least, should be arranged for the purpose of giving young hands an opportunity to ring a peal, whereas now some never get a chance, for peal ringing usually stimulates keenness and improves striking. A conductor can be provided on application for a quarterly peal. A welcome item of expenditure appears again in the balance sheet (after many years' absence), viz.: that of instruction, but only in two towers; this is very small considering the large area. Much good might be done to advance change ringing in the higher methods if towers in fairly close proximity to each other would co-operate and arrange more regular combined practices. It is hoped that individual members will do their best to help in arranging extra meetings, combined practices and peal attempts in the more isolated towers, for the purpose of educating the clergy and ringers there to the advantages offered by membership of the Guild, as such work is bound to prove educational in the long run. The secretary expresses the hope that all will strive to increase the membership, the towers in union and the methods practised during 1926.

The general balance sheet shows receipts amounting to £44 0s. 6½d., and expenditure to £51 1s. 4d., reducing the balance in hand from £37 16s. 7d. to £30 15s. 9½d. Out of the special purposes fund, increased from £39 1s. 4d. at the end of 1924, by a life member's subscription and interest on deposit account, to £41 18s. 5d., the following donations were granted: Washbrook Memorial, £5 5s.; Raynor Tomb Fund, S. Nicolas' (Guildford), Farnborough and Woolton Hill Bell Funds, £2 2s. each; leaving a balance in hand of £28 5s. 5d.

**SOME SWISS BELLS.**

A chance break of a journey by a Swiss mountain railway gives us a glimpse of a small village delightfully situated by the side of the stream and flanked on either side by the mountains. The dirt and squalor are worthy of the slums of any of our great cities, but beneath the grime of years some of the wooden houses show most exquisite carvings. They are indeed the Swiss chalets of our picture books.

Suddenly from the spire of the church, a fairly new building standing prim and white on the outskirts of the village, the chime of the clock is heard. To English ears it seems strange, for it is the three top notes of the major chord struck in order and repeated—the 1, 4, 6 of the ring of eight. Shortly afterwards the service ringing begins, although it is only a week day. There are four bells, 1, 4, 6, 8 we should call them, and the tenor sounds from the distance as if it must be about a ton. It is impossible to say if the ringing is meant to be rounds or changes, for the striking is so erratic that the ringers might be pulling at random. But the effect is beautiful beyond words. To the musical notes of really good bells is added the reflection of the sound backwards and forwards from the mountain walls on either side. In about ten minutes all is quiet, and peace reigns over the village, except for the rush of the water from the turbines of the huge electric power station which supplies the railway—and the meanest cottage too.

This is a Roman Catholic Canton, and we expect to hear the sound of the Angelus bell. But in the Protestant Cantons we hear it too, and from the Protestant churches; for none but the official church in any Canton is allowed to have bells. The ringing of the Angelus bell over three hundred years after the service has been banished from the church is a quaint reminder of the deceit of those days, when it was ordered to be continued so that the common people should not realise the changes made at the Reformation. At any rate, that is the story told now.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At the Church of St. Peter, on Thursday, May 6th, for King's Accession, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Hull 1, F. Kirk 2, H. G. Lightfoot 3, E. P. Debenham (conductor) 4, W. H. Buckingham 5, E. D. Livermore 6, T. J. Hull 7, F. J. Spicer 8.—On Thursday, May 13th, for Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 50 mins.: T. Seymour 1, E. Hull 2, H. G. Lightfoot 3, E. P. Debenham 4, F. Kirk 5, E. D. Livermore 6, W. H. L. Buckingham 7, T. J. Hull (conductor) 8.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### TUESDAY'S MEETING AT IPSWICH.

The 34th annual meeting of the Central Council was held at the Town Hall, Ipswich, on Tuesday, when there was an attendance of just over fifty members.

The Suffolk Guild had made excellent arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors, some of whom arrived on Saturday, and took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary-le-Tower, and on Sunday in a peal at Debenham.

On Monday there was an enjoyable excursion by charabanc to a number of interesting churches in the district, including Sudbury, Long Melford and Lavenham, while at Bury St. Edmunds the visitors, nearly forty in number, were able to ring at both churches, and were entertained to tea by Archdeacon Farniloe.

The meeting on Tuesday was presided over by Canon G. E. Coleridge, and the various associations were represented as follows:—Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. A. A. Hughes, T. W. Faulkner and H. R. Newton.

Both and Wells: Mr. J. Huat.  
Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman.  
Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. E. W. Elwell and J. Ashmole.  
Essex Association: Messrs. C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard, G. R. Pye and E. J. Butler.  
Ely Diocesan Association: Mr. T. R. Dennis.  
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. W. A. Cave, E. Guise and E. Bishop.  
Kent County Association: Messrs. T. Groombridge and E. Barnett, son.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Bolton.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: The Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.

London County Association: Messrs. T. H. Taffender and A. D. Barker.

Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.  
Lancashire Association: The Rev. H. J. Elsee and Mr. J. R. Taylor.  
Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. A. Milne and W. H. Hollier.

Midland Counties Association: Mr. Pryce Taylor.  
Norfolk Guild: Messrs. G. P. Burton, A. L. Coleman and C. E. Borrett.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: The President, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. F. W. Hoppood.

Peterborough Diocesan Association: Mr. F. Wilford.  
Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Mr. T. Hervey Beams.  
Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. J. Hammond.  
Suffolk Guild: The Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. C. Mee and E. F. Poppy.

Surrey Association: Messrs. C. F. Johnston and C. Dean.  
Winchester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. Williams and A. H. Pulling.  
Honorary Members: The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, J. George and E. A. Young (hon. sec.).

The meeting having been opened with prayer.

### ARCHDEACON AND BISHOP'S WELCOME.

Archdeacon Farniloe, on behalf of the Suffolk Guild, welcomed the Council to the diocese. They came there, he said, representing those who were interested in ringing throughout the country, and recognised it as an essential part of Church work. Many of them came from dioceses which had behind them a long tradition of church work, and a long history of diocesan organisation, and they came to one of the youngest dioceses, and to the Suffolk Guild, which, in its present form, had a history of only two years. He felt himself, some years ago, when he was asked to take part in organising the affairs of the diocese, that it was a matter of great importance that they should have their own diocesan organisation for their ringers, and, in face of a little difficulty, ably seconded by their secretary, the Rev. H. Drake, they had succeeded at last in forming what was a real diocesan body of church bell ringers. In their name, and in his own, he offered them the most cordial welcome to their diocese (applause).

The President thanked the Archdeacon for his welcome, and a little later the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich came to welcome the Council to the town of Ipswich and the diocese. He knew, he said, that there were a few people who did not appreciate bells, just as there were a few people who did not appreciate music, because they had no ear for it, and if they lived within the shadow of a tower which had a fine and celebrated peal of bells no doubt there were times when people did not want ringing. He was certain, however, that the majority of people realised that bells were one of the joys of life, and one of the ways of expressing it. It was rather in an accidental way that they were in the position of claiming as workers for the Church and as Churchmen pretty well all the bell ringers in the country. It was partly due to the accident that towers had always been associated with churches, and had not been associated much with any other kind of buildings. Thus they got almost a monopoly of bells, and it followed that bell ringers were doing something for the Church. The Church accepted their help

with great joy, and realised that they were fellow workers. One of their interests in ringing was that it was a call to worship, and he hoped ringers would be conscious of that aspect of their work. It was an uplifting work, and he hoped that that feeling would be uppermost in their hearts when they took part in it (applause).

The President fittingly thanked the Bishop for his kindly welcome, and the Council then proceeded with the business of the day.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, the Hon. Secretary said between 30 and 40 letters were addressed to the authorities in the various dioceses requesting that there should be on each Advisory Committee a representative with a knowledge of bells and bell ringing. They had had replies from 18 or 20, saying, in effect, that the suggestion was a useful one. With regard to the Cards of Instruction which the Council instructed him to have printed, the first 500 were rapidly exhausted, and, with the sanction of the President, another 750 were printed. The Lincoln Guild took up 250 in one batch, and that was why the original number was quickly used up. Copies could now be had from the Librarian.

At the request of the Hon. Secretary, the Council confirmed his action in printing the further 750 copies.

Apologies for absence were received from Revs. A. T. Beeston, Canon Baker, A. H. F. Boughey, E. W. Carpenter, C. C. Marshall, C. E. Matthews, H. S. T. Richardson, H. Tyrwhitt Drake, F. J. O. Helmore, C. C. Cox, L. S. Clark, Mrs. N. Edwards, Messrs. J. Carter, J. D. Matthews, J. Cotterill, P. J. Johnson, T. Metcalfe, D. J. Nichols, W. Willson, A. Paddon Smith, E. H. Lewis, H. W. Wilde, R. B. Chambers, H. Haigh, H. Day, etc.

### FINANCES.

The balance sheet, presented by the Hon. Secretary, showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £67 14s. 3d. The receipts included a donation of £5 towards the publication of the Cards of Instruction from the Rev. H. Drake, affiliation fees £13 10s., interest on stock £4 10s. 8d., and sale of Cards of Instruction £1 13s. 1d., a total of £24 13s. 9d. The expenditure, including the loss on the sale of publications of £5 12s. 2d., was £16 13s., leaving a balance in the bank of £70 16s.

The accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Mr. P. Taylor.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Hon. Librarian) reported the completion of the scheme for the Washbrook Memorial, remarking that the bells at St. Ebb's, Oxford, had met with the complete approval of all concerned. They were left with a £28 balance, part of which would go to a fund, to be augmented by the parish, for the upkeep of the bells, and the remainder was to be devoted to that other parish in Oxford, St. Giles', which found favour with some as the place for the memorial. Full particulars would be given later in 'The Ringing World.'

Continuing, the Hon. Librarian said the sales of publications realised £4 19s. 1d., and the expenses were £10 11s. 3d., including £9 2s. for advertising. It cannot be said, added the Librarian, that the resolution to put up the price of publications has entirely justified itself, though it may well be that we have reached a point when there is no longer a popular demand for these works, but the few who do want them are quite ready to pay the extra cost. And here a lesson seems to be indicated, namely, for the future to greatly diminish the number of copies of publications issued by the Council. It surely is not advisable that the Council should risk having on its hands such an accumulation as it possesses in the 'Glossary' and the 'Peal Collections.' In the past twelve months the few remaining copies of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' were quickly sold; the demand, which was always considerable, being increased by the issue of the book on 'Method Splicing,' by Mr. J. P. Fidler. Of the rest it may be remarked that there is now apparently more demand for publications that have to do with the care of bells than with peal ringing. The 'on sale or return' agency only produced a matter of a few shillings, actually 5s. 4d., chiefly in one locality. According to instructions, I purchased for the Council the remainder of Canon Elsee's stock of 'On the Preservation of Bells.' I have also secured a considerable number of copies of 'Bell News' for the years 1912-1915 inclusive, but these have been gifts. The following numbers were still need to make these years complete:—1912, Nos. 1,551, 1,594, 1,595, 1,596, 1,598; 1913, Nos. 1,605, 1,606, 1,625, 1,631; 1914, Nos. 1,658, 1,675 to 1,680, 1,687, 1,688, 1,689, 1,696, 1,697, 1,700; 1915, Nos. 1,717, 1,729, 1,735, 1,737, 1,739, 1,741, 1,755; the receipt of any of which will be gratefully acknowledged.

The four retiring hon. members, Mrs. Edwards, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. J. George and Mr. H. W. Wilde, were re-elected, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

The following new members were introduced to the President, Messrs. J. Hammond (Swansea and Brecon), F. J. Davey (Devon Guild) and E. F. Poppy (Suffolk Guild).

### COVENTRY BELLS.

The Hon. Secretary then reported on the steps taken to preserve Coventry bells. The action was taken after consultation with the President and the Standing Committee, and he asked the Council to confirm what was done. Unfortunately, they were not successful in convincing the Chancellor that the bells should be saved. He referred to the long efforts which Mr. Johnston had made to induce

the authorities to keep the bells as a ringing peal, and to the labours of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, who appeared as the advocate for the Central Council.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett spoke in appreciation of the splendid work done by Mr. Young, and pointed out that the labour was not wasted, for, by the action taken, they secured that in the recasting of the bells ten of them were preserved as a peal of ten, instead of making them merely part of a carillon. That change of front was brought about by the efforts of their secretary (applause).

Confirmation of the action taken was agreed to and payment of certain incidental expenses voted, cordial thanks being given to Mr. Young and Mr. Pritchett for the part they had taken.

Miss Parker reported for the Peal Collection Committee that the work of adding the new compositions was proceeding, but it was involving the examination of the original peals to see that variations did not creep in. When the work was completed by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson it would be sent to her to type, and it was hoped to have it in the hands of the Council by the next meeting.—The report was adopted.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Literature and Press Committee had in hand the revision of the Council's rules and decisions, and he hoped these would be before them at the next meeting.—The report was accepted.

The reports of the various committees were adopted, except that relating to nomenclature. A debate on the latter resulted in the carrying of the amendment, which, while urging the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for new methods, declined to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy.

Simpson-tuning was discussed on the Hon. Secretary's motion, and an amendment carried that the Council was not at present qualified to pass an opinion.

It was resolved to ask Diocesan Advisory Committees to co-opt some members having knowledge of the archaeology, tuning and proper hanging of bells to form a special sub-committee to advise them when necessary.

It was also resolved to continue to press the Railway Clearing Board for cheaper travelling facilities for ringers.

The Council did not accept the proposal to consider the institution of a bell ringers' Sunday by means of an annual service throughout the country or otherwise.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

(To be continued.)

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the branch was held on April 24th, at Beaconsfield. At the Guild service, the Rector (the Rev. A. S. Commeline, M.A.), gave the address on the text, 'Thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.'—Fifty-two sat down to tea, the chairman (the Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell) presiding, supported by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, general secretary (Mr. B. T. Hibbert), general treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), the Rev. W. S. Commeline and Mr. C. A. Bennett, J.P. The branch accounts were accepted, and showed continued prosperity, financially.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to create the office of branch Ringing Master. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, M.A.; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; branch Ringing Master, Mr. C. C. Mayne; branch representatives, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. F. Boreham, T. J. Fowler, G. R. Gutteridge, J. L. Kirk, C. C. Mayne and J. C. Truss.

The bells were afterwards kept going until a late hour in various methods.

## BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Shelley on Saturday, May 22nd. A good number of members assembled at this picturesque village, which combine town and country attractions without ostentation. The church is noble in its design, standing on a site open all round to views, where quiet devotions may be done, and possessing bells in a well-proportioned tower that are rich in tone and in such good order. They are a credit to the ringers who thus care for them and use them decently. The day was also very important in that a new altar table and vestry screen were to be dedicated, for which a service was held at 3 p.m. Space will not permit particulars to be given, but let it be said that the ringers did take their part well in these services, and do take an interest in their church as well as the ringing room. Tea was partaken of and a short business meeting held. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of Mr. George Hill, of Penistone, all standing in silent grief. The usual business followed, ten new members were elected, and a vote of thanks passed to all concerned. The next meeting is the annual cup contest at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 12th.

## DEATH OF A PENISTONE RINGER.

The death of Mr. George Hill, Barnsley Road, Penistone, took place with startling suddenness on Friday, May 14th, at the age of 40 years. He was regarded by his many ringing friends as a strong man, with many years of active life in front of him, but, alas! it is the unexpected that happens. That insidious disease, pneumonia, which spares not the strongest, has taken away one who will be sadly missed in ringing circles. His ringing career commenced about the age of 19 at Hoylandswaine, the place of his boyhood. For about ten years he had associated himself with Penistone, and since the ring of six has been increased to eight, about 16 months ago, he had endeavoured to teach a young band, and had succeeded in mastering 720's of Plain Bob Minor, and hopes ran high of greater peals to follow. The interment took place on Monday, May 17th, at Hoylandswaine, a large company, probably two hundred or more, consisting of railwaymen, his fellow workmen, walked in front of the hearse and family coaches. Many mourners and brother ringers followed on foot, a distance of two miles. The marks of respect shown en route were simple and sincere, workmen stood with bared heads and heavy teams of horses stood still as the cortege passed. As the village church came in sight the bells could be heard, adding their mournful sound. The service of burial was shared by the Vicars of Hoylandswaine and Penistone inside the church and the churchyard. Both these reverend gentlemen can and do testify to the good done and the sublime character of such a layman, who was straight to bluntness and fearless in his endeavours for the right.

Of our friend's ringing, it may also be said it was one period of continued sociable enjoyment. His peals were 41, of which he conducted 18. They were spread over many counties. The last two appeared in 'The Ringing World' issue of May 14th at Consett and Whitley Bay. He was a member of the principal ringing associations. Being a railway servant, his travelling ticket enabled him to visit distant towers from Dundee to Brighton. His holidays were thereby spent in a ringer's style. The sympathy of ringers is hereby extended to his widow and family, who have to mourn the loss of one who was full of love to all around him.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At Old Leake, on Wednesday afternoon, May 12th, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. L. R. Shearwin, of Wrangle Manor, who had been a most generous contributor to Leake Church. The funeral had taken place at Wrangle earlier in the afternoon: Miss Elsie Lakin 1, P. Lakin 2, J. W. Lakin, sen., 3, J. W. Lakin, jun. (conductor) 4, T. W. Houghton 5, W. Small 6.

## MUFFLED RINGING.

### BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

On Thursday, May 20th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. W. Martin 1, W. A. Skinner (first quarter-peal of Triples and first 'inside') 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, A. Disney 4, R. Barrow (conductor) 5, K. R. Elliott 6, H. Reeve 7, J. A. Bishop 8.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Charles J. Hubbard, whose remains were interred at the Belgrave Cemetery earlier in the day. Mr. Hubbard, who was in his 83rd year, had been a chorister at St. Peter's Church for over 50 years. He was also a ringer for a great number of years, and was at one time captain of the Belgrave ringers.

## PONTYPRIDD VETERAN'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death, which took place on Wednesday, May 12th, of Mr. A. Burgess, the veteran Pontypridd ringer, who passed away, after a long illness, at the age of 72 years. The funeral took place on May 18th, when local ringers acted as bearers, and three bob leads of Grandsire Triples were rung at the graveside. Afterwards the ringers returned to the belfry of St. Catherine's Church and rang a quarter-peal with the bells half-muffled in 50 minutes, those taking part being the local Sunday service ringers: Hallett 1, Iver Mitchell 2, F. J. Thyer 3, Idris Mitchell 4, A. E. Gray 5, J. Darch (conductor) 6, S. Ridgway 7, W. Hyett (first quarter-peal) 8. The same ringers rang at the graveside. The ringers also sent a wreath.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Tuesday, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks') (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, W. S. Higginson 4, T. Butler, sen., 5, T. R. Butler 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (first touch of Stedman as conductor) 7, W. Higginson, sen., 8.

WINCANTON.—On Saturday, April 24th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): F. Pound 1, C. C. Holloway 2, F. J. Parsons 3, R. F. Beck 4, R. G. Beck (conductor) 5, W. T. Matthews 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6.

RISHTON, LANCS.—For evening service, on Sunday, April 25th, and in memory of those who fell at Gallipoli, 720 Bob Minor: A. Yates 1, R. Hall 2, F. Raede 3, J. Hirst 4, B. Crabtree 5, L. J. Williams (conductor) 6.

**'AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING !'**  
THE MAN WHO FORGETS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Ad Me Heri Vesperi Venit Stedman.' And he whispered in my ear, 'Would you? Don't say no, do!' And I didn't say 'No,' I did! And eight ropes hanged from holes in the belfry ceiling, an' the bells hung up above 'em. Seven grunting men arose from their seats, and stretched themselves, and walked about, and they met, and met!—but they were not sufficiently developed to know that they had met—'Two short of being one too many.' Then, the awful reality of life forced itself upon 'em, and their dreams were like ice-cream, collapsible, but not perishable, and they simply melted away. They sighed gruffly, 'No Slow,' 'No Quick,' 'No Dodging!' and, sir, with a 'Bob,' straightway they passed—The Treble—into a 'Place,' where they exchanged notes for 'stuff' that was anything except Grocery or Butchery! Here endeth the first lesson.

'Labuntur Anni.' Approximately three centuries slip by.

Ad Me Heri Vesperi Venit 'Ted-man,' and he whispered in my ear, 'Would you? Don't say no, do!' And I didn't say 'No,' I did! And eight ropes hanged from holes in the belfry ceiling, and the bells hung up above 'em. Seven grunting men arose from their seats, and stretched themselves, and walked about, and they met, and met! But they were highly cultured—perhaps, I should mention, the first consonant in 'highly,' is as silent as a mausoleum!—and they did not appreciate the fact, that they had met, 'Two short of being one too many.' Then, the awful reality of life forced itself upon 'em, and their dreams were like ice-cream, collapsible, but not perishable, and they simply melted away. They sighed gruffly, 'No Slow,' 'No Quick,' 'No Dodging!' And, sir, with a 'Bob,' straightway they passed—the Treble!—into a 'Place,' where they exchanged notes for 'stuff' that was anything except Grocery or Butchery!

Here endeth the second lesson.

But, sir, whether it be Grocery or Butchery, I shall insist in future, and nothing will induce me to deviate one iota from what I am now going to write, and that is, I am of the opinion 'that All Conductors' should be 'Filleted!' Then they would get about their business more freely. Of course, you, sir, will observe, that I have laid especial emphasis again on the 'All.' And that infers All! Even that uniformed Conductor who presses himself upon us in the bus or tram-car. He wants—or, to speak more correctly, requires—filleting long, long, before he reaches the 'Penny Stage,' tinkling his little bell of the Tintinabulum order in our ears, thrusting his knees into our ribs, knocking our bowlers over our eyes, treading with his plus eights on our pedal extremities, squeezing here, there and everywhere. Yes, sir, he requires filleting, so that he may perform all the contortions that are required of 'an' uniformed Conductor, in his daily round.

But, sir, it is the 'Un-Uniformed Conductor' 'wot's legg'd us down!' and made all seven of us feel 'sore'! It is not only our one-will-wish-an'-desire to see him filleted, but to see him 'Grilled' 'an' that's all, except saymg in conclusion, 'As it was in the beginning.'—Yours sincerely,  
IRENEUS.

**BELLRINGERS' RULES**

The following quaint old bellringers' rules, neatly written and framed, are hung in the tower of Gouthurst Church, Somerset:—

Let awful Silence first proclaimed be  
and praises given to the Trinity  
then Love and Honour pay unto our King  
thus with a blessing raise the cheerful ring  
Hark! how the chirping treble sounds it clear  
and covering Tom cans rowling in the rear  
now up on end at stay com let us see  
what laws are best to keep sobriety  
Soe with consent lets make this firm decree  
Who swears or curses or in angry mood  
quarrels or strikes although he draw no blood  
who wears his hatt or spurs or turns a bell  
or by unskilful handling mars a peal  
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime  
twill make him cautious against another time  
but if the Sexton's fault at hindrance he  
we call from him a double penalty  
Who doth our parson disrespect  
or warden's orders any time neglect  
let him be held in foul disgrace  
and ever after banished this place  
Now round lets go, with pleasure to the ear  
and peirce with pleasing sounds the yeelding air  
and when the bells are ceast then let us sing  
God save the Church God bless the King.

These rules are, with a number of slight differences, a copy of those of St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, which date from the year 1700.

**MR. ERNEST MORRIS'S 400 PEALS.**

With the peal of Cambridge Minor at Higham-on-the-Hill, on May 22nd, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, reached his 400th peal, as follows:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles=1 to 6 methods	33	32 (a)
Minor=1 to 7 methods	39	38 (b-c)
Minor=Cambridge Surprise	3	1
Triples, Grandsire	49	31
Triples, Stedman	26	2
Major, Plain Bob	26	18 (e-f)
Major, Little Bob	2	2 (g)
Major, Kent Treble Bob	15	7 (h)
Major, Oxford Treble Bob	1	
Major, Spliced Treble Bob	4	2 (i)
Major, Double Norwich	26	7
Major, Forward	1	1
Major, Canterbury Pleasure	1	1
Major, Duffield	1	
Major, Superlative Surprise	20	4
Major, Real Superlative Surprise	1	1
Major, Cambridge Surprise	22 (j)	3
Major, New Cambridge Surprise	2	
Major, Bristol Surprise	18	
Major, London Surprise	15	1
Major, Yorkshire Surprise	1	
Caters, Grandsire	11	8
Caters, Stedman	30	5
Caters, Spiced G. & S.	1	1
Royal, Plain Bob	2	2
Royal, Kent Treble Bob	4	1
Royal, Cambridge Surprise	15	1
Royal, New Cambridge Surprise	1	
Royal, Princess Mary Surprise	1	
Royal, Leicester Surprise	2	
Royal, Pudsey Surprise	1	
Cinques, Grandsire	2	1
Cinques, Stedman	19	
Maximus, Kent Treble Bob	1	1
Maximus, Cambridge Surprise	4	

Total ... .. 400 171

(a) 6,600, M.C.A. record; (b-c) 7200 & 10,080 M.C.A. record; (d) 7,488, Northants record; (f) 13,440, M.C.A. record; (g), 6,720 record; (h) 10,912, M.C.A. record; (i) 9,120 record; (j) 7008 & 12,896 record, Rung in 21 counties, 121 towers, for 21 associations.

**RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR.**

E. W. TIPLER

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This method has a clear proof scale.

## 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.

**BARNES.**—On Whit-Sunday, for afternoon service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, F. Skevington 3, A. Culmore 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.—For evening service, 1,260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: H. Cook 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Belcher 3, R. Mackrill 4, C. Hunt 5, H. Folkard 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8.

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for 7 a.m. Choral Eucharist, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor and 120 Oxford Treble Bob.—For morning service, 720 York Surprise Minor and 504 Oxford Treble Bob.—For evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor and 360 Woodbine Treble Bob: L. Camp, F. Wright, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch, A. Bradley (conductor).

**LAMBERTHURST, KENT.**—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 720 London Surprise: A. Henley 1, A. Relfe (conductor) 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Smith 5, H. Hammond 6.—For evening service, 720 Primrose Surprise: A. Henley 1, W. Marshall 2, A. Marshall 3, A. Smith 4, A. Relfe 5, H. Hammond (conductor) 6.—After evening service, 720 Norfolk Surprise: A. Henley 1, W. Marshall 2, A. Smith 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relfe 5, H. Hammond (conductor) 6.

**BRAINTREE.**—For celebration of Holy Communion at 6 a.m. on Whit-Sunday, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. A. Cave 5, G. Lindridge 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—For Matins, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. E. Wiffen (first in the method) 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, C. H. Howard 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, F. Ely 6, W. A. Cave (conductor) 7, B. Wiffen 8.—For evensong, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, W. A. Cave 2, F. Ely 3, G. Lindridge 4, C. H. Howard (conductor) 5, W. H. Hammond 6, G. Wiffen 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.

**LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: T. O. Bone 1, H. Hills 2, F. Parrott 3, J. H. Parrott 4, J. Martin 5, F. Smith 6, S. Penfold (conductor) 7, H. Taylor, jun., 8. First quarter as conductor and for the ringer of the tenor. Also a welcome to the Rev. R. W. H. Moline, Warden of the Australian Bush Brotherhood, and formerly assistant priest at this church.

**CHICHESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. Marshall 1, W. Falconer 2, A. R. Rowe 3, F. B. Tomkins 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, W. E. Tielhurst 6, J. Blake 7, A. Tugwell 8.

**WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.**—At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: J. Cooper, sen., 1, J. Cooper, jun., 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimore 4, R. Darvill (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

**WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 23rd, 720 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hotchkiss 1, J. Johnson (conductor) 2, J. Smith 3, G. Phillips 4, T. Hotchkiss 5, H. Martin 6.

**CHELSEA.**—At the Church of St. Luke, on Sunday, May 16th, for evensong, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Rogers 1, T. H. Tuffender 2, W. H. Wood 3, R. Mackrill 4, A. J. Newman 5, C. F. Mitchell 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. H. Mance 9, H. Mance (conductor) 10.

**RICKMANSWORTH.**—On Sunday, May 16th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, with tenor covering: W. Croxley, T. Stephenson, H. W. Kirton, J. H. R. Freeborn, W. F. Elliott, J. B. Marks (conductor), E. Hookham. First 720 in the method by a local band.

**FRINDSBURY.**—On May 16th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: P. C. Springham 1, S. Jarrett 2, R. Paine 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, W. Evans 5, T. Beaumont 6, W. S. Beaumont (conductor) 7, C. Winsor 8.

**HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Harris 1, T. Greenhall 2, E. Brettle 3, W. Brown 4, W. Coley 5, J. Cox 6, V. White 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8.—Also three courses of London Surprise by the same band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. White on the eve of his 82nd birthday.

**ROMEFD.**—At St. Edward's, on Sunday, May 2nd, for evensong, in 40 mins., 1,280 Double Norwich: F. Rainbird 1, E. J. Butler 2, E. Furbank 3, W. Watson 4, F. W. Coster (first quarter in the method) 5, G. R. Pye (conductor) 6, H. Dawkins 7, H. T. Wilson 8.

## NOTICES.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m., meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Elstree, Saturday, May 29th. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea, 1/2 each at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Buses from Watford every hour. Cheap tickets from St. Pancras, London.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.**—Holy Trinity Church.—The annual ringing day will be held on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available all day. Tea will be arranged, and it is hoped that there will be a good muster.—G. C. Bixley, Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the districts will be held at Castle Donnington on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. An hearty invitation to all ringers.—J. Saddington, Hon. District Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The united monthly practice will be continued at Chelmsford for 10 and 12 bell ringing on and after May 29th. Will all ringers interested please note?—P. Timson, District Secretary, S.E. Division.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at East Bridgford on Saturday, May 29th. Tower open afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea, please advise Mrs. S. Carnell, Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, Notts, by May 28th.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, May 29th. Bells, St. Mary's (6), All Saints' (8), available from 2 p.m. for afternoon and evening. All ringers made welcome.—L. Moon, Assistant District Sec., 5, Faimouth Street, Newmarket.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Meon on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Red Lion 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea, provided by the Rector, 5 p.m.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday next, May 29th. Bells from 2.30 p. m. Meeting 7 p. m. Business: Support of St. George's church ringers, bell renovation scheme. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 1st and 29th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 3rd; St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. All at 7.30 p. m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Wombourn on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who let me know not later than June 1st. A small charge may be made.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 5th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea as usual. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The re-cast bells of St. John's, Newcastle, will be dedicated on Trinity Sunday at 3 p. m., and will be open to the members of the Association on Saturday, June 5th, from 3 p. m. to 9 p. m. (Probably the cathedral bells will also be open.) Tea at a moderate charge will be provided for those who notify me of their intention of being present by June 2nd. The Whit-Monday meeting arranged for at West Hartlepool is postponed owing to the General Strike.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 2 p. m. to 7 p. m. Meeting at 7 p. m. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is required.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint social meeting of the Stockport and Manchester Branches will be held at Norbury on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready 3 p. m. Service 4.30 p. m. Tea, at a small charge, 5.15 p. m. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. W. Fernley, 1, Grove Street, Hazel Grove, by Thursday, June 3rd.—J. P. Fidler and J. Hall, joint Hon. Secs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p. m. Service 3.30 p. m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than June 1st.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The adjourned meeting will be held at Yeovil (10 bells) on Saturday, June 5th. Service at 4.30; tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Local Sec., Martock.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available at 3. Tea at 5.30. All ringers are welcome.—E. W. Day, District Sec., 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin.

**BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, June 5th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p. m. As this is the first occasion these bells have been available for a number of years, it is hoped there will be a good attendance.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting on June 5th at Dore. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p. m. Committee meeting at 4.15, short service at 5 p. m., followed at tea at 1s. per head, providing a minimum of 25 apply for same to Mr. J. E. Lewis-Cockey, 'Leanwood,' Dore, not later than Thursday, June 3rd. The annual business, which should have been taken at St. Marie's on May 8th, and was postponed owing to the General Strike, will be held at this meeting. All members are asked to attend. Bus service from Ecclesall tram terminus every 20 minutes, and frequent train service to Dore and Totley Station (L.M.S.).—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Norton-in-Hales on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p. m., tea 5 p. m. Notices of attendance must be sent, not later than June 1st, to Mr. D. P. Roberts, The Rectory, Norton-in-Hales.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Okeford Fitzpaine on Saturday, June 5th. Ringing from 3 p. m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (members 6d. each). A short business meeting to follow. Towers available: Okeford Fitzpaine (6), Childe Okeford (6), Sturminster Newton (6), Shillingstone (5) and Hazelbury Dregan (5). Will those who wish for tea kindly let me know by June 1st?—Rev. R. E. P. Gorrings, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a. m., and Mondays, the 7th and the 21st, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 15th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, June 12th, at West Hartlepool. The three towers will be open from 2.30. Tea at the Raglan Hotel at 5 o'clock, 2/- per head to those who notify the Secretary by Wednesday, June 9th.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**HOYLANDSWAINE CUP CONTEST** to be held on Saturday, June 12th. Members are earnestly invited to join at once.—Apply to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting is the Cup Contest at Hoylandswaine on June 12th (Saturday) as provided by our Hoylandswaine members. Particulars as given previously, or will be given to towers on application to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine. Tea will be provided, but it must be noted that tea can be better provided in a village by members sending early applications as above. The date of entrance will be kept open as long as possible.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by June 8th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Guilds' service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance is desired.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, June 19th. Arrangements previously announced hold good.—F. Hervey Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice —The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held on Sat. July 10th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London. Further particulars later. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be sent to the Dis. Secs. or the Hon. Secretary, Edith K. Parker, 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Owing to the industrial unsettlement, the May meeting at Conisborough and the outing to York in June are postponed.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

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At Ellesmere, Shropshire, on Monday, May 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 54 minutes by the following: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, sen. (composer) 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, W. Higginson, sen., 8. This was the first quarter-peal of the method rung in Shropshire, and was rung at the first attempt. —On the following Monday the same band rang Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 minutes, conducted by T. Butler, sen.

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### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S WORK.

If justification were needed for the existence of the Central Council we think it is to be found in the proceedings of the Ipswich meeting last week. There are still ringers who hold the view that the Council is of no service to the Exercise, and that ringing could get along as well without it as with it. With the former opinion we entirely disagree. In connection with the latter we would point out that the existence of the Council has coincided with the marked advance which the art has made in recent decades, and, if this progress has not been due to the Council, it has certainly been co-ordinated and made good by the work which the Council has done. There was a period when the central body appeared to have exhausted its usefulness, but the advent of new blood and the arousing of a wider interest in the work, in which we hope we may claim to have had a share, have regorganised the Council, and the Ipswich meeting was proof that at no stage of the Council's existence has it shown greater vitality or more readily grappled with matters of general concern to ringers than it is doing at present.

Thus we find that during the past year it has made its great effort to save Coventry bells, and, if it was not successful, some valuable lessons have been learnt, which may be of the utmost use in the future. The Council has also taken a leading part in endeavouring to get cheaper railway travelling facilities for ringers, and, here again, although not successful, it has taken up a line of action, which will be maintained, and may bear fruit in future. Its actual meeting at Ipswich, despite the smaller attendance which uncertain and restricted travelling facilities imposed, was of a very interesting character, probably as interesting as any that has been held. Ringers may not all agree with the whole of the decisions come to, and on some of them we shall have more to say later, but from the ringers' point of view there was a useful programme before the members.

Nomenclature and Simpson tuning provided two first-class debates, both of which were instructive; while proposals for expert sub-committees to assist Diocesan Advisory Committees, and for further pressing the Railway Clearing Board for cheaper travelling were matters of practical politics in which ringers have a real personal concern. Even the committee reports showed 'something attempted, something done,' as witness the decision to print at once the new book of plain Major methods, and the completion of the Science Museum exhibit, in which Mr. John Carter's wonderful machine is the central feature. Work in bringing the Treble Bob peal collection up to date; and the carrying out of inspections by members of the Towers and Belfries Committee, to say

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nothing of the work done in other directions by other committees, notably the compilation of the Analysis, is all evidence that the Council is not only alive to its objects and responsibilities, but is seeking to carry them out with a single eye on the interests of the art of ringing and of ringers.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

WOLVERHAMPTON.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
*On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes*  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt.  
\*ROBERT H. PICKERING ... Treble | ROBERT PICKERING ... 6  
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2 | WILLIAM A. COOPER... 7  
SIDNEY T. ELTON ... 3 | EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 8  
FRANCIS BROIBERTON ... 4 | WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 9  
†JOHN C. ADAMS... ... 5 | THOMAS J. ELTON ... Tenor  
Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT  
Rung for the Whitsun Festival, on Empire Day, and on the birthdays of Mrs. John Perry (Brewood), Miss C. M. Knight and Miss Elton; also the anniversary of the 11,563 Grandsire Caters rung in this tower on May 22nd, 1899—four of the band taking part in this.  
\* First peal on ten. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ 100th peal.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Tuesday, May 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.  
\*CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... Treble | †JOHN KING ... 6  
HARRY BAXTER... ... 2 | CHARLES W. BIRD ... 7  
\*MISS KITTY MOORE ... 3 | \*JOHN DOVE ... 8  
THOMAS LAW ... 4 | GEORGE BASFORD ... 9  
†ROBERT G. BLACK ... 5 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER... Tenor  
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.  
First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal by all the band, with the exception of the ringers of 7th and tenor. † First attempt for peal on ten bells. \* First attempt for peal of Royal. First peal as conductor on ten bells. ‡ 75th peal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.  
*On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**

THOMAS SAUNDERS ... Treble | WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 6  
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 2 | WILLIAM GREEN ... 7  
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JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 5 | GILBERT GUEST ... Tenor  
Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.  
Quarterly peal for the Guild.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
*On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.  
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5  
CHARLES E. RAYSON ... 2 | GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 6  
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3 | FRED COTTON ... 7  
PERCIVAL A. ALDBAM... ... 4 | ALBAN DISNEY ... Tenor  
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the association previous to the peal. First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 5	*ALBERT FEIST ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETS ... .. 7	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

\* First peal in the method.

LYMNGE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.		Tenor 18 cwt. in E.	
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... Treble	HORACE WHITEHEAD ... .. 5	PERCY PAGE ... .. 2	HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7	CHARLES TURNER ... .. 4	ALEC WEBB... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

The band wish to thank Mr. Alec Webb for standing in at the last minute.

FEERING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt. in F.	
WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, also by ringers of 5th, 6th and 7th. Messrs. Cave, of Bristol, and Williams, of Southampton, were elected life members of the association before starting for the peal.

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

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E sharp.	
FRANK B. YATES... .. Treble	JOHN WITHERS ... .. 5
PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. 2	CHARLES WEBB ... .. 6
HARRY WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JOHN WITHERS, JUN. ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. BALL ... .. 4	HARRY WITHERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WITHERS

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	
PETER LAFLIN ... .. Treble	LESLIE E. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
PERCY MAY ... .. 2	THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige Messrs. Jones, Bolton and Groombridge (C.C. delegates); also as a welcome to the singer of the treble, upon his return to the old country, after a stay of nearly seven years in Canada. The latter has now completed the circle in Debenham tower. Messrs. Laflin, Jones and Bolton were elected members of the Suffolk Guild prior to starting for the peal.

CADOXTON, NEATH.—On Sunday, May 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Harold Mathews 1, J. Bloxham 2, Gwyn Lewis 3, D. J. Lewis 4, W. Thomas 5, C. Lake (conductor) 6.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.	
EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN  
Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Major.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. Treble	HENRY HARRISON ... .. 5
JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 2	ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 6
HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 3	JOHN FLOWER ... .. 7
CHARLES GEARY ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBBY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBBY.  
Rung in commemoration of Empire Day.

BENENDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 3/4 cwt. in E flat.	
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON... .. 5
*MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN... .. 3	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 7
†HARRY BAKER... .. 4	LEWIS NEWMAN... .. Tenor

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal inside. Conductor's 50th peal of Major.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.	
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	*JOHN R. DEFFIELD... .. 5
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... .. 2	*FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 6
FRANCIS GLAVES ... .. 3	HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 7
†MISS KITTY WILLIERS ... .. 4	*STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.  
First peal as conductor on tower bells. \* First peal of Major on tower bells. † First peal in the method. Ringers of 5th and 8th were elected members before starting. Rung for Empire Day; also to celebrate the satisfactory conclusion of the General Strike.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 1/2 cwt. in A.	
PERCY ALMOND ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 6
WALTER ARNOLD... .. 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 4	JAMES FLEUTY ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS  
The conductor's 1,100th peal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson to Mr. W. J. Nevard, who has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. 150th peal by F. Claydon.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On Sunday, April 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1,260 changes (five 240's from Mr. A. J. Pitman's arrangement), in 44 mins.: Tom Middleton 1, Fred Bailey (conductor) 2, Joe Bailey 3, Lewis Wright 4, Ralph Bailey 5, Fred Wright 6.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD <i>Treble</i> ...	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ...	ERNEST W. TIPLER... ..	6
ARTHUR H. BARTRAM ...	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ...	7
ALBAN DISNEY... ..	GABRIEL S. CAMPTON ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADSWYTH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY <i>Treble</i> ...	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ...	5
PERCY PAGE... ..	ERNEST W. POWELL ...	6
MISS R. THOMAS ...	HENRY C. CASTLE ...	7
EDWARD S. ROCK ...	HARRY PARKES ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN THORPE.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 12 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... <i>Treble</i> ...	WILLIAM LEE ... ..	5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... ..	CHARLES CLARKE ... ..	6
WILLIAM ELDRIDGE ... ..	RUSSELL RICHES ... ..	7
JAMES ELDRIDGE... ..	WALTER BARRETT ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

* E. WITHERS ... .. <i>Treble</i> ...	* C. A. BINYON ... ..	5
W. D. SPARROW ... ..	J. D. JOHNSON ... ..	6
G. J. NORRIS ... ..	H. COLLEY ... ..	7
* T. W. HARDIMAN ... ..	* A. J. TAYLOR ... ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. A. BINYON.

\* First peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

BY MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE (Hon. Member) ...	... ..	<i>Treble</i>
GEORGE R. PYE (Essex Association) ...	... ..	2
FRANK HOPGOOD (Oxford Guild) ...	... ..	3
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN (Bedford Association) ...	... ..	4
* REV. EVERARD S. POWELL (Devon Guild) ...	... ..	5
CHARLES MEE (Suffolk Guild) ...	... ..	6
* FRANK J. DAVY (Devon Guild) ...	... ..	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. (Kent Association) ...	... ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Holy Trinity Church, Ascott-under-Wychwood, Oxon, on Thursday, May 27th, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes), in 1 hr. 25 mins.: Miss M. M. Webb 1. A. Hill 2. H. Hoverod 3. F. Anson 4. J. Keyte (conductor) 5. F. Hill 6. Longest length by the ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6, and the longest length on the bells.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, May 25, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... .. <i>Treble</i> ...	CHARLES H. BELTON ...	5
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... ..	* HARRY GARNER ... ..	6
THOMAS K. DEACON ... ..	FRED COTTON ... ..	7
CHARLES R. BELTON ... ..	GEORGE P. GARNER ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by G. P. GARNER.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven 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 ... .. <i>Treble</i> ...	ALBERT BRADLEY... ..	5
FRANCIS FRASER... ..	JIM HORRELL ... ..	6
THOMAS A. EASTERBY... ..	ERNEST B. CROWDER ...	7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... ..	HARRY J. NORGATE ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to Edith, the beloved wife of Mr. A. F. Bennington, a member of St. John's Band.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, May 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five-and-a-Half Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. <i>Treble</i> ...	JAMES FLETTY ... ..	5
FRANK CLAYDON ... ..	WALTER ARNOLD... ..	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	LEWIS W. WIFFIN ... ..	7
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

* BARRY ELLIOTT ... .. <i>Treble</i> ...	MAURICE SMITHER ... ..	5
ALFRED H. PULLING... ..	* C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	6
* RAYMOND OVERY ... ..	RICHARD HAYES... ..	7
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ..	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in E.

WARREN S. HORNBRONK... <i>Treble</i> ...	ERNEST W. MARSH ... ..	5
JAMES E. LILLEY ... ..	* REGINALD J. BEER ... ..	6
WILLIAM RICHARDS ... ..	CHARLES R. LILLEY... ..	7
† THOMAS A. MYERS ... ..	† ALFRED J. WESTCOTT ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. Quarterly peal of the branch.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE IN PLYMOUTH.

At Stoke Damerell Church, Plymouth, on May 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, the first in Plymouth by a local band, was rung by the following members of the Devonshire Guild:—W. Richards 1, J. Lilley 2, T. Myers 3, W. Rundle 4, W. Hiscott 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6; also 360, in which R. Beer and W. Wonnacot took part.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BELGRAVE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 5
*FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 6
ALFRED G. GRANT ... .. 3	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 4	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method on an inside bell. First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. Treble	JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	CHARLES MASON ... .. 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 3	THOMAS RILEY ... .. 7
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

This was William Lambert's 350th peal.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	† WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE ... .. 2	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 6
* JAMES MILLER ... .. 3	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 7
HARRY FRANCE ... .. 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal on eight and first attempt. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ERNEST E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	JESSE GILLET ... .. 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 3	THOMAS CLISSOLD ... .. 7
WILLIAM HARRIS ... .. 4	WILLIAM AVERY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

These bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' is all that can be desired. It was intended to ring Major; but, meeting one short, the above was substituted.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 5
VICTOR WHITE ... .. 2	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 6
RICHARD ROUND ... .. 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 7
PERCY HACKETT ... .. 4	* ALBERT TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. James E. Groves, Handsworth. This peal was specially arranged and rung in honour of the first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harrold, who kindly entertained the band to a sumptuous tea at the close of the peal. Mr. Harrold is a member of the local band, and also a member of the choir. The best thanks of the band were given to Mr. and Mrs. Harrold for their kind hospitality.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* WILLIAM SHORE ... .. Treble	JOHN FEAR ... .. 4
FREDERICK J. L. BROWN ... 2	WILFRED YOUNG ... .. 5
WILLIAM YOUNG ... .. 3	THOMAS R. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. CLARK.

\* First peal of Minor.

LOWER HAGFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BICESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

E. A. CLIFTON ... .. Treble	W. SCARROTT ... .. 4
H. HATFIELD ... .. 2	F. NEALE ... .. 5
B. COX ... .. 3	E. HIMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. NEALE.

First peal as conductor. First peal on bells since rehanging.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5760 CHANGES;

Being eight different 720's

STANLEY G. HARLOW ... Treble	† WALLACE G. CHURCH ... 4
JOSEPH CHURCH ... .. 2	* HERBERT A. WAGSTAFF ... 5
HERBERT J. HARLOW ... .. 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

\* First peal. † First peal inside.

OXTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in F sharp.

LEONARD A. TIDY ... Treble	* JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 4
* FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5
* THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	CHAS. H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in more than two methods.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN BRASSINGTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CORSLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5076 CHANGES;

Twenty-four 240's on Pitman's plan.

* R. GALE ... .. Treble	† THOMAS MASTERS ... .. 4
TREVOR HOLLOWAY ... .. 2	† E. F. WHITE ... .. 5
GEORGE SIEVENS ... .. 3	* EDWARD DOEL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. HOLLOWAY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal inside.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**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. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

*CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... ..Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 4
MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN... .. 2	HARRY BAXTER ... .. 5
JOHN KING ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First seven method peal.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS WILMOT... ..Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 4
HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 2	JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 5
FREDERIC H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

First peal in three methods on the bells and by the ringers of treble and 2nd. The conductor's 25th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of the conductor.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 32 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALLAN COLCOMBE ... ..Treble	*HERBERT COLCOMBE... .. 4
KENNETH SOUTHALL ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
PERCIVAL H. YOUNG... .. 3	*GEORGE PAYNE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being four six-scores of Plain Bob, eight of Canterbury Pleasure, and thirty of Grandsire. 42 callings. Tenor 3½ cwt.

JOHN BOURNE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... .. 4
PERCIVAL H. YOUNG ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
GEORGE SOLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE R. HANKS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal of Doubles and first open peal on the bells.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being 720 each of College Bob IV., Wragby Delight, Norbury and Kingston, Treble Bob, London Scholars Pleasure, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob.

THOMAS BARTRAM ... ..Treble	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 4
WILLIAM SHARP... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 of Single Court and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC WADMAN ... ..Treble	REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 4
FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK... .. 5
STANLEY CARTER ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

First peal on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting was held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, and was well attended. The Guild form of service was used at All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Trevor Lewis), the lesson being read by Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Guild. In his address the Vicar said he had been warned not to speak of bells, and it was the long-delayed appearance of the sun that morning that gave him his theme. Astronomy, he said, was the oldest science in the world, but originally people believed the earth stood still, and was the centre of the sun, moon and stars, which moved round it. Many to-day still placed the earth as the centre of all hope and desire; their aims were earthly, so were their aspirations. That was why they found themselves faced with problems they were unable to solve, and he mentioned, as an instance, the coal mining industry. Once they made God their centre, their aim and their hope, their problems would disappear, and the world and its affairs would run smoothly and happily.

Luncheon was served at the Plough Hotel, 70 sitting down, and was followed by the annual business meeting. Mr. F. Wilford (Master) presided, and amongst those present were Rev. J. P. Friend, Rev. R. C. Thursfield and Rev. J. C. Hichens (vice-presidents), Rev. C. J. Watkins (Vicar of St. Giles'), Rev. E. C. Channer, Messrs. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), S. F. Millward (auditor), T. Tebbutt, R. G. Black, F. Barber and W. Bott (branch secretaries), A. King (Luton), A. Moors (Daventry), W. J. Sharpe (Towcester), etc.

The Master proposed the toast of 'The King,' and afterwards referred with regret to the absence of the general secretary (Mr. D. J. Nichols) through ill-health. He said how sorry they all were that Mr. Nichols was not able to carry on the office, the duties of which he had discharged so well. All Mr. D. J. Nichols had done for the good of the Guild and for ringing in so splendid and unselfish a manner was for the love of the work. He moved that a letter of sympathy and appreciation be forwarded to him from that meeting, and this was at once agreed to.

Apologies for absence were received from the President (the Dean of Peterborough), the Revs. L. H. Lethbridge, L. S. Clark, C. H. L. Hopper, J. P. de Putron, E. J. Atkins, E. V. Martin, J. White, Canon Dodson, and Mr. J. J. Jutson and Mr. W. Moore.

The secretary's report and statement of accounts were adopted, and the following officers were re-elected: President, the Dean of Peterborough; Master, Mr. F. Wilford; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Wilson; auditor, Mr. S. F. Millward.

Mr. R. G. Black, who has been acting as secretary during Mr. Nichols' illness, was unanimously elected general secretary.

After a ballot, Messrs. P. Wilford, R. G. Black, T. Tebbutt and F. Hopper were elected as representatives to serve on the Central Council for the ensuing three years, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

Northampton was again chosen as the place for the next annual meeting.

Members of the newly-formed Daventry branch were welcomed on their first appearance at the annual meeting of the Guild. Words of welcome were also extended to the Rev. E. C. Channer, a very well-known and much esteemed member of the late Central Northants Association.

The Rev. R. C. Thursfield moved a 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, to the Vicar of All Saints' for conducting the service and for his address; also to the officers of the Northampton branch for so ably making all the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

The Rev. J. P. Friend moved a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

During the day touches were rung in most of the standard methods at the various churches.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST HAGBOURNE BELLS UNSAFE.

The North Berkshire branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Wantage on Saturday week. Some 70 members and friends attended a special service in the church. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.), with the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters, M.C. (chairman of the branch) officiated, an able and appropriate address being given by the latter from the words 'Sirs, ye are brethren.'

After service tea was provided at the King Alfred's Head, and, at a business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary's report and balance sheet were presented, and again showed that the branch was in a prosperous position, both as regards members and funds.

The Chairman having reported that East Hagbourne bells had been condemned as unsafe for ringing, a grant of £4 was voted from the branch funds towards their restoration, and the hope was expressed that all who are interested in bells and ringing will speedily subscribe, so that this noble ring will not remain silent for long.

The meeting over, the tower was again visited, and members also enjoyed ringing at Childrey, Ardington and the Hundreds.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.****SECOND ANNUAL RINGING COMPETITION.**

Favoured with glorious weather, the second annual ringing competition, organised by the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, was held in the parish of Baglan, Glamorgan, on Saturday, May 22nd. The competition was open to the members of the Guild, and a shield was given to the team gaining the highest number of points in raising and falling the bells in peal, and 120 changes of Doubles (any method). Several bands who had competed last year were unable to appear this year, owing to the uncertain train services, and the competing bands numbered seven. The Guild were fortunate in again securing the services of Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, to act as judge, and his report resulted in the competitors being awarded the following points:—St. David's, Brecon, 197; Llanelly, Brecon, 220; Baglan, 232; Cadoxton, 229; Neath, 225; Gorseinon, 227; Aberavon, 221; the maximum points obtainable being 240.

It will be observed that the home team (Baglan) secured the highest number of points, but the committee had previously decided that a handicap of nine points be imposed, and they were thus relegated to fourth place. Certificates were presented to the first three teams.

The Judge, in his report, stated that the general proficiency of the teams competing was up to the standard of last year's competition, with the exception of one team. There was no breakdown, and there were no broken ropes or fittings, and, although the method was Grandsire Doubles, one team successfully accomplished Stedman. The raising and falling in peal appears to need further practice, as a considerable number of points were lost by all the visiting competitors in this branch of church bell work. Nearly every team lost points through the mis-striking of the second bell, due to the fitting of the clapper being worn. Although the home team came out three points ahead of all the rest, they were sporting enough to accept the penalty of nine points imposed by the Guild Committee. Baglan are a somewhat heavier peal of bells (tenor 16½ cwt.) than St. David's, Brecon, used last year, but the teams kept good compass, and generally maintained a fair efficiency in the methods rung.

A cold luncheon was served in Baglan Schools, the Vicar of St. Catherine's, Baglan, being in the chair, and he was supported by the Revs. W. G. Davies and T. W. B. Thomas (Llanelly). Rev. R. A. Sluman (Swansea), the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. Hammond), the hon. treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell), and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells). Nearly 70 ringers enjoyed the repast. The competition had commenced at 11 a.m., and finished at 4 p.m., when tea was served. After tea, the Rev. Howard C. Morton (Baglan) presented the shield and certificates to the successful teams, the judge having, in the meantime, delivered his report referred to above.

The thanks of the company present were given to the Vicar and his Parochial Church Council and parishioners for the hearty invitation extended to the Guild, and for their excellent luncheon and tea, provided free of charge to all ringers, on the proposition of Rev. W. G. Davies, and seconded by the Hon. Secretary. Led by the Rev. W. G. Davies, the ringers gave three hearty cheers. Thanks were also accorded Mr. and Mrs. Bellringer for the use of a room at their house to accommodate the judge during the competition, for seeing that the bells were in good ringing order, and for their services to ringers throughout the day.

The ladies serving at the tables were also accorded thanks.

The Hon. Treasurer thanked Mr. W. H. Fussell for the able way he had delivered his adjudication, and for again honouring them with his presence. After tea a collection was made towards the funds of the church.

It was interesting to again note that the Baglan team included two lady ringers, one of whom was a Bellringer by name. Her husband was also a member of the team.

The Vicar was kind enough to throw open the grounds of his Vicarage for the use of the ringers.

**THE DISPUTE AT BLACKAWTON.**

The trouble which, as already mentioned in these columns, has arisen at Blackawton, Devon, between the Vicar and the ringers because the latter declined to continue their ringing services when the Vicar requested that they should remain at church for the service after ringing, is still unsettled.

The Vicar invited application from seven men who understand change ringing, 'who are in the habit of keeping holy the Lord's Day and are willing to stay, as a rule, for the service they ring for.' An honorarium of £1 each per year was offered. Five ringers replied, but they did not think it possible to attend every church service regularly; while they were willing to ring and attend service on festivals of the church, they could not offer to ring either every Sunday or for three services out of four. Three other ringers offered their services 'when work permitted.'

The Vicar, at a meeting of the Church Council, refused to give a decision on these offers, and left the meeting. The other members remained, elected a chairman, and discussed the desirability of bringing the question before the Bishop of Exeter.

**WATFORD, HERTS**—On Whit-Sunday, May 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: H. G. Milton (first quarter-peal) 1, W. E. Oakley 2, E. Jones 3, E. S. Edwards (first quarter inside) 4, G. Seaman 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, W. Hewitt 7, W. J. Norris 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The anniversary of the opening of two celebrated peals of bells occurs to-day. On June 4th, 1762, How bells, then a peal of ten, were rung for the first time. In 1814 the bells at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, were opened.

Debenham, which was visited by members of the Central Council during their Whitsun excursion to Ipswich, is recalled this week by the anniversary of the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major, which was rung on June 6th, 1892, in 10 hrs. 32 mins.

Twenty years ago next Tuesday this length of Treble Bob was exceeded for the first time when the Chester Guild rang 16,800 in the Kent variation at Moltram.

The last peal on Coventry bells was rung on June 9th, 1883.

It was on June 9th, 1850, that the first peal was rung in America. This was Holt's ten-part, conducted by H. W. Haley at Christ Church, Philadelphia.

The Society of Cumberland Youths (residents of Croydon) rang Mr. Holt's Peal of Grandire Triples, consisting of 5,040 changes, with 98 bobs and 2 singles, which was executed in a masterly style in 2 hours and 50 mins., being the shortest time in which it was ever accomplished on these bells. This reference appears on a tablet recording a peal at St. John's Church, Croydon, on May 29th, 1827. Next year will, therefore, be the centenary year.

Mr. John Sully, who hung the bells at Almondsbury in 1903, writes to point out that the article on these bells in our issue of May 21st says that the only peal attempted on them by a local band was made on April 17th this year. As this might make it appear that no peal had been rung on them since he put in a new frame in 1903, he points out that a peal was rung there the same year, when, in the opinion of the ringers, the work of rehanging 'could not have been done better.'

It is said that one important member of the Central Council was unable to take part in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Ipswich on the Saturday before Whitsun because he had some broody hens to attend to. We hope that when the eggs are hatched out there will be no cuckoos among the chicks.

Mr. N. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester, requests C.S.M. Geo. Gilbert to communicate his present address.

The report of the annual meeting of the Essex Association, held on Whit-Monday, when all the officers were re-elected and a sound numerical and financial position shown, will appear in our next issue.

The Bedfordshire Association meeting, which was to have been held at Toddington to-morrow, has had to be postponed. While the bells were being rung for service the tenor clapper broke, and, getting caught in the wheel, broke that also.

## DEATH OF MR. W. A. WEBB. READING.

The Reading branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and particularly the St. Mary's Society, have sustained a great loss by the death of one of their old members, Mr. Walter Arthur Webb. He joined the society about 23 years ago, and had been an earnest and enthusiastic member to within a few months of his death, which occurred on Sunday, May 23rd.

The funeral took place on Thursday week. The first part of the service was held at St. Mary's Church, Reading, and was attended by a goodly number of his friends. The second part was held in the cemetery at Caversham, where a plain course of Grandire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave, by four members of the Reading branch, the Master of the Guild, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin, ringing 7 and 8. Both services were taken by the Vicar of St. Mary's. In the evening several touches of Stedman Triples were rung on St. Mary's tower bells, half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the deceased.

Mr. Webb was a native of Beccles, in Suffolk, where he learnt to ring, and was a member of the band of ringers there. He was apprenticed to the firm of Messrs. Close and Son, printers, of that town. Trade, however, took him to Reading, where he worked first for Messrs. Petty and Sons, printers, and then for Messrs. Wyman and Co., being one of their leading machine hands, and he remained in their service till he was taken ill last year.

He was a man of amiable disposition, always cheerful, kind and ready at all times to help any one in the belfry or out of it. A good, steady and reliable ringer in nearly all methods, his heart was thoroughly in his work and in the science he loved so well. His loss to St. Mary's is very great, for all respected and liked him. He will be keenly missed, but not forgotten, by any who had the privilege of knowing him. The peals he rang numbered about 70, in many methods.

He leaves a widow, six sons and three daughters.

W. P. R.

## RUGBY SURPRISE.

In printing this method, by Mr. E. Tipler, last week, an error was made in describing it as having a clean proof scale. It has four false course-ends, viz., 46325, 54263, 62345 and 34562, and was published by us in error for another method, Wycliffe Surprise, by the same author.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### COVENTRY BELLS.—DISCUSSIONS AT IPSWICH MEETING.

In reviewing the action taken to preserve Coventry bells, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. A. Young), speaking at the Central Council meeting at Ipswich, said that the progress of the negotiations was shown, step by step, in a booklet which he had had privately printed, and which he asked the Council to accept. (This booklet reproduces all the correspondence that had taken place and runs to 44 quarto pages.)

As the Council was aware, said the Hon. Secretary, their efforts were not successful in saving the bells, but they put up a good fight. The inception of what was done was an article in 'The Ringing World' suggesting that it was desirable the Central Council should take action, and the Standing Committee took the serious step of deciding, without calling a general meeting of the Council, to endeavour to save the bells. They were very much indebted to Alderman Pritchett, an eminent member of the Bar and a member of the Council's Standing Committee, who was able to look after their legal interests, and to meet Sir Henry Maddox, who was in charge for the other side. Unfortunately, they did not succeed in convincing the Chancellor that the bells should be saved, and it had occurred to him (the speaker) that, if at any future time they engaged in another case of the kind, they ought to get on their side similar heavy guns to Dr. Starmer and Dr. Brazil, who appeared for their opponents. It was of much interest to him to see Mr. Johnston's recent letter in 'The Ringing World,' stating that he had for two or three years earnestly wrestled with the authorities at Coventry to see if some intermediate course could not be adopted to save a total loss of these bells as a ringing peal. It was unfortunate that, at the time, Mr. Johnston did not realise he had the Council at his back. If he had done so two years ago they might have met with success. Founders might, in the future, find themselves in similar difficulties, in restraining local authorities, and they would be in a much stronger position if they could come to the Council for assistance in defence of the bells. The Hon. Secretary then moved that the Council confirm the action of the Standing Committee, and pay the incidental expenses incurred.

Rev. H. Drake seconded, and thanked Mr. Young for what he had done. He put in a great deal of hard work, and was put to considerable expense, of which they had had some evidence in the book now laid before the Council. He (Mr. Drake) had been challenged as to whether the Suffolk Guild had actually supported the action of the committee, and he would therefore like to say that he brought the matter before two of their district meetings and their annual meeting, and everyone was enthusiastically in favour of what he did, and thanked him for doing it.

Mr. James George, one of the few surviving ringers who rang on the old Coventry bells before they were silenced 40 years ago, supported the thanks to Mr. Young.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett spoke of the splendid effort which Mr. Young made to save this most famous peal of bells. He added that he would not like the impression to remain on their minds that the effort was entirely unsuccessful. To a considerable extent it was successful. The original proposition was to melt up the bells and recast them in the form of a carillon of 14 bells, but at the last moment the scheme was modified in such a way as to meet the strongest objection, and the proposal which the Chancellor was finally asked to sanction was to recast the ten bells as a peal that could be rung as ten bells in the future if ever it was desired and was practicable to do so, the other four bells being added from new metal. That change of front was brought about by the splendid effort made by their secretary (applause).

The President expressed the Council's heartiest thanks to Mr. Young and Mr. Pritchett, and the motion was carried.

### COMMITTEES' WORK.

The Council then dealt with committee reports.

Miss Parker, for the Peal Collection Committee, reported that the work of adding the new Treble Bob compositions to the collection was proceeding, but it was involving the examination of the original peals to see that variations did not creep in. When the work was completed by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson it would be sent to her to type, and it was hoped to have it in the hands of the Council by the next meeting.

The report was adopted.

A report for the Literature and Press Committee was made by the Hon. Secretary (in the absence through illness of the Convener, the Rev. C. E. Matthews). During the past year, he said, the committee's principal task had been revising the Council's book of rules. He had supplied the committee with a précis of all the decisions that had been arrived at, and the book was to be brought right up to date. They were much indebted to the Rev. F. L. Edwards, who was at present in Cyprus, for what he had done in this connection, and to the late Hon. Sec. (Rev. C. D. P. Davies) for a nice little preface which he had written. Incidentally, during the year, the committee had been looking after their interests in the Press, in which department Mr. Paddon Smith had lent valuable assistance. The committee hoped to put a typed draft of the revised rules before the Council at the next meeting.

The Rev. H. Law James said the book contained the Report on Methods. That report should not be reprinted until the members of the Methods Committee had brought it up to date. The Literature and Press Committee were not competent to revise that part of it—they knew nothing at all about it (laughter).

The Hon. Secretary said he took it the Convener would see that the draft was submitted to the Methods Committee.

The report was accepted.

The Rev. H. Law James, asked to report for the Methods Committee, said: We were ready to print the Plain Major Methods last year. The book would have been printed and in your hands to-day if it had not been for the interference of the Nomenclature Committee (laughter).

The President: Is that all you wish to say? (laughter).

The Rev. H. Law James: There is nothing more to say, except, of course, we want to go to print straight away.

Afterwards Mr. James moved that 300 copies be printed. He thought this number would be sufficient, because the book would contain just one lead of a method, and consequently a band that wanted to ring a method would buy one copy and make their diagrams from it. They would not want seven or eight copies for each tower.

Mr. G. P. Burton: Will there be anything in the book beside the figures of the methods? Will they be named? (laughter).

Mr. J. A. Trollope: They are named, every one of them. The names have been submitted to the Nomenclature Committee and approved of to them, but not the sub-titles.

Mr. Burton said he received a list of names, and to those names the Nomenclature Committee objected in some measure. The names themselves might not be open to objection, but their application was a point which might lead to confusion.

The Rev. H. Law James (warmly): I have been at this for 26 years; this new committee has been at work about two years. You can take the report as it is, or we will put it in the fire, names and all. ('No.') It is a matter of pure pedantry.

Mr. T. H. Beams suggested they should leave the consideration of this matter over until the Nomenclature Committee's report had been dealt with.—This was seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and agreed to.

The Peals Analysis Committee's report, which had already been published in 'The Ringing World,' was adopted, on the motion of Miss Parker.

### IMPORTANCE OF PAINTING BELL FRAMES.

The Hon. Secretary reported for the Towers and Belfries Committee that they were in reserve in case of emergency to give technical advice, and he and Major Hesse were asked by the Winchester Guild to go to Southampton and inspect the tower of St. Michael's Church. They were able to report satisfactorily, so that the bells, which had been recast, could go back into the tower, the peal having been left unhung for some time previously, as there had been a doubt as to whether the tower was safe to take them.

Major Hesse said he had made two inspections during the year. He wished to draw the attention of ringers to the need of keeping the authorities alive to the necessity of painting metal bell frames. Where they were allowed to rust there would come a time, in a few years, when a great portion of the frame would have to be renewed. Authorities should be reminded of the importance of painting bell frames at least every five years. He had come across some bad cases of neglect lately.

The President said he could corroborate Major Hesse as to the need for painting frames, and it ought to be the duty of any ringer who was in charge of an iron or steel frame to tell the churchwardens that it required painting every three years. It was the duty of ringers to see that it was done. There ought to be a ringer on every Parish Church Council, and he should bring this matter up every three years.

The reports were accepted.

Mr. T. H. Beams said the Records Committee had nothing outstanding to report, but there was a slight alteration to make. A progressive length of Cambridge Surprise was put down under the heading of Royal, it should have been Maximus.

### THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The Hon. Secretary said the position with regard to the Science-Museum Exhibit Committee was as outlined in the notice which appeared in 'The Ringing World' recently. They had to congratulate themselves on the fact that in the National Science Museum they had a small section illustrating their art. It was more than justified when they remembered that in the exhibition case was the famous ringing machine invented by Mr. John Carter. They had now arrived at the stage when there was no more for the committee to do, and, with the sanction of his fellow members, he proposed that the committee should now be allowed to lapse, and that the duties should be taken over by the Standing Committee of the Council. These duties were rather important, and turned upon the Carter machine. It had been Mr. Carter's wish that it should be in that Museum, and he had deposited it on permanent loan. He had done the Council the honour of making them trustees, and he and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies were the first trustees. They had had to consider whether they should ask others to join with them, and, with his fellow trustee's concurrence, they proposed to

appoint a ringer in London, who was thoroughly well up in ringing methods, and had a certain amount of technical skill in regard to machinery, to assist them. The machine, for delicacy of work, was of the calibre of a French striking timepiece; in fact, parts almost approached watch work. Through Mr. Carter having constantly to take the machine to pieces and reassemble it, parts were already somewhat worn, and would need adjustment. The trustees proposed to appoint Mr. C. Roberts, a young London ringer, who was a watch maker, and who had agreed to master the machine and to demonstrate it, he hoped, for many years to come. He (Mr. Young) had been able to extract from Mr. Carter details of the machine, which he had incorporated in a book, deposited with the machine. This described it in great detail, and showed what the machine would do in any method now known, or which could be invented in the future.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in seconding the proposal to dissolve the committee, said he regarded the machine as one of the most wonderful things he had ever seen. It was an asset to the Exercise which he hoped would go down to the generations to come. He rejoiced to hear that Mr. Young had secured the services of a younger man, who would be able to understand the machine, keep it in order, and work it when necessary. That was a thing about which he (the speaker) had always felt concern. He was terrified with the thought that its use or explanation might be lost, and the Exercise deprived of it as an asset. He was glad they had secured a young man who would, he hoped, be able to keep it going for many years to come.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett expressed appreciation of the services which Mr. Young had rendered in this matter. Although that other wonder, Babbage's Calculating Machine, was still in existence, no one now knew how to use it. That was a fate they would not like to befall Mr. Carter's machine, and it would be saved from it by the exertions of their secretary (applause).

It was resolved that the committee be dissolved, that its duties be carried on by the Standing Committee, and that representatives be appointed by the Council to act as trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

#### METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

Mr. G. P. Burton, moving the adoption of the report of the Nomenclature Committee, said they presented a report in 1925, which was before the Exercise for a whole year. Instead of a report for 1926 the committee had put forward a series of recommendations which they had likewise seen printed in 'The Ringing World.' Those resolutions would be put to the meeting in due course. The committee were compelled to bring forward proposals which would produce some opposition, but that could not be helped, for when any reform was undertaken there must be some controversy about it. During the past year the greatest possible publicity had been given to the matter in the ringing press, and friends and critics alike had had ample opportunity afforded them to hear all there was to be said on the subject from both sides. Their greatest critic, at any rate in regard to the amount of space he had occupied, had been Mr. Trollope. He had had to declare himself in some respects on the side of the committee, but it had to be confessed that not one bit of his criticism had been in the least bit helpful. The committee was put forward to do something, and help the Exercise out of the mire in which it had been for some time in regard to names, but Mr. Trollope's criticism had been obstructive. Not one helpful suggestion had been made by the critics, they could only say 'No' to every proposal—and of what good was that? Dealing with some of the points which critics had made, Mr. Burton said Mr. Trollope, in one of his articles, showed how method names had been built up. Did that not show that by the same process they could undo them? When a word was encumbered by too many adjectives they lost their force and had to be dropped, but Mr. Trollope argued that when they had a name it must stand as it was for ever. As to the difficulties accompanying change, they were quickly got over, and people soon became accustomed to new names, as they had seen in recent years when Christiania became Oslo, and St. Petersburg had become Petrograd and afterwards Leningrad. As to the supposed right of any man to give what name he liked to a method, they knew the confusion it had led to, and they wanted the Council to transfer the authority from the individual to the Council, or a committee of the Council. The committee said it was not right that the individual should have the authority to choose a name which might cause trouble and difficulty, and perhaps bring them to ridicule. They were now frequently getting change ringing broadcast, and it was becoming the practice for the announcer to give the name of the method, and to say that such and such a society would ring a touch of Grandsire Triples, or whatever the method was. They gave out a name—that was the point. It showed that the Exercise wanted to be careful what names it used: that they had the right sort of names. What would the public think of an announcement that someone was going to ring a touch of Princess Mary Royal? They had come to a stage where they wanted no more language of flowers, no generalities. The time had passed for that. The committee wanted a plain 'Yes' or 'No' to their plain, reasonable and practicable proposals. They were doing something now for the future, and not just for their own present-day likings or convenience; they were looking further ahead, so that whatever developments might come, they could have names which were suitable, names of which they were not ashamed.

Mr. Burton then moved the resolutions which appeared in the committee's report.

#### THE RESOLUTIONS.

The proposals were, briefly, as follows:—

- (1) No method shall have more than one name.
- (2) No name shall belong to more than one method.
- (3) No name shall contain more than one word.
- (4) Class designations, when added to a name, shall always have some reference to the thing designated. Thus the word 'bob' in this connection shall always, as originally, have reference to dodging.
- (5) The names 'Pasallatessera' and 'Pasallatria' shall not be used in any C.C. publications; should it be necessary to distinguish the classes which were once so designated, they shall be otherwise, and properly, described.
- (6) The fifteen floral names shall be changed.
- (7), (8), (9) and (10) gave the name changes proposed in the various groups, and the following resolutions were added:—
- (11) No names or terms, supplementary of, or in substitution for, those published by authority of C.C. should be used until the sanction of C.C. has been obtained.
- (12) A supplement to the Glossary, containing new names and terms up-to-date, should be at once put in hand.
- (13) In the case of all new methods, which have been rung under names it is proposed to alter, an opportunity should be given to those who first rang them, or to their society, to approve of the proposed new name.

The question was raised as to whether the resolutions were in substitution for the 1925 report, and, at Mr. Pritchett's suggestion, it was agreed to take the resolutions as an amended report.

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Bury, as everyone knows, is an historical place, and once the seat of the great Benedictine Abbey, whose church was one of the biggest and most magnificent in England, over 100 feet longer than Norwich Cathedral, and only nine feet shorter than Canterbury. Far away back in the seventh century Felix of Burgundy was missionary bishop of East Anglia. To him came an Irish priest, named Fursey, offering help. Felix sent Fursey to a place called Bedericsworth, in the midst of the heathen Saxons. There they laboured, and not without success. King Sigebert, the ruler of the land, himself became one of them, and for two hundred years they prospered. Then came the great irruption of the Danes, those fierce heathen warriors from the North of Europe. First as raiders, and then as conquerors, they overran the whole land, and town and village, abbey and church, went down in one common ruin by fire and sword. Edmund was king of East Anglia at the time. In a great battle fought at Hoxne, near Eye, he was killed, and his body was taken to the abbey at Bedericsworth. By that time it was a strong and noted place, but it did not escape the common ruin.

Time passed, Christianity and peace returned to the land. The church of Bedericsworth was rebuilt by a colony of monks from the Abbey of St. Benet Hulm, in Norfolk, and as King Edmund had now become a saint, it was henceforth St. Edmundsbury. As the years went on it grew in wealth and splendour to a position among the very greatest of the abbeyes of Europe. The mitred abbot ranked among the greatest of the nobles of England, more powerful and wealthier than the bishop of the diocese, his lordship of Norwich. How big the whole thing was you can imagine from the fact that the two fine churches which remain, the present Cathedral of St. James and St. Mary's, were but hangers-on to the great abbey church. Then came the great crash of the sixteenth century, the abbey was suppressed, and church and monastery fell in one ruthless ruin, so that to-day hardly one stone remains on another.

What was once the abbey is now a very pleasant public garden, and round this Archdeacon Farmiloe conducted us, pointing out the many objects of interest.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## IPSWICH RECOLLECTIONS.—SOME SUFFOLK BELLS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Twelve months ago, with the memories of that delightful Chester meeting still fresh, I asked the question, 'What can Ipswich do next year?' Salisbury had set up a new standard for the comfort and pleasure of the members of the Council. Chester had lagged not a whit behind. Each has exceptional facilities, a fine cathedral, an historical city, and lovely scenery ready to hand. And each saw that we enjoyed them to the full. And what could Ipswich do? Well, we have seen, and know; and this year's meeting will go down to history as one of the most successful and enjoyable.

The whole thing was in doubt till the last moment. The shadow of the industrial crisis lay on everything. Would the Council be held? And, if it were, how many could get there? We in London, as usual, had the best chance, and even here, two days beforehand, could not be sure what trains would run, or even if there would be any at all on Sunday. For those who were faced by a cross country journey the prospect was not inviting. And so, though the number of those who attended was below the average, on the whole it was exceedingly satisfactory. I think there were fifty-three present, and they came from as far afield as Wales, Lancashire and Devon.

The overture was a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Tower Church on Saturday, the particulars of which have been published. On Sunday there was service ringing. Some of the visitors went on to Norwich and some to Felixstowe, the day ending with a social meeting and handbell ringing at headquarters. On Monday, the Suffolk Guild had arranged a motor trip to a few places, and here was an opportunity for Suffolk to show what she can do in the way of scenery and in bells, compared with Salisbury and Chester. And we can say truthfully that she fully held her own in the first, and more than held her own in the second.

Perhaps you think that Suffolk and the East of England have no really first-class scenery. Ah, but you forget what surprises an English spring has in store. Suffolk produced one this last week-end. It was not the may blossom, though the hedges were smothered with it, nor the freshness and richness of the green grass. It was the oaks. They were late; and the immature leaves of golden green with the sunlight on them turned the country roads into avenues of most marvellous colouring. It will be long before we shall forget that drive from Stowmarket to St. Edmundsbury.

The Suffolk Guild had arranged for us to visit five peals of bells, all of them heavy ones, and all of them of the old style. There was to be a discussion on the Tuesday on the advantage or otherwise of modern Simpson tuning, compared with the old style; and if the latter can be justified it is by such peals as we visited. The first was Stowmarket. They are a very fine ring of bells—that every one would agree—but they are a most extraordinarily mixed up lot. They were cast by no fewer than seven different men, and not two of them in the same year. The oldest, the fourth, goes back to 1460, and is by John Danyell; the youngest, the sixth, came from Whitechapel in 1823, and bears Thomas Mears, junior's, name.

John Danyell was a London bell founder of great repute in the fifteenth century. John Darbie (or should it not be

Michael Darbie?) cast the third and seventh, one in 1669, the other in 1672. He was an East Anglian founder, who moved about from place to place, probably to find new work. His bells are said to be generally bad ones. The fifth, cast in 1699, was by Charles Neuman, of whom, at the minute, I recollect nothing. I think he was a Norwich founder. The treble and second both came from the Downham Market foundry, the second in 1791, cast by Thomas Osborn, and the treble, in 1810, by his grandson, William Dobson. Both these men cast some well known and admired peals. Dobson's masterpiece was the ring at Diss, in Norfolk, which was usually considered the best of its weight in the East of England. The old twelve at Liverpool were also by him. The tradition is that they were made from measurements of St. Peter's, Mancroft, but were a failure.

Stowmarket tenor was by Miles Graye. She is three years older, and about the same weight as her more famous sister, the tenor at Lavenham. It is inevitable that in a peal like this, cast at so many different times and by so many different people, the undertones must be very varied, and yet it is a fact that the bells make a very fine whole. Get them down into the foundry and test them with tuning forks, and doubtless you will find them all sixes and sevens. Up in the tower you need not notice anything of the sort.

From Stowmarket we went on to St. Edmundsbury, and there there are two heavy and noted peals. The eight at St. Mary's are all from the Whitechapel foundry, but at different times. Treble, second, sixth and tenor are by Richard Phelps in 1734, the fifth by the same man in the following year. These, apparently, are what are left of the original peal. The seventh was recast by Pack and Chapman in 1776, the year after they had cast the twelve for Mancroft, and two years after they had cast the ten for Coventry; 3 and 4 were recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1869 and 1903. I was very much impressed with this ring. We had divided ourselves into two bands for the two towers, and while we were waiting for the key of the ten-bell tower the others were pulled up and rung. The tenor especially (she is 27 cwt.) is a noble bell.

The ten bells of St. James', the Cathedral Church of Bury, hang in the Norman tower formerly part of the abbey buildings. They have always stood very high in reputation among the old style peals. Some will tell you they are the best ten of their weight in England. In one respect they are, I think, unique. They were all cast by the same founder, and in the same year, 1785, and none has been recast. Their founder was Thomas Osborn, and they came from Downham Market, a small town in West Norfolk. This foundry was the lineal descendant of one established at St. Neots by Joseph Eayre. Osborn was Eayre's foreman, and, after Eayre's death, he carried on the business in partnership with Edward Arnold, Eayre's cousin. This partnership was dissolved. Arnold stayed at St. Neots for a time, and then went to Leicester, and ultimately the business was acquired by the Taylor's, of Loughborough.

Osborn set up business at Downham, and in his time, and that of his grandson, William Dobson, the foundry had a great reputation. Dobson seems to have been a good craftsman, but a poor man of business, and in 1833 the foundry was absorbed by Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel.

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### DEVON GUILD. THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Ottery, associated with the Coleridge family, and where some years ago the ex-President of the Devon Guild (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) was Vicar, was the venue of the Guild on Whit-Monday, when the annual festival was held. In addition to the bells at this church, the rings at Feniton, Honiton, Sidbury, Sidmouth and Talaton were at the disposal of ringers during the day, and a great deal of ringing was enjoyed. The total attendance was close upon 200, wonderful evidence of the present vitality of the Guild, and the members were delighted to see Mr. Kelly among them again, and able to take a rope in a touch. The bands represented included the Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, and Heavitree (Exeter), Topsham, Kelly, Ilfracombe, Holbeton, Combemartin, Tiverton, Whimble, Bucknell, Littleham, Washfield, Talaton, Sowton, Upton Pyne, Christow, Whitstone, Otterton, Withycombe Raicigh and Ottery.

Service was conducted by the Rev. I. B. Stallard (Vicar) in Ottery Parish Church shortly after noon, and exceedingly well attended by the ringers, who entered into it with great heartiness and sang the hymns with much zest. The Vicar, in the course of a short address, cordially welcomed the Guild to Ottery, expressed high appreciation of the services of the local ringers, urged all to look upon ringing as a real gift, and that it was something in God's service, and enlarged upon the value of the unifying influence of the Guild.

Dinner followed at the London Hotel, and, at the close, the annual meeting was held, with the President (the Rev. E. S. Powell) in the chair.

The report of the General Committee was as follows: The year 1925 has again been a period of steady advance by the Guild, not so much in extension of its influence as in making good on existing ground. A total of 61 certificates has been issued to performing members who have qualified. This shows that the system of organised instruction is having good results. Reports from branches show an addition of four new bands during the year, making the total 56, and there is evidence of great activity towards a higher and more conscientious standard. The Guild practices at the Cathedral have been regularly kept up, with the result that an excellent quarter-peat of Grandsire Cinques was rung there on November 14th, and, although not strictly within the year under review, a peal of 5,015 changes was brought round on January 9th, 1926, the first by Devonshire men, and composed and conducted by our esteemed president, to whose initiative and perseverance much of the success of this crowning achievement must be attributed. Our peals record comprises two of Grandsire Caters, seven of Grandsire Triples, three of Stedman Triples, and one of Kent Treble Bob Major, this latter being the first by a local band in Devon for 16 years. The finances of the Guild and its branches continue in a satisfactory state.

The general accounts showed a balance in hand of £51 6s. 9d., against £42 11s. 7d. at the commencement of the year, but an investment of £25 had been sold out.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The following re-elections took place:—President, the Rev. E. S. Powell; vice-presidents, Bishop of Crediton, Bishop of Plymouth, Dean of Exeter, Archdeacon of Exeter, Canon McLaren, Sub-Dean Martin, the Revs. Maitland Kelly, H. L. Pigot and G. E. F. Molinucx, Mr. W. E. Pitfield Chapple, the Revs. J. E. B. Ball, Canon J. A. Kempe and E. V. Cox; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. G. Bartlett; hon. secretary, Mr. T. Laver; honorary members' representatives, the Revs. H. B. Clark and A. S. Hutchinson, and Mr. H. B. Kindersley; representatives on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, the President, Messrs. A. W. Searle, F. J. Davey and E. W. Marsh; hon. auditor, Mr. E. Shepherd.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to officers for past services (special compliments being paid to the president and hon. secretary for their enthusiastic and excellent work), to incumbents for use of bells, and to the Vicar and organist of Ottery for their help in the service.

It was agreed that branches should be able to exercise the option of appointing Ringing Masters for themselves, and that representatives of the Guild on the Central Council should be ex-officio members of the General Committee of the Guild.

Newton Abbot was approved as the meeting place for next year's annual festival.

### EDGBASTON BELLS.

During the past year the six-bell band at Edgbaston, Birmingham, rang, all for Sunday services, 720's of Minor in ten methods, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise. Mr. Holt's 'celebrated 720 Bob Minor without a single' was included. The band hope, in the near future, to get these bells augmented to eight.

**HIGH WYCOMBE.**—At the Parish Church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Clarke to Mr. Chivers, May 19th, 1,167 changes of Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: Fred Hayes 1, Ralph Coles 2, Geo. Hinton 3, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 4, E. R. Coles 5, S. T. Goodchild 6, F. Boxell 7, C. A. Smith 8, Ralph Biggs 9, F. Plumridge 10. —Also 1,299 changes of Stedman Caters in 54 mins.: Fred Hayes (conductor) 1, Geo. Hinton 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, R. Coles 4, E. Markham 5, S. T. Goodchild 6, F. Boxell 7, C. A. Smith 8, Ralph Biggs 9, F. Plumridge 10.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### THREE MORE TOWERS AFFILIATED TO THE PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

Despite the restricted travelling facilities, an excellent meeting was held at West Meon on Saturday last. Although the weather was not at its best, over 30 members and friends assembled at this picturesque village, in the heart of the Meon Valley. The Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, a beautiful flint structure, contains a good peal of eight bells, which were used to full advantage during the afternoon and evening.

The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. H. Thomas), who welcomed the members and expressed pleasure that they should find time during their outing to have a half-hour set aside for a service of thanksgiving and prayer. He thought that ringers who were members of a society such as the Diocesan Guild were doing a great work for the church, and he wished them prosperity in the future.

An excellent tea was partaken of at the Red Lion Hotel, after which the business meeting was held, the Rector being voted to the chair. Five full members and five probationers were elected from Bramshott, 11 probationers from Netley and two full members from West Meon, thereby affiliating these three towers to the district.

The Master (Mr. G. Williams) proposed a vote of welcome to these new towers, and congratulated the district on its progress in this direction, this making 17 towers in union.

Four honorary members were elected from Bramshott, and it was very pleasing to have amongst the company one of the churchwardens (Mr. O. Woods), who is keenly interested in change ringing.—The Rector of West Meon expressed a wish to become an honorary member, and he was unanimously elected. He was glad to see that some of his ringers had joined the Guild, and said he would do his best to urge the remainder to become members.

A letter was read from Mr. C. J. Fray, expressing his regret that he would have to resign as a representative on the general committee, as he was now residing out of the district. The meeting expressed appreciation of his past services, and Mr. R. J. Stone (Portsmouth) was elected in his place.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Bramshott on August 21st, and that application be made for the use of the bells at Liss. Due notice of this meeting will appear in 'The Ringing World.'—A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of West Meon for the use of the bells and conducting the service, after which the meeting concluded.

During the day members were present from Bramshott, Bishop's Waltham, Farcham, Netley Abbey, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Swanmore, Wickham, Winchester and West Meon. The ringing ranged from rounds to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

### WEDDING BELLS.

#### CARDIFF RINGERS MARRIED.

The marriage took place on Monday, May 17th, of Miss Constance E. Jones to Mr. George Day. Both are ringers at All Saints' Church, Newport, the bride being the daughter of Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Diocesan Association and leader of the All Saints' ringers. The marriage ceremony took place in St. Mark's Church, in which parish the bride and her parents reside, and was performed by the Vicar (Rev. Isaiah Roberts, M.A.), assisted by the Vicar of All Saints' (Rev. Sidney G. Morgan). The wedding was witnessed by a large congregation, and the bride was given away by her father.

A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted on All Saints' bells in honour of the event, but came to grief. Afterwards a quarter-peat in the same method was rung by H. Ridout 1, T. Ford 2, J. W. Jones 3, C. Greedy 4, H. Morgan 5, F. Chapman 6, J. Hammond (conductor) 7, A. Williams 8.

### HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Although held under strike conditions, a very useful meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Harpenden on May 8th. Ringers arrived—somehow—from Luton, St. Albans, Hitchin, Dunstable, Kimpton, Watford, Hemel Hempstead and Redbourn—the whole band of learners. These, with the local company, enabled the following methods to be rung: Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Bristol and London (Grandsire Caters in hand), with Bob Minor for beginners.

At the meeting, which followed the tea, the President took the chair, and the Western District secretary officiated for Mr. W. Nash. Nine members from Redbourn, one from Harpenden and one from St. Albans Abbey were elected.

The next meeting was proposed for St. Albans on June 12th, when the Western District are asked to join them in 10-bell ringing in the afternoon, and 8-bell in the evening.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells closed the meeting, the members adjourning to the tower for further ringing until 8.30 p.m.

**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.

**DERITEND, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, May 30th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: W. T. Froggatt 1, J. Neal 2, H. N. Way 3, G. Yendall 4, E. Mausell 5, G. E. Large (conductor) 6.

**LEATHERHEAD.**—On Sunday, May 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Messam 1, A. H. Winch 2, A. C. Otway 3, A. W. Coles 4, G. Marriener (conductor) 5, G. A. Cook 6, A. Harman 7, E. Hull 8, A. Dean 9, F. G. Miles 10.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, May 30th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Parnett 1, E. J. Parnett 2, E. B. Crowder 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, H. J. Norgate 5, A. J. Bradley 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

**CROSTHWAITHE, KESWICK.**—On Sunday, May 30th, for evening service, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Thompson 1, H. Just (first quarter in the method) 2, F. Barnes 3, D. Usher 4, T. Wilson 5, W. Hogg 6, T. Hartly 7, T. Hogarth (conductor) 8.

**RICKMANSWORTH.**—On Sunday, May 30th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 49 mins.: W. Croseley 1, G. Foster 2, T. Stephenson 3, H. W. Kington 4, W. F. Elliott 5, E. Hookham 6, J. H. R. Freeborn 7, J. Marks (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Croseley, Foster, Elliott and Hookham, and first by a local band.

**GOSPEL OAK.**—At St. Martin's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 30th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Harwin 1, E. Young 2, R. Bullen 3, R. Johnson 4, E. Bonfield (conductor) 5, A. Bonfield 6.

**FRINDSBURY.**—On May 30th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: E. A. G. Allen 1, W. Stockley 2, C. Winser 3, W. Evans 4, S. Jarrett (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. S. Beaumont 6, T. Beaumont 7, P. C. Springham 8.

**CHELMSFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Tolworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, R. C. Clark 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, J. Wood (conductor) 5, L. J. Clark 6, P. Timson 7, F. Cooper 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.—On Sunday, May 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. Tolworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, W. Lincoln 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, R. C. Clark 5, L. J. Clark 6, J. Wood 7, E. Kemp 8, P. Timson (conductor) 9, F. Cooper 10. First quarter-peal on ten bells by E. Kemp.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 29th; St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Wombourn on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30 o'clock.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 5th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea as usual. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The re-cast bells of St. John's, Newcastle, will be dedicated on Trinity Sunday at 3 p.m., and will be open to the members of the Association on Saturday, June 5th, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Probably the cathedral bells will also be open).—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is required.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint social meeting of the Stockport and Manchester Branches will be held at Norbury on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at a small charge, 5.15 p.m.—J. P. Fidler and J. Hall, Joint Hon. Secs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. at the 'Green Man.' All ringers are welcome.—E. W. Day, District Sec., 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting on June 5th at Dore. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15, short service at 5 p.m. The annual business, which should have been taken at St. Marie's on May 8th, and was postponed owing to the General Strike, will be held at this meeting. All members are asked to attend. Bus service from Ecclesall tram terminus every 20 minutes, and frequent train service to Dore and Totley Station (L.M.S.).—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Okeford Fitzpaine on Saturday, June 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (members 6d. each). A short business meeting to follow. Towers available: Okeford Fitzpaine (6), Childe Okeford (6), Sturminster Newton (6), Shillingstone (5) and Hazelbury Bryan (5). — Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Keevil bells (6) also available for ringing.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guilsborough District—The annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, June 5th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. All ringers are welcome—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District. —The meeting arranged at Toddington for Saturday next, June 5th, has unavoidably to be postponed.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St., Dunstable.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.** —A special meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, June 12th, at West Hartlepool. The three towers will be open from 2.30. Tea at the Raglan Hotel at 5 o'clock, 2/- per head to those who notify the Secretary by Wednesday, June 9th.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**HOYLANDSWAINE CUP CONTEST** to be held on Saturday, June 12th. Members are earnestly invited to join at once.—Apply to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting is the Cup Contest at Hoylandswaine on June 12th (Saturday) as provided by our Hoylandswaine members. Particulars as given previously, or will be given to towers on application to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine. Tea will be provided, but it must be noted that tea can be better provided in a village by members sending early applications as above. The date of entrance will be kept open as long as possible. The usual business meeting will be after tea.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by June 8th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Guild's service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance is desired.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford, by Thursday, June 9th.—A. C. Kay and C. W. Franklin, Joint Dis. Secretaries.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION** — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, June 12th; a good attendance requested, business, election of branch secretary.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Stebbing. — The annual ringing festival will be held on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers are heartily invited. Those who intend to be present should notify not later than Thursday, June 12th.—F. Harrington, Ware House, Stebbing, Chelmsford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The postponed annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, June 12th. Programme and agenda as previously announced. The time of tea is 5 o'clock. Will those who intend to be present please notify the general secretary not later than Tuesday, June 8th?—A. D. Stone, Hon. General Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Chipping Parish Church on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Clare District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock. — W. Underwood, Assistant Dis. Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.** — The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on June 12th. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Divine service 4.20 to 4.50 p.m., East Retford Church. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. per head, will be provided at Cooke's Café, Carolgate, Exchange Street, at 5 p.m., for those who notify D. A. Piercy, Wharton Street, Retford, not later than the 9th inst. Visitors from kindred associations welcome.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secretaries.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 5.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at St. Michael's Church at 5 p.m. Tea (1/- per head) in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those intending to be present kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, King St., Bishop's Stortford (Essex Assn.); W. N. Lawrence, Little Munden, Ware, Herts (Herts Assn.).

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kiver on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Sheffield and District, Barnsley and District, Doncaster and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available early. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. 3d. each. Those requiring same please let me know by the 15th. This is important. Buses for Whiston leave the old Cattle Market, Rotherham, at 3.15, 1.50, 2.30, 3.5, 3.45 and 4.20. — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, June 19th. Arrangements previously announced hold good.—T. Hervey Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting, Stanmore, June 19th. See full particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 19th. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) available at 3. Tea: Members (fully paid) 1s., others 1s. 6d., Lloyd's Restaurant at 5. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, June 15th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. — The annual meeting for this district will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 16th? —H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradninch on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. General meeting after tea. Will those requiring tea kindly send in their names to me by Tuesday, June 15th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next general quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Belper (Derbyshire), on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Short service 4 p.m. Committee meeting 5 p.m. at the Cadena Cafe, Bridge St., where tea will be served at 5.30, followed by general meeting. Will those intending to take tea (moderate charge) please notify Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Rd., Derby, not later than June 23rd.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec. 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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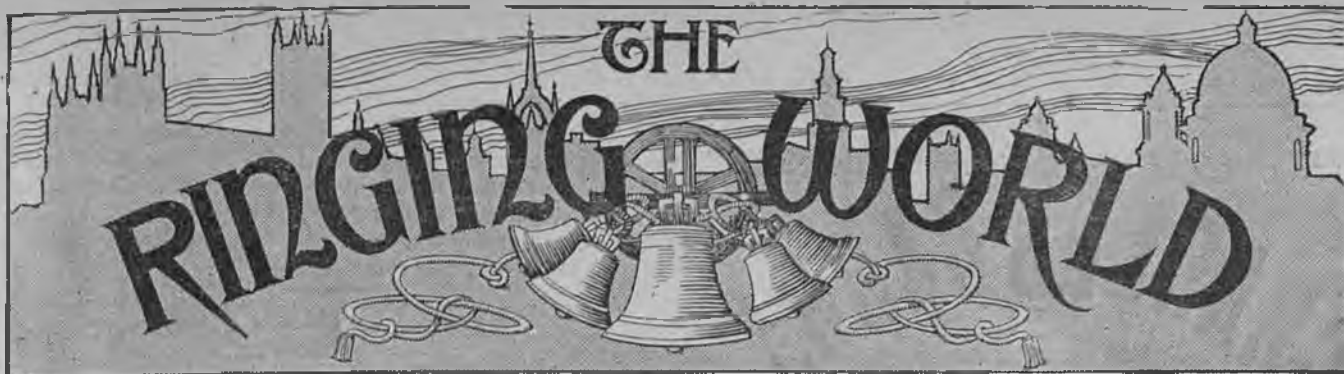
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## NOMENCLATURE REPORT JETTISONED

The efforts of the Nomenclature Committee of the Central Council to give effect to the task for which they were appointed were brought to naught at the Ipswich meeting. Two years ago the Committee was set up 'to review existing method nomenclature and suggest a suitable system of nomenclature for the future.' True, it was a closely divided Council that appointed them, but when the results of their labours, carried out at the direction of the Council, were finally put before the general body, the report was unceremoniously thrown overboard, and instead, a pious expression of opinion, embodied in an amendment, was carried. For the moment, therefore, nomenclature reform is as far off as ever. Perhaps the result was partly due to the fact that, in the view of many members of the Council, the report went too far, and was too drastic in its proposed changes, while a further influence, we are inclined to think, was to be found in the fact that, in endeavouring to get away from the floral names while retaining the same initial letter for the title (a matter in which we could see no necessity or even convenience), the Committee did not always succeed in finding any more euphonious titles. But the chief obstacle to the report was its own comprehensiveness—the Council did not seem able to swallow so much at one gulp. Let it be remembered, however, the Committee were only carrying out their terms of reference, and in throwing over the report the Council have only emphasised what has all along been apparent in this matter, that they are not certain of their own mind. Even in the amendment which they carried they showed a double change of front, for not only did they decline to revise the names of methods which they had previously indicated, by the appointment of the Nomenclature Committee, they desired to have changed, but they upheld the principle that bands and individuals have the right to name new methods, when they ring them, after having directed the Analysis Committee to carry out a wholesale naming of methods of which they were not the authors and which they had not rung. This vacillation on the part of the Council leaves the ordinary ringer somewhat bewildered.

There is still need for reform, however, and probably in time some of the more urgently required changes will be brought about. No one really wants to get rid of titles which are in themselves indicative of history; what is wanted is to rid the Exercise of the unsuitable names, which, while pleasing to the ears of certain sentimentalists, are entirely out of harmony with a mathematical science. Despite what our correspondent in 'Notes by the Way' says this week, the good taste

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and sense of the Exercise has not always prevented freakish names in the past, and all the while the Council deliberately admits the right of individuals to confer upon methods whatever names they choose they cannot complain if here and there some title is applied which offends against the said good taste and sense.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 6148 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*RICHARD GRANT... .. Treble	*GEORGE FREEBRY ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	*WALTER J. TANSER ... .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 3	*WILLIAM H. CLARKE... .. 9
*W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... 4	ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 10
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 11
*ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 6	*JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal on twelve bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V. (June 3rd), and also as a birthday compliment to Alfred Ballard (June 6th).

## TEN BELL PEAL.

EVERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
FLY-SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN 2	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 7
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 8
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4	WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 5	THE REV. H. LAW JAMES... Tenor

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

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5668 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... .. 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 6
ERNEST A. BULLOCK ... .. 3	WALTER N. ASHEY ... .. 7
WALTER J. CURSTON ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 260). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition is now rung for the first time as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. F. E. Sykes, of Marsden, the conductor's mother.

SOWTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, May 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN TOTTERDELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE BETTS ... .. 5
*ARTHUR GOOPING ... .. 2	WILLIAM SELDON ... .. 6
*ARTHUR TAPLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM REEKS ... .. 7
JAMES DUNSTER... .. 4	*GEORGE GODFREY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. REEKS.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells rung entirely by the local band, all of whom are Sunday service ringers. \* First peal. The greatest credit is due to George Betts, who is also a member of the Exeter Cathedral Company, for his perseverance in the tuition of the local band to attain this object.

**BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.	
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	GEORGE DOWLING ... 5
A. BERNARD COOK ... 2	HERBERT HOWELL ... 6
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	JOHN H. HOWELL ... 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4	JOHN W. HOBSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

**DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours & Nineteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*REV. C. A. CLEMENTS ... Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY ... 5
MISS N. M. BIBBY ... 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... 6
*ROBERT SPERRING ... 3	†JOHN E. BIBBY ... 7
HENRY C. COLLYER ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by E. JENKINS.  
First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal in the method.  
† 100th peal.

**FINEDON, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*HARRY TOMPKINS ... Treble	GEORGE BASFORD ... 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... 2	THOMAS ABBOTT ... 6
JOHN KING ... 3	*HARRY RICHARDSON ... 7
GEORGE CLAPHAM ... 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.  
\* First peal in the method.

**BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

*On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,**

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK G. STONE ... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... 5
HARRY BOYCE ... 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... 6
ALFRED TALBOT ... 3	ERNEST STITCH ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	WILLIAM H. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY

**SPALDING, LINCS.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES S. H. STILES ... Treble	RICHARD SMITH ... 5
JOHN T. BROWN ... 2	RICHARD MACKMAN ... 6
STEVEN MADDISON ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ... 7
GEORGE WM. TIMPSON ... 4	ARTHUR J. FARR ... Tenor

Composed by WM. HARRISON. Conducted by ARTHUR J. FARR.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, who celebrated his 90th birthday that day. The whole of the band are regular service ringers. First peal on the bells since they have been recast and relung in new steel frame by Taylor and Co., and the tower thoroughly restored, at a cost of £2,200.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,**

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.  
This peal has 22 courses in 4, 6, 8 position, and 6th the extent home.

**LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Monday, May 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*  
**AT CHRIST CHURCH,**

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

Seven 720's with 6-8 covering. Tenor 3½ cwt.

*L. COGZELL ... Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
*GEO. SMITH ... 2	*GEO. ROBERTS ... 6
CHAS. WM. COOPER ... 3	*ALFRED BOXLEY ... 7
RALPH MOORS ... 4	*V. BEASLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

\* First peal. First peal of Minor for the conductor, and believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

**SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.**

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

ERIC WADMAN ... Treble	GEORGE SIBLEY ... 5
ALFRED WYATT ... 2	*RONALD G. BECK ... 6
DAVID G. TAYLOR ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 7
PERCY MERSON ... 4	REGINALD F. BECK ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* 50th peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Peate, of Chilcompton, who was married on that day to Miss Evelyn Bastable, of South Petherton.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, June 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*  
**AT CHRIST CHURCH,**

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES BILBY ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 5
*WILLIAM LOUD ... 2	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
*JESSE FRANCIS ... 3	*WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... 7
*RONALD G. BECK ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, June 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MISS FREDA E. ORR ... Treble	*STANLEY KING ... 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
FRANK JENNINGS ... 3	JOHN F. GALYER ... 7
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 4	DANIEL COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. GALYER.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor.

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ROLVENDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH  
AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, June 3, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. TICKNER... .. 5	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 6	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2	ALFRED BLACKMAN ... .. Tenor		
HARRY BAKER ... .. 3			
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... .. 4			

Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, June 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 24 cwt.	
FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	JOHN SNELLING ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 6
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES... .. 7
CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
H. L. WILLIAMSON ... .. Treble	H. BYFIELD ... .. 5	J. C. HOBBS... .. 6	H. BUSH ... .. 7
E. C. WILLIAMSON ... .. 2	T. WHIAT ... .. Tenor		
G. SMITH ... .. 3			
T. STORER ... .. 4			

Conducted by J. E. HOBBS.

G. Smith was proposed a member of the M.C.A. previous to the peal. First peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor. All are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.		Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in F.	
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 6	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN... .. 2	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN... Tenor		
HAROLD EDWARDS ... .. 3			
WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. 4			

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.	
ROBERT SARSBY ... .. Treble	HARRY BARNES ... .. 5
MURTON C. FOWLER ... .. 2	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 6
PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 7
OLIVER GREATHEAD ... .. 4	ARNOLD HILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY

Rung for the 27th anniversary of the first eight-bell peal in the tower, which was rung on June 3rd, 1899, and in which the father of the ringer of the 3rd took part.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins., for morning service: C. Edwards 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, A. M. Slacey 3, P. Clark 4, R. Thompson 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, J. H. Hunnisett 8.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.	
JAMES FLEUTY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 5
GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. Claydon. J. Fleuty has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.	
FRED NEALE... .. Treble	BEN COX ... .. 4
ROBERT ELKERTON ... .. 2	EDWIN HIMS... .. 5
HARRY HATFIELD ... .. 3	FREDERICK SHARPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SHARPE.

First peal as conductor. Ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th come from Bicester, the 2nd from Middleton Stoney, and the tenor from Launton.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.	
HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the band.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being two 720's of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.		Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).	
WALTER WILSON ... .. Treble	HARRY BARNES ... .. 4	CUTHBERT F. H. BRADLEY ... 5	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Tenor
HAROLD MARCON ... .. 2			
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 3			

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate Empire Day. Mr. Barnes hits from Tickhill.

SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES:

Being 21 callings of A. J. Pitman's arrangement of Grandsire Doubles.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
T. HARRY LEWIN ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. PAYNE ... .. 4	GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... .. 5	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. Tenor
FRANK W. PAYNE ... .. 2			
ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ... .. 3			

Conducted by A. H. MANSFIELD.

\* First peal and elected a member before starting.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, April 25th, for evening service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. I. T. Ginn 1, F. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in a Surprise method ever rung at this church for service.—On April 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Robinson (first in method) 1, W. I. T. Ginn (first inside) 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Warrington 1, C. Robinson 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves (conductor) 5, A. J. Ginn 6.

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As one of the effects of the strike in the newspaper distributing trade, many of our readers appear not to have received their copies of 'The Ringing World.'

For their information we would say that the only week for which there was no issue of the paper was May 7th. The issues of May 14th and 21st were published as usual and should be obtainable through the newsagents.

Ringers who have not yet received 'The Ringing World' for these dates should send 3d. per copy to the EDITORIAL OFFICE, 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING, when the paper will be dispatched to them, post free.

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**SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Chester, Beverley, Wells, London, York and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CYRIL TANSBELL ... .. Treble	†SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	†WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise in seven methods. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

With ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

PERCY AMOS ... .. Treble	GEORGE PARKER ... .. 3
TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 2	JOSEPH DEAN ... .. 4
THOMAS WISE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

First peal as conductor.

**MISSON, NOTTS.**  
**THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, June 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

HARRY EARNES ... .. Treble	*CHARLES WILMINGTON ... 4
*FRANK FENTON ... .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... .. 5
ALBERT E. EASTLAND ... 3	ARNOLD HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells.

**DOULTING, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALDHELM,

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

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 24 cwt.

*RAYMOND J. WEBB ... .. Treble	ARTHUR C. KINGSTON ... 4
WILLIAM OSMENT ... .. 2	HERBERT WILCOX ... .. 5
FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... 3	*BERTRAM A. BORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

**NEWCASTLE'S RECAST PEAL.**

**DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN'S BELLS.**

Another milestone in the renovation of St. John's Church—the old twelfth century edifice near the Central Station, which is costing over £6,000—was reached on Sunday, May 30th, when the recast peal of eight bells was dedicated and blessed by the late Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Cornibee, now of St. Matthew's, Kensington. The bells are now a delightfully pleasing and musical octave in A flat from the Croydon foundry, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have not only made every effort to make the peal musically a success, but have succeeded in getting the bells all on one tier in H frames, a feat impossible with the old oak beams. The bells are hung on ball bearings, and have all the latest improvements, including a most ingenious 'clapper control' on the tenor, a very kindly gift from the firm itself. The bells have been tuned on the Simpson principle, and the harmony is most exquisite, not only in the tower, but at a distance. The tower has been gutted of its old frame and beams, and the bells set four feet lower than the louvre ledge. The old roof was removed and a new system of sound ventilation worked into the new roof, while the old louvres have been removed and practically filled with glass. This allows the sound to filter gently down to the street below, but carried in greater volume to a distance.

The three trebles, cast by John Warner and Sons in 1884, now bear, in addition, the following inscriptions:—

Treble: The Ringers gave me, 1926.

2nd: The Wardens gave me, 1926.

3rd: The Samaritan Bell. Those who did not pass by gave me, 1926.

The old inscriptions on all the bells have been reproduced, and those on the larger bells are as follows:—

4th: Deo Gratias. F.B.

5th: In Divino benevolentia. 1706. (New inscription: The Communicants of S. John's gave me.)

6th: Robert Peraval. Te deum laudamus. S.S. Ebor, 1706. Jesu Mercy.

7th: Benedicimus et veneramus Te. William Ramsay, Esq. S.S. Ebor, 1706. (New inscription: Recast to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Mary Ann Story, and his brother, Robert Spencer Story, by William Storey, 1926.)

Tenor: Gratias agimus pro gloria tua immensa. Mr. Andrew Bates, Minis, 1706. (New inscription: A thanksgiving for S. John's and its services, C.B.M. and the Guild of S. Mary. These bells were recast at the restoration of this church, 1924-1926. A. E. Cornibee, Vicar. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1926.)

The weight of the tenor is 11 cwt. 5 lbs. 'S.S. Ebor' on two of the bells refers to the original founder, Samuel Smith, of York.

The opening of the bells was placed in the hands of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, and each bell was dedicated singly as it was raised, by the Rev. A. E. Cornibee, beneath the tower by pulling a bell rope as a signal. After the dedicatory prayers, the bells were set off to the tune of a short touch of Stedman Triples, while the procession of clergy and wardens returned to the church: G. L. Routledge 1, W. H. Barber 2, E. Ferry 3, R. Thompson 4, J. E. Keen 5, J. Rowell 6, W. Story 7, J. Foreman 8. The service finished with a voluntary from the belfry, when 504 Stedman Triples rang the congregation out, with Mr. A. Hall on the 8th.

Tea was provided at the County Hotel for the ringers and their friends, the clergy, churchwardens, etc. Handbells and speeches of a congratulatory nature followed, and passed a very pleasant hour and a half before ringing for evensong commenced. It was announced that funds had come in so well that the bells and tower were now free of debt, and that all remaining to be done was the grouting of the walls and sundry small improvements.

During the day the ringing was of a very high tone, and the Guild were fortunate in having the assistance of old and valued friends to help them to keep both towers going for the services in the evening. The evening service closed with a touch of 448 London Surprise Major by: J. E. Keen 1, G. L. Routledge 2, J. E. Gofton 3, W. Gofton 4, J. W. Parker 5, A. Deas 6, T. T. Gofton (conductor) 7, W. H. Barber 8.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, was present during the week-end, and was heartily congratulated by all concerned on the success of his work in the tower. This is his first peal in this district, but evidently will not be the last, if excellence of tone and smoothness of working be any testimonial.

At the close of the proceedings, the Rev. N. B. Hudson, the recently appointed Vicar, thanked the ringers, and hoped to see a large gathering on Saturday, June 5th, when the bells were thrown open to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, from 3 a.m. till 9.

C. I. R.

An attendance of over thirty on Saturday last, when the bells were thrown open to the Durham and Newcastle Association, kept ringing going from about 3.30 till 8 o'clock service. Members attended from Darlington, Sunderland, Tanfield, Chester-le-Street, Gosforth, Whitley Bay, Winton, Mirburn, Suen, Cramlington, Newcastle Cathedral and North Shields, and touches and courses were rung in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Tea was held in the Roma Café, Mr.

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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

LAVENHAM BELLS. — REV. W. C. PEARSON'S  
WONDERFUL LIBRARY OF RINGING BOOKS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A few miles from St. Edmundsbury brings you to Lavenham, and it was a happy thought of the Suffolk Guild to include that place in our itinerary. Every ringer has heard of Lavenham and its famous tenor bell, but the place is hard to get at, and very few of us had previously the opportunity of visiting it. It is worth a visit. The church is one of the finest in East Anglia, with a magnificent tower built somewhere about 1500, a time when so many of the big churches of Norfolk and Suffolk were rebuilt. That was a time when, according to history text books, the church was most corrupt and worldly, and yet there never was a time in England when there were so many magnificent parish churches built.

In Norfolk and Suffolk you can account for it partly by the fact that they were then the manufacturing part of England, and Lavenham Church was chiefly erected by the generosity of a wealthy family of cloth manufacturers.

It was the tenor we particularly wanted to hear. Years ago, long before Simpson tuning was anything more than a theory, she was said to be the best bell of her weight in England, and we were told that this was because her undertones were a perfect common chord. I believe that is not quite correct. I believe that experts have decided that such a bell, the ideal bell, is not really possible: but, compared with the older bells, it is approximately true. She is certainly a very fine bell. The more you critically judge her, the more she satisfies. She is a bell that both the advocates of older tuning and of the newer unite in praising. For when men praise old bells it is such as Lavenham tenor they are thinking of; and the Simpsonians retort that she practically is a Simpson tuned bell. If all old bells were like this you would not hear anything about need for recasting, and if all Simpson bells were like this you would not hear any complaints about 'howling.' The ring, as a whole, is a very fine one, though it certainly is the tenor that makes it what it is. Of the others, I liked the seventh least, and was not surprised to find afterwards that she was cast in the middle years of the last century—1846 to be exact.

Different opinions are often expressed as to which is the worst period of English bell founding. A gentleman, whose knowledge of the matter is far superior to mine, gave evidence at Coventry that it was the early years of the nineteenth century. I am inclined to put it later, from the middle of that century right down to the great revival which coincides with the introduction of Simpson tuning. There can be no shadow of doubt that the adoption of the five-tone tuning has played a very big part in the marvellous improvement in the bells that are cast nowadays. At the same time, we must remember that equal improvement has taken place in bells cast by founders who have not adopted the Simpson tuning.

Like so many of the admired old peals, Lavenham are a mixed lot. They were cast at six different dates, and by five different founders. The latest is the seventh, by Charles and George Mears, in 1846—the worst period in the long history of the famous Whitechapel firm. The two trebles were founded in 1811 by William Dobson, of whom I have already spoken. Henry Pleasant cast the third and the fifth in 1702 and 1703. Richard Bowler cast the fourth and sixth, both in 1603. And the tenor

was by Miles Graye in 1625. Her weight is 23 cwt., and her diameter 52 inches. Richard Bowler set up a bell foundry at Colchester in 1790, and Miles Graye was his successor. He is usually reckoned (and with justice) the greatest of the East Anglian bell founders, and had no superior anywhere in England. There are a good many of his bells left in different parts of the Eastern Counties, but no complete peal of his exists, I believe; certainly no eight. The nearest is St. Margaret's at Ipswich, where the back six are all his, and Swaffham, in Norfolk, where the back six were all his, but the fifth has been recast. One of his best known bells is the eleventh at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. Miles Graye died in 1649. His son, Christopher, and his grandson, Miles, carried on the business, but they were a long way inferior as craftsmen to the great Miles. The business then passed to Henry Pleasants, who removed to Sudbury.

Talking of bell founders, I find it was John Darbie and not Michael (as I half thought) who cast the third and seventh at Stowmarket. John was Michael's brother, and a good many of his bells are to be found in different parts of Suffolk. The eighth and tenth at St. Mary-le-Tower are his, and other bells of his are at Grundisburgh, Horham, Kelsale, Leiston, Ufford, and elsewhere. It was brother Michael whose bells had such a villainous reputation. Dr. Raven says: 'Michael was a rolling-stone that gathered no moss. While John, his brother's travels were confined to East Anglia, Michael's wretched bells are to be found in many districts, for one specimen of his casting appears to have been enough for a neighbourhood.'

After Lavenham, Long Melford and All Saints', Sudbury, were visited, but of these I cannot say anything, having returned to Ipswich, but now I am chatting about the bells we rang on I ought to say something about the very pretty little peal at Henley, where the Council's visit to Ipswich was wound up with a peal of Treble Bob on the Wednesday morning. They, too, are a mixed lot. The seventh and tenor were cast at Bury as far back as 1480. The sixth is a Whitechapel bell by Phelps and Lester in 1736; the fourth by T. Mears and Son in 1809; the rest by John Taylor and Co. in 1902. They are an excellent example of what can be done with old bells by judicious tuning.

In the all too short time at our disposal we had an opportunity of just glancing at Mr. Pearson's splendid collection of ringing books, about which I lately wrote in these notes. I was naturally interested to see and handle Mr. Lukis' copy of the 'Tintinnalogia.' While I was looking at it and explaining to a friend its unique value as the only copy left of the first book published on ringing, Mr. Pearson produced another copy, which he had discovered somewhere or other. So there's another tradition of the Exercise gone. And it shows that a systematic search may still bring to light books and manuscripts relating to early ringing that at present we know nothing of. Another recent and most valuable addition to Mr. Pearson's collection is a copy of 'A School of Recreation,' a very rare book, which treats with different kinds of sport and gives a chapter to ringing. Its author was not a man of the calibre of Stedman, or Doleman, or Annable, but the book is interesting, as showing what progress the London ringers of 1700 had made in our art.

The Council meeting itself does not call for much comment here. There was a pretty full agenda, with two highly debatable subjects, and the businesslike way in which the President got the meeting through the most formal business so as to leave sufficient time for these was highly commendable. I have already, in these notes, dealt pretty fully with the question of the naming of methods. The amendment moved by Mr. Davies and myself was carried, and about that I should like to make one comment. In 'The Ringing World' of May 21st it is written that, 'as left by the amendment, there is nothing to exclude the most freakish of titles, if it pleased the fancy of some eccentric individual to apply it to a method of which he claimed authorship,' and, in the next issue, 'Criticus,' raising the reductio ad absurdum argument, asks what is to prevent him calling a method 'Tripe and Onions Minor' if he wills. Well, if these writers will consider the matter a little, they will find there are a good many things to prevent it. Chiefly, the good taste and sense of the Exercise, which has prevented freakish names in the past, and given us the really fine set of names we have. Then, their own good sense. You can trust most men to do their best, not their worst, in a case of this kind for their own credit's sake. And, again, no man willingly makes a fool of himself, and we all know that a man who tried to introduce a really absurd name like the instance given would be making a fool, not only of the Exercise, but especially of himself. The Exercise has now, as it always has had, the remedy against any bad name. It need not and would not use it.

The discussion on Simpson tuning was most interesting and instructive. Perhaps, at a later time, we may return to it in these notes.

### THANET RINGERS' OUTING

Once again the ringers of St. Lawrence, Thanet, were favoured with beautiful weather, when, on Whit-Monday, accompanied by their wives and the Vicar, they went for their annual tour. The party, numbering 33, left the church at 7.45 by charabanc, passing through Canterbury, Chilham and Charing, the first stop being made at Lenham, where an hour's good ringing was accomplished. The party then continued their journey to Maidstone, where a good spread was awaiting them at the Carlton Café, after which they visited the fine old Parish Church of All Saints, and enjoyed good touches on the fine peal of ten bells. At Biddenden another stop was made for an hour's ringing, some very good Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob being brought round. By the time Tenterden was reached the party were ready for the tea awaiting them. Afterwards an unexpected offer to ring on the beautiful peal of bells in the Parish Church was made (a previous peal attempt having broken down). The party were limited to time, but touches of Stedman, etc., were rung. Previous to this ringing, however, the Vicar, in a few kindly and encouraging remarks, said how happy he was to be one of such a happy party, and, on behalf of all, he thanked Mr. S. G. Twyman and Mr. W. G. Birch (the conductor and secretary respectively of the company), who had been responsible for making the arrangements of the day.—Messrs. Twyman and Birch replied in a few humorous words.—A most enjoyable day was brought to a fitting conclusion by the drive home in the cool of the evening through Ashford, Chilham and Canterbury, Thanet being reached at 11 p.m. The company wish to tender their thanks to the various Vicars for the use of the bells, which added so much to the pleasure of the outing; also to Mr. Arch Kay, of Ashford, for piloting them through some of the by-ways of the journey.

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C. L. Routledge taking the chair, in the absence of the President (the Rev. A. W. Fisher), who regretted his inability to be present. Mr. E. Ferry (the hon. secretary of the association), Mr. Jos. W. Parker and Mr. Robt. Patterson (vice-president), of Sunderliand, etc., supported the chairman.

The Chairman thanked those present and others who were not there also for their kindly and generous support in providing the ringers' bell—the treble—in the new peal. He was pleased to say the money had been fully subscribed, and the fund was now closed.

Unfortunately, there was a competitive concert close by at the Town Hall, and the Cathedral ringing had to be abandoned.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A Surrey youth, who, despite limited opportunities for peal ringing, is proving himself a promising ringer, is John F. Galyer. He is only 16 years of age, and started ringing about 18 months ago. He has already rung peals in methods up to London Surprise, and last week, as his first effort in peal conducting, called Holt's Original. Although the Exercise contains many young men of outstanding merit, this performance is a noteworthy one, and one upon which he is to be congratulated.

A curious difficulty has arisen at King's Langley, Herts. The Vicar has mislaid a letter from a band who desire to go there for an hour's ringing on a Saturday early in July, and, consequently, is unable to reply to the writer, for want of his name and address. The visitors, we are asked to say, will be welcome, but they are requested to communicate with Mr. R. S. Cook, High Street, King's Langley, giving the correct date and time.

The first peal of Grandsire Maximus rung out of London was achieved at Birmingham on June 12th, 1815.

The first peal at Lincoln Cathedral, where the ring of eight will, it is hoped, shortly be augmented to twelve by the ringers of the diocese in memory of their fellow-members who fell in the war, was rung forty years ago next Tuesday. It was Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

On June 16th, 1816 (110 years ago), a peal of 5080 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch. In this peal William Booth, grandfather of the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, took part. In those times, it was a three days' stage coach journey from Sheffield to London, so that the excursion was something of an undertaking.

Mr. Hattersley had in his possession the Cumberland's emblem, presented to Mr. Booth, and the autograph of William Shipway, as 'beadle,' dated June 9th, 1816. Mr. Booth rang in the first 'double-handed' peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1811. He died in 1849.

## SIMPSON TUNING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read various letters in your columns on the principle of 'Simpson Tuning,' or a similar system supposed to be used by Continental founders.

We have many good peals in this country cast by British founders, and I am very doubtful if experts who heard them ringing could tell us if they were tuned on the old system, or on the five-toned principle. I am of the opinion that the whole system is a farce and nonsense, and I believe the best results are had, only, from practical experience on the part of the bell founder.

It would be interesting, to founders especially, to see a sketch of a bell showing the thickness and position of the metal, and at the same time showing the difference in tuning to the Major 3rd and 5th, and Minor 3rd and Major 5th, and Minor 3rd and Minor 5th.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS BOND.

## CONDUCTORS—MORE OR LESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—With the remarks of 'Criticus,' in your issue of May 28th regarding conductors, I quite agree, especially the phrase, 'On all numbers, peal ringing could do with a fillip, and perhaps it could be done if more conductors were encouraged.'

Since reading the above I have stood in an attempt for a peal in nine Minor methods, and we were fortunate (?) in having two qualified (?) conductors in the band.

All went well until we had reached the eighth method, when one of them, A, said that the bells were not in their proper order. B thought they were, and said, 'Keep on ringing.' During the next course A again expressed his doubts, again getting the same reply. In a few seconds he again clipped in, 'I'm sure they are not right.' B apparently was by now of the same opinion, for he called a bob, and then said, 'Stand,' after ringing two hours and ten minutes. On producing the figures it was found that all was in order, every bell being in its proper place.

Now I have changed my mind on this point (conductors), and thoroughly agree with friend 'Ironæus,' that all conductors ought to be filleted, and will gladly assist him in carrying out his idea, if he will provide the necessary battle-axes.

NINE METHODS (NEARLY).

## SPICED MINOR.

At Lamberhurst, Kent, on Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, 720 Spiced Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose: W. Marshall 1, G. Fuller 2, H. J. Hammond 3, A. Marshall 4, A. H. Smith 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. First 720 in four methods by all.

Ringers can learn all about ringing a 720 on the above lines by purchasing 'Method Splicing,' post free 1s. 3d., from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### DEMAND FOR NO INTERFERENCE WITH METHOD NAMES.

Mr. J. A. Trollope then moved the amendment of which he had given notice, as follows:—That this Council, while urging on the Exercise the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for new methods, declines to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy of giving names to new methods. And, further, is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods, except where urgently necessary. Mr. Trollope said they had been told that the names of methods were in a most indescribable state of confusion, and that statement was the justification for these thirteen resolutions which the committee had put before them. He denied entirely that there was any confusion. The names which they had for methods, taking them as a whole, were very effective, very suitable, and, from a literary point of view, quite good. They were told there was no system. The Exercise had been in existence for nearly 300 years, and for some of the method names they had to go back nearly as long as that. In all that time they had been inventing names, and different men had different ideas. It was true they had no system, but they were all good names. The second point was that even if names were capable of improvement they would not get improvement from any committee—he did not mean that particular committee, but any committee—simply because good things, like names, were the result of evolution; they were happy inspirations which a man got. A committee which sat down, with cast-iron rules before them, would not perhaps do anything very bad, but certainly would do nothing good. No committee would ever give them names which in any way would approach the oldest names they had. Double Norwich Court Bob Major was a name full of history, and so was London Scholars' Pleasure. What was the matter with names such as these? The committee wanted names of one word, and preferably of one syllable. Why on earth they wanted that, he (the speaker) did not know. The amendment which he had put down meant that they left things as they were. It was put very vaguely, and asked the Council to decline to interfere with such rights as bands and individuals now enjoyed. What the rights were that anybody had in the name of a method was altogether indefinable. It was a matter of common sense, compromise and good taste, and it was best to leave it at that. The second part of the amendment related to historical names, and in this he thought the Council ought not, for any reason whatever, to break the continuity of the history of the Exercise.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in seconding, said they did not want to upset historical things, and they liked the names of methods to be, to a certain extent, indicative of their history as well as of their structure. He was, therefore, very much against altering names to which the Exercise had got accustomed, the names by which certain methods were well known, and had been well known for years, and, perhaps, for generations. Like 'Topsy' in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' they just 'grewed,' and there was no surer principle to be guided by than that. He did not say that he was against all the alterations which Mr. Burton's committee proposed, but he was strongly against a general uprooting of old names. He must say he should not be sorry to see the disappearance of the names 'Pasallatessa' and 'Pasallatria' which Mr. Law James invented, but, as a matter of principle, he was entirely with Mr. Trollope.

### NAMES WITH A HISTORY.

The Rev. H. Law James said he was going to support the resolution, but that did not mean that he was going totally to disregard what Mr. Burton and Mr. Drake had done. First of all, with regard to 'British Scholars' Pleasure.' He was not familiar with the name, but it promptly raised the question in his mind, 'Who were the British Scholars?' There was history there somewhere, if somebody could find it out. It suggested at once that a search might produce information about the society. Just as the Union Scholars' book came to light, so somebody or other might find some record of the British Scholars, and the name should stand to keep that historical fact alive. Then there was College Bob IV.; it was a horrid name, but it told him that there were four methods known as College Bob. The first was naturally called College Single. The second and third he had never heard of, but the fourth had come down to them. It meant that in the early days the College Youths rang these different methods, and named them in that way, and because there was history in the name it was best left alone. Then there was London Scholars' Pleasure. They had all heard of the London Scholars. Unfortunately, their books had disappeared, but they were represented to-day by the Cumberland Youths, and he did not think they should tread on their toes by altering the name which implied that the first 720 was rung by them centuries ago. As to 'Pasallatessa' and 'Pasallatria,' he was not a literary man; he was a science man, and when he went through the classification of methods he found two classes which had never been noticed, and he had to get them in somehow or other. He, therefore, did what every science man did, he coined them out of Greek roots. He was not going to fight for these two names; they could alter them if they liked. The meaning of one was 'All except four,' and the other, 'All except three.'

The Rev. H. Drake, referring to the names which it is proposed to give to the new collection of Plain Major Methods, agreed that the names were a very fine set, but some had already been used for other methods. He did not see how Mr. James could say that the Nomenclature Committee had interfered with the appearance of the book, as they let the question of the sub-titles drop, and they understood the Methods Committee were going on.

The Rev. H. Law James: I didn't understand so, so there it must rest as a misunderstanding.

Mr. W. A. Cave said very few would be able to vote either for the resolution or for the amendment, because some of the old names they wished to see retained, and some of them they wanted to see 'go west.' He thought they should go through the list line by line, and vote on whether they wished to keep or reject them.

Mr. E. W. Ewell (Chester Guild) supported the amendment, which, if carried, would meet the wishes of his Guild, which had taken a large part in naming methods scientifically. In the last few years they had taken care to give similar names to methods of the same class, but the Nomenclature Committee seemed to be trying to undo the classified distinction which the Chester Guild members had made, and which had been made in accordance with the good old Yorkshire custom of two hundred years ago, and about which there was nothing funny or silly. They must, he said, make a protest for the right of ringers, as in the past, to ring methods and name them; in any event let them preserve the rights of the ringers of the past and preserve as an honourable trust for the future the old and glorious heritage of their ringing craft (applause).

After the luncheon interval, which was taken at this stage, Mr. J. S. Pritchett spoke in support of the amendment. He said the difficulty that the Council felt was undoubtedly that of debating en masse what was really a multiplicity of resolutions. It would take a week to discuss the report line by line. Each of the resolutions invited amendment and prolonged discussion. He thought the committee had begun at the wrong end by proposing wholesale changes, involving so much controversial matter. They would better have begun at the other end by proposing to reform the worst of the abuses in nomenclature, and then proceeding gradually upward. He thought the amendment afforded them that opportunity, as it laid down lines on which it suggested the committee should proceed, and concluded by saying, 'and is further of opinion that no alteration should be made in names of old and historical methods except where urgently necessary,' leaving it open to the committee in the future to bring forward changes which they thought to be urgently necessary. If they confined themselves to a less elaborate report they should be able to deal with it in a short period of time. Personally he objected to very much in the report. He saw no harm in the adoption of names of flowers for six-bell methods. He thought the list given in the committee's report, and which they proposed to alter, was a charming list—one could hardly imagine a more charming one. He much preferred them to affixing the names of towns to every method indiscriminately—that was a soulless method. There was no connection between the method and the town, and he wondered if the ringers of the various towns had been consulted before the names were foisted upon them. He agreed with what had been said about the preservation of historical names, and he agreed that those which were not historical and were uncouth might be altered. Where names were duplicated the Council might select one name, and if this course was followed they might make some progress in the subject.

### COMMITTEE ONLY ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS.

The Rev. H. Drake said, having listened carefully to what had been said in support of it, he could not see why this had been moved as an amendment. The committee had discussed the amendment, and agreed with it, and if the proposer would put it as a rider and not an amendment, they would all be agreed. The committee did not want to make great alterations. He agreed with everything Mr. Pritchett had said. The unfortunate part of the matter was that the committee were asked by the Council to propose some way of getting rid of these floral names, and what, therefore, was the use of blaming the committee when they had done only what the Council had asked them to do? He would not have opposed them himself, but at the London meeting he was put forward by those who did object to these names, and he brought up a resolution which resulted in the committee being formed. That committee was the result of the opposition to the floral names, and the Council could not blame the committee for what they had done, they could only blame themselves. The committee had made a list of the names to which they thought anyone could take exception, and had substituted others for them; it was for the Council to say whether they wanted them altered or not. Personally he did not think all of them ought to be accepted, and he had asked, in the pages of 'The Ringing World,' that those changes which were objected to should be mentioned. They had half-a-dozen mentioned by Mr. Trollope, and he had been asked by the treasurer of the Suffolk Guild, who was not a member of the Council, to propose two other names. When the time came he would propose that these six or eight names should be left out, and they could then, perhaps, get a division on the question of the floral names. With regard to the old and historical names, they had not proposed that these should be altered, except those two of which so much had been made.

London Scholars' Pleasure and British Scholars' Pleasure. They were the only two that were historical, and the amendment before them said that, if necessary, historical names should be altered. If they passed a resolution that only one word should be used in a name, it was necessary to alter these names; if they did not pass that resolution these names could be left standing. His own suggestion was that these historical names should be used as a sub-title, so that, for instance, in ringing they would call 'Go, Lambeth,' but in the record they would describe the method as 'Lambeth (London Scholars' Pleasure).' Thus they would keep their historical names, and have a convenient one-word name for the method. There were two things in their former report which the committee had dropped; one was the question of classification, and they had also dropped the words, to which Mr. Trollope took so much exception, that the names were in a state of 'indescribable confusion,' and they left it in the hands of the Council to say whether they were in a state of confusion or not. All the committee said was that there was 'confusion'; it might not be great, but here was an opportunity, brought about by the opposition to floral terms, to clear up the difficulties. Mr. Drake illustrated his point by an instance in which he was concerned. They had been discussing in the tower the ringing of Oxford Bob, and afterwards started to ring it, but in the band was one who was not present when the discussion took place. The conductor said, 'Go, Oxford,' and the ringer mentioned started for Oxford Treble Bob. There was one of the practical difficulties in having names liable to confusion. They ought to pass Mr. Trollope's proposal as a rider, and not as an amendment. The committee would then not waste all the work they had done, but would carry on on somewhat different lines to what they had done.

The suggestion to make the amendment a rider was not accepted, and, on being put, was declared carried by 29 votes to three. It was then put and carried as a substantive motion, and the report of the committee therefore fell to the ground.

#### THE COLLECTION OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

The Council then returned to the proposal of the Methods Committee that they should proceed at once to print 300 copies of the Collection of Plain Major Methods, which was formally proposed by the Rev. H. Law James.

Mr. Burton again called attention to the fact that if the names proposed by the committee for the new methods were allowed to stand there were three or four which had been employed in the past, and, perhaps, entitled to be considered historical. To use these names still further would lead to additional confusion.

The Rev. H. Law James: I think Mr. Burton is entirely mistaken.

Mr. Trollope said he took careful note of the hints Mr. Burton made, and so far as it was possible every suggestion he made was followed. The only ones where Mr. Burton's suggestions were not acted on were Cambridge Court and Cambridge Surprise. The methods had been rung under these names, and they had no right to alter them. They also held that sub-titles were outside the scope of the Nomenclature Committee. Otherwise, everything that committee recommended received the Methods Committee's best attention, and was followed out. The Methods Committee held themselves responsible for everything in the proposed new book, including the names, under the terms of the reference to them, until such time as it was handed over to the Council.

Mr. Burton said 'Cambridge' was already used three times; then there was St. Clement's Court Bob and Trinity Court, which had been used before, while the word 'London' already appeared in methods six times. Hereward Bob was already a name used in the Minor methods. Then there was Dublin Court introduced, when there was already a well-known method called Dublin Surprise. They also suggested a change in the name of Llangollen Court, which no Englishman could properly pronounce.

Mr. Trollope: Every one of those names was in existence before; we have only acted on the facts.

The President appealed to the members of these two committees to come to an amicable agreement.

The Rev. H. Law James: If they will drop the whole thing a great deal of good will result from the discussion, and, in the future, things will go on smoothly.

Mr. Burton: I was prepared to accept that, but Mr. James did not give me the chance.

The Rev. H. Law James: We want next year to revise the Minor Methods, and we shall pay careful attention to what has been said about the names.

The motion to print 300 copies of the Major Method Collection was thereupon put to the meeting and carried.

(To be continued.)

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

Ringers from all parts of Essex assembled in large numbers at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday for the 47th annual meeting of the Essex Association. During the morning and afternoon the twelve bells in Chelmsford Cathedral tower were rung by visitors, and touches were also rung at the following neighbouring church towers:—Writtle (8), Wulford (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (8), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). There was a large congregation of ringers for the special service in the Cathedral, the Association's form of service being used. The Rev. Canon Lake, sub-Dean of the Cathedral, conducted the service, and Mr. C. H. Howard (Brintree) read the lesson.

The Bishop of Colchester, who gave the address from the lectern, said Christians did not thank God as much as they might. They were ready to pray to God, but not always so ready to praise Him. Their lives ought to be full of praise and thanksgiving. The note he desired to strike was the note of praise. Most of the ringers did prize in a wonderful way the beautiful old churches in our dearly-loved land, but it was not possible to over-estimate what the churches of this land meant for England and the world. We could not thank God enough for the village churches—those houses of God all over the land consecrated in ages past to pious uses, and consecrated in every generation by the prayers of good men and women. How much those churches had meant to England through the long centuries it was impossible to estimate. The bellry was an important part of the House of God, and again it was hardly possible to think of England for the last 1,500 years without its bellries and its bells inviting people to the House of God. The bells rang when men and women were united in holy bond, and they rang again at the parting of soul and body. How much had the bells been to this land, and how delighted the people had been to listen when they spoke of God, of heaven, and of prayer. They called to prayer and praise; they filled people's hearts with gladness. He knew how much the Church owed to the devoted band of men who year in and year out officiated with such devotion and skill at the ringing of the bells. They were always ready to do their work, they were keen upon it, and anxious to go on ringing as long as they had the strength to fulfil their duty they felt God had placed upon them. They made great efforts to do their work in the best possible way, and they had the grace of perseverance. All men who were Christian in anything more than name had to face the question what God wanted them to do for His Glory, for the good of souls, and for the benefit of His Church. Every Christian had to decide that for himself, and the bellringers felt called to this beautiful work. As servants of God they served Him by ringing the bells, not for self, but for the love of God and His Church.

### EXCELLENT WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

The annual business meeting was held at the Cathedral Hall, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, presiding, supported by the Bishop of Colchester, Canon Lake, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (a former hon. sec. to the Association), and Mr. E. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), general hon. secretary and treasurer to the Association.

The Master read his report for the year 1925 as follows:—Although our membership again shows a slight decline, some very excellent work has been accomplished in the past year. It has been found necessary to again strike out a considerable number of names due to non-payment of subscriptions and other causes. This falling off in numbers to 996 does not indicate that the Association is slackening its efforts, or is losing its influence in the diocese. On the contrary, never in its existence was the enthusiasm of its members more pronounced or the results more encouraging. More meetings are held each year with increased attendances, and the Association is successfully carrying out the aims for which it was formed. A very satisfactory feature is that in nearly every contemplated restoration or bellry improvement, we have an opportunity of offering advice. My position as a member of the Diocesan Advisory Board brings to my knowledge the proposals that are contemplated in bellry improvements, and as a representative of the Board I am pleased to have the privilege of visiting the towers to give advice and to make reports to the Board, where applications for faculties for carrying out the work are necessary. Several district meetings were held in parishes where change ringing is not practised. There is a need for more meetings for propaganda, especially in the rural districts, to stimulate interest and to bring new members into our ranks. The joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Waltham Abbey was a great success. Such gatherings give opportunity for friendly intercourse with our neighbours, and it is hoped this practice may be extended in the future. An unusual number of bellry improvements have been carried out or are in hand. At Little Baddow the old ring of four has been rehung, a new bell replaces the cracked mediæval one, and a treble added to make a ring of five. The ring of five at St. Leonard's, Colchester, is to be rehung with provision for augmentation to eight at some future date. Two trebles are to be added at Kirby-le-Soken to complete the octave. At Newport, the second and fourth are to be reconstituted, the remaining four bells are to be returned, and the whole rehung. The ring of eight at Galleywood is being rehung, and rope guides are to be fixed. The three trebles at Great Dunmow have been recast, the three tenors returned, and the whole rehung in a new iron frame for eight. A fund is being

**ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, April 25th, for evening service, 720 of York Surprise: R. Fitzsimmons 1, T. Birch 2, W. Dean 3, J. Martin 4, T. Gilmour 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who hail from Liverpool. It is to be regretted that Mr. F. C. Amos, who had to leave earlier in the day for Derby on business, could not stand in, and so score his first 720 of York. It is believed to be the first 720 of York ever rung in the Wirral branch with members of the local band taking part.

raised to complete the octave, which it is hoped will be accomplished within a year. It is also contemplated rehanging the rings of five at Morten and Great C'acton. Sixty peals have been rung during the year: fifty-eight on tower bells and two on handbells, viz., Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Stedman Cinques, 1 each; Treble Bob Royal, 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 2; London Surprise, 9; Cambridge Surprise, 9; Superlative Surprise, 11; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 7; Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 3; Cambridge Surprise Minor, 2; Seven Surprise Methods, 1; Minor in three methods, 3; Bob Minor, 2; Doubles, 2; and Bob Major on handbells, 2. Of these, no less than 31 were conducted by Mr. W. Keeble, to whom the Association is indebted for his indefatigable energy in assisting numerous young ringers to score their first Surprise Peal. In four cases it was the first peal on the bells; the first peal in the method on the bells in 15 towers; while 23 members rang their first peal, and 29 first in the method. We have lost, by death, Rev. A. F. Curtis, sometime Vicar of Feering. The deceased always took a deep interest in our work, and was a regular attendant when meetings were held in his parish. Mr. A. Mansfield, of Maldon, was for many years a member, and his death is a great loss to us. We shall also greatly miss Mr. J. Oswick, of Chelmsford, the Cathedral verger, who was a familiar figure at the service at our annual gathering.

#### FLOURISHING FINANCES.

Financially, continued the report, we are in a very flourishing condition. Exclusive of interest on the Reserve Fund, our income was £90 19s. 5d., and expenses £46 0s. 4d., which enables £15 to be transferred to the Reserve Fund, leaving a balance in hand of £28 5s. The total Reserve Fund now stands at £121 17s., showing an increase for the year of £19 9s. 5d. As a result of the resolution passed at the last annual meeting a new fund is formed, to be called the Bell Restoration Fund. We have always regarded it as an important part of our work to encourage restorations and belfry improvements. The creation of this fund will enable us to show our practical interest by contributions to assist local efforts in needy cases where improvements are being carried out. The continued success of the Association is due to the loyalty of the district officers and the efficient manner in which they carry out their respective duties. In conclusion, I would like to express appreciation of the warm welcome and encouragement received from the clergy when visiting their parishes. It is a privilege, with great responsibilities, to be entrusted with the ringing of the bells summoning the people to assemble in God's House of Prayer for public worship. If the music of the bells is to convey to the ears of the listeners their true message, we must see that 'We walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called.'

The Master, commenting on the year's balance sheet, said the expenses of the Association were very low, due to the great care with which the treasurer and general secretary carried out their duties, and the Association was much indebted to Mr. Pitslow for the interest he took in the finances; the economy shown was also due to the district secretaries. The Master also referred to the absence of Mr. W. H. Dyson, hon. secretary to the Northern Division (who wrote regretting he was unable to attend, due to illness, and sending kind remembrances to old friends), and stated Mr. Dyson was one of the founders of the Association. He had not been well for some time, but the members hoped, in the course of a few weeks, Mr. Dyson would be able to get about again.—It was decided to send a letter of best wishes to Mr. Dyson, with the hope he would soon recover his health.

#### THE MASTER'S LONG SERVICE.

For the election of officers the Master temporarily vacated the chair, which was occupied by the Bishop of Colchester. Mr. E. J. Butler proposed the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard as Master. He had occupied the post for a great number of years, and the members looked forward to Mr. Howard continuing for at least another three years, because the Essex Association would be celebrating its jubilee. Mr. Howard had done good work for the Association, which the members appreciated.—The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Howard, in resuming the chair, said he was extremely obliged to the members for their renewal of confidence. He had been Master of the Association for 18 years, so that in three years' time, when the Association celebrated its jubilee, he would be coming-of-age at the same time. He attended his first meeting of the Essex Association in 1886, when the Rev. H. A. Cockey retired and Canon Papillon was elected hon. secretary. The Master said he looked back over the 40 years with pleasure, for the Essex Association had made great progress during that period. It had been his pleasure to attend every meeting but one in that time, and he always regretted that he missed one. As long as he was Master he should make the annual meeting of the Essex Association a fixture, whenever and wherever it might be held.

Mr. F. J. Pitslow, Saffron Walden, was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Messrs. W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, F. Donch, with the Master, secretary, district masters, secretaries and auditors, were re-elected the General Committee; Messrs. F. Pitslow, T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye and W. Keeble were re-elected the Peal Committee; Messrs. C. H. Howard, G. S. Pye, W. J. Nevard and

E. J. Butler were elected representatives on the Central Council, and Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Falkner were re-appointed auditors. One new member was admitted, and the admission of two, elected at Feering tower previous to a peal attempt, was confirmed.

#### PUBLICATION OF 'TOUCHES' IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Mr. E. J. Butler stated that he wished to raise the question of the editor of 'The Ringing World' having declined to publish in that paper records of touches of less than quarter-peal or 720 changes. He said 'The Ringing World' made strong appeals for more support, and he considered the paper would get better support if it were to encourage young ringers by publishing the shorter touches, which would create interest. He moved that the secretary to the Essex Association be asked to write to the editor of 'The Ringing World' on the matter.

The Master said he was in agreement with Mr. Butler that it would be to the interest of 'The Ringing World' if more space was given to the shorter touches, which would be an encouragement to younger ringers. 'The Ringing World' was the only paper that devoted the whole of its columns to ringing matters. It was not intended by this proposal to make an attack upon the editor, but to ask him to reconsider his decision.

The motion was carried, and the general secretary was directed to write to the editor of 'The Ringing World,' as suggested.

Mr. Pitslow proposed thanks to Mr. H. Edwards, who had written up the peal book.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed thanks to Canon Lake for the service at the Cathedral, and to the Bishop of Colchester for his address, and to the various incumbents for the use of the bells.

The Bishop of Colchester, in reply, said he was very pleased to be with the Essex ringers on Whit-Monday. One of the great regrets of his life was that he never had the opportunity when a boy to learn to ring, because there was no belfry in the church where his father was near, but he saw that his children had the opportunity to ring, and his eldest son, who was killed in France in the first year of the war, was an accomplished ringer, and, when he went to Cambridge, joined the University Guild.—Canon Lake, in reply, welcomed the ringers to Chelmsford, and mentioned that when he began as a curate in Oxford he once tried to learn ringing, but had to let go the rope, and that was the first and last attempt he made to ring. He thanked the Essex ringers for the honour they paid Chelmsford in visiting it for their annual festival.

Luncheon was served, and ringing continued in the afternoon and evening.

Among the various touches rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob and Cambridge Royal, London, Cambridge and Superlative Major, Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and various Minor methods.

[We are giving earnest consideration to the suggestion put forward at the Essex meeting, but, in view of the large number of long touches which at present are sent for publication, it would be no easy matter, having regard to the limitations of space, to give effect to the proposal. We hope, however, shortly to be able to make an announcement on the subject, and to give the suggested encouragement to young ringers, by the incorporation of a new feature.—Ed. 'R.W.']

#### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS DEDICATION OF WAR MEMORIAL.

The arrangements for the dedication on Saturday, June 26th, of the War Memorial to members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and a Queen Alexandra peal tablet, both of which are being placed in the porch of St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, are as follows:—

Ringling at Bethnal Green from 1 p.m.—2.30.

Ringling at Shoreditch from 2.30—3.30.

Dedication at 3.30. Address by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes'.

Ringling at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 4.30.

Ringling at St. Martin's-in-the-Field, 4.45—6.

Ringling at St. Clement Danes', 6—7.

The large room at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, has been reserved from 7 p.m. for the purpose of a reunion of old and new ringing friends, and all are cordially invited.

#### PONTYPRIDD RINGERS' TRIP.

The ringers of St. Catherine's Church, Pontypridd, had an outing on Whitsun-Tuesday, when they made a long tour by bus and car. Leaving Pontypridd at 9 a.m., they visited Whitechurch, where they rang Grandsire Doubles; Radyr, where the bells proved the best handled during the day, and where Grandsire Triples was rung; Llandaff, where they were met by Messrs. Hobbs and Dawes, and again rang Grandsire Triples; St. John's, Cardiff (Grandsire Triples and Caters); and Marshfield (Grandsire Triples). The ringers wish to thank the incumbents and ringers at all the towers visited for their kindness, the Vicar and churchwardens of Pontypridd for generously providing the outing, and Mr. Ridgway for making the arrangements.

### SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL. ANOTHER PEAL AFTER A CENTURY'S INTERVAL.

In our issue of March 26th we gave the record of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, which was rung at Wakefield on March 27th 1826, and suggested that the centenary of the event might well be commemorated by another peal in that method.

Last Saturday a peal in the same method, namely, that given by Shipway, was rung at Ewerby, Lines, by a Lincoln Diocesan Guild band, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. We are not aware of any peal of Superlative Royal having been rung in the interval, and the Ewerby peal is therefore not only an interesting but an outstanding performance.

The composition of the peal rung on Saturday is as follows:—

#### 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL. BY H. LAW JAMES.

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### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Olveston on Saturday, May 29th, when the following towers were represented: Bristol (St. Matthew's, St. Michael's, St. Nicholas', St. Philip's and St. Stephen's), Henbury, Mangotsfield, Olveston and Stoke Bishop, while visitors were present from Bath, the total attendance being 35. The bells, a fine peal of eight, were raised in peal at 3 o'clock, and a few learners took advantage of the opportunity offered and rang courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

A well-attended service was held, at which the Vicar (Rev. Canon W. H. Fisher) officiated, and the ringers heartily joined in the service.

Tea followed in Mr. George White's barn, which had been decorated for the occasion. The building is set amidst beautiful surroundings.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Chairman (Mr. J. Gould) welcomed their ringing visitors, Miss N. G. Williams, Messrs. C. W. Bell, F. W. Canning and F. C. Rich, of Bath.

Mr. Pitcher, the local secretary, on behalf of Canon Fisher, gave them all a hearty welcome, and regretted that at the last moment the Vicar was unable to be present at the meeting.

Mrs. H. Bennett was elected associate member, and Messrs. Check, E. H. and W. Haskins, and T. Parker were elected performing members.

It was resolved (after a very interesting discussion about the next meeting at Dyrham) that the members take train to Staple Hill, and thence to Dyrham by motors. Notice of this meeting will appear in due course in 'The Ringing World.'

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. J. Jefferies seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Vicar (who was a true ringers' friend), also to the organist, and Mr. Harding, in a humorous speech, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. White for providing such a bountiful tea. He also said how pleased they were to welcome their secretary back again.

This concluded the business, and the members enjoyed the stroll through the well-kept gardens. Nature was looking at her best.

The tower was afterwards revisited, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major ended a very successful and pleasant meeting.

### THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association took place in Dublin on Whit-Monday, when members attended from places as far distant as Bangor in the North to Waterford in the South.

The various rings in the City were made good use of during the day.

Eighty-two members sat down to luncheon at the Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, after which the business was proceeded with, the President (Mr. D. Kennedy) occupying the chair.

Mr. C. Evans (Arklow) was elected president, Mr. W. E. Lynch hon. treasurer and Mr. G. Lindoff hon. secretary.

The shield was presented to the Arklow Society, who were congratulated upon winning with 100 per cent.

Twenty-five new members were elected, including the Bangor Society. Belfast was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

### EALING RINGERS' OUTING.

On Whit-Monday the ringers of St. Mary's, Ealing, held their fifth annual outing. Leaving shortly after 8 a.m., the party quickly made themselves comfortable in the small, speedy charabanc. After a ride across London, the open road was reached on the fringe of Epping Forest. The drive through the Forest was much enjoyed. Sawbridgeworth was reached shortly after ten o'clock. An inquiry of a passer-by as to the whereabouts of the church revealed the fact that our informant was none other than the foreman of the local ringers. Truly a strange coincidence! Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major were rung on the bells. Messrs. Turling and Bird joining in the ringing. The journey was then resumed for Cambridge. Immediately on arrival, luncheon was partaken of at the Livingstone Restaurant. The students being 'up,' no ringing was available. Some of the party spent the afternoon boating on the Cam, and others—well, that is best known to themselves. After tea, the road to St. Neots was taken, and Bourn reached about 6.15 p.m. Various methods were rung on the new peal of eight by Taylor and Co., and the tone of the bells was much admired. After leaving expressions of appreciation and thanks at the Vicarage, the 'last lap' was commenced. Shortly after leaving Ware, one of the rear tyres gave up the ghost, and a change of wheel became necessary. Curiously enough, the charabanc stopped immediately outside a wayside refreshment hut, and it is a matter of conjecture how much commission the driver charged the proprietor on the large sale of tea, etc., that resulted. The new arterial road had not been traversed many miles before a sharp hissing in the region of the rear wheels made it evident that another puncture had been contracted. No coffee stall being handy, the handbell experts rang some touches by the wayside, the moon casting a dim light on the strange scene. No further breakdowns occurred, and Ealing was reached an hour late. The party wish to express their hearty thanks, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to the Vicars of Bourn and Sawbridgeworth, Messrs. Turling and Dew, of Sawbridgeworth and Bishop's Stortford respectively, for their kind assistance.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 25th (St. Mark's Day), for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. Hutton 1, J. Bower 2, F. Woodward 3, E. Davis 4, E. Naish 5, F. Naish (conductor) 6, E. Tigwell 7, S. Naish 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, April 25th, for morning service, 552 York Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, F. W. Lupson 5, W. N. Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: C. Todd 1, R. Park 2, W. H. Porter 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in this method by all the band, on the bells, and in Darlington.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, April 25th, for evensong, in 40 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Wyatt 1, A. Rainbird (conductor) 2, F. W. Coster 3, E. Furbank 4, E. Butler 5. Rung on the 18th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rainbird's wedding day. The ringers wish to thank them most heartily for their kind hospitality, both before and after the ringing.

### THE MAJOR HUDSON MEMORIAL.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

It has been decided to close the above memorial fund at the end of June. It is hoped every tower will be represented on the list by sending in a subscription, if only a small one of, say, 2s. 6d. or 5s., so that every tower may be included. If any of Major Hudson's ringing friends outside the Durham and Newcastle Association would like to subscribe their donations will be thankfully received.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 29th; St. Magnus' on the 24th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, June 12th, at West Hartlepool. The three towers will be open from 2.30. Tea at the Raglan Hotel at 5 o'clock, 2/- per head.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Members are hereby reminded of a joint meeting of Yorkshire Association (Southern Division), Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Association (Doncaster and District) and Barnsley and District Association, at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Our Sheffield friends have made excellent arrangements. It is hoped to thus originate yearly a gathering of ringers, large in numbers and representative of the above Associations.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Guild's service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance is desired.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—A. C. Kay and C. W. Franklin, Joint Dis. Secretaries.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, June 12th; a good attendance requested, business, election of branch secretary.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Stebbing.—The annual ringing festival will be held on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers are heartily invited.—F. Harrington, Ware House, Stebbing, Chelmsford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The postponed annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, June 12th. Programme and agenda as previously announced. The time of tea is 5 o'clock.—A. D. Stone, Hon. General Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on June 12th. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Divine service 4.20 to 4.50 p.m., East Retford Church. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. per head, will be provided at Cooke's Café, Carolgate, Exchange Street, at 5 p.m. Visitors from kindred associations welcome.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secretaries.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping Parish Church on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Clare District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock.—W. Underwood, Assistant Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 5.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at St. Michael's Church at 5 p.m. Tea (1/- per head) in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those intending to be present kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, King St., Bishop's Stortford (Essex Assn.); W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Ware, Herts (Herts Assn.).

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at St. Albans, on Saturday, June 12th. St. Peter's bells (10) available 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Abbey bells in the evening. St. Stephen's (6) and St. Michael's (6) by arrangement. All are cordially welcomed.—W. Nash, North Mymms.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Westbury-sub-Mendip, near Wells, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. D. Rickards, 14, Victoria Grove, Shepton Mallet.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—The 115th anniversary will be held at Lavenham Church on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 19th. Service and dedication of the new bell at 3.30. Tea, at 1s., 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Rev. E. M. Thorpe, The Vicarage, Bucklebury, Reading, by Wednesday, June 16th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Sheffield and District, Barnsley and District, Doncaster and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available early. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. 3d. each. Buses for Whiston leave the old Cattle Market, Rotherham, at 1.15, 1.50, 2.30, 3.5, 3.45 and 4.20.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**KENT ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, June 19th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Tea, 1s. per head. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by the 15th inst.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kinver on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, June 19th. Arrangements previously announced hold good.—T. Hervey Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you require same. Harrow Weald bells after tea. Rectory garden open for use of members.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. Will members please note change of date? All ringers cordially invited. — W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Aldenham, Herts.—The bells of this charming old village will be opened on Saturday, June 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.30. Please let me know by Tuesday, the 15th, the names of those attending for tea.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, June 19th. Bells at liberty from 5 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. As the committee of the association are meeting here, will all members make an effort to attend? —J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, June 19th. Service at St. Andrew's 4.15. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d.) for those who notify Mr. H. I. Mingay, 15, Vere Terrace, Grimsby, by the 17th inst. Bells of St. James' (8) and St. Andrew's (8) available. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, June 19th. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 15th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 19th. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) available at 3. Tea: Members (fully paid) 1s., others 1s. 6d., Lloyd's Restaurant at 5. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, June 15th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. — The annual meeting for this district will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 16th? —H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradninch on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. General meeting after tea. Will those requiring tea kindly send in their names to me by Tuesday, June 15th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—A meeting will be held at Netherseal, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) and Overseal (8) available 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea (no charge) to be sent to the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Netherseal Rectory, as soon as possible. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next general quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Belper (Derbyshire), on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Short service 4 p.m. Committee meeting 5 p.m. at the Cadena Cafe, Bridge St., where tea will be served at 5.30, followed by general meeting. Will those intending to take tea (moderate charge) please notify Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Rd., Derby, not later than June 23rd.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec. 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division —The annual meeting will be held at Felixkirk, near Thirsk, on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) will be available for ringing throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Carpenter's Arms (2/6 each) for all who notify the Hon. Dist. Sec. not later than Tuesday, June 22nd. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 23rd. All ringers welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting at Finchingfield on Saturday, June 26th. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped to have a large attendance. The village is very picturesque, and bells (8) are in excellent order. Those who intend to be present should intimate to W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch Spring meeting (postponed from May 15th) will be held at Tackley on Saturday, June 26th. Service in the Parish Church 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (President). Tea at Tackley Park, 4 p.m., at 1. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Tackley (6), Wootton (6), Woodstock (8), Rousham (6). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Tuesday, June 22nd.—W. Evetts, Jun., Hon. Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, June 26th. Ringing from 2.30 to tea time. St. John's after tea. Those requiring tea should inform Mr. F. Larbey, 5, Newark Road, South Croydon, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

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### WANTED—THE LOCAL ENTHUSIAST.

'The Guild's greatest need to-day is the "local enthusiast." Thus the master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in his annual report. The statement is prompted by the fact that considerable bell restoration is going on throughout the Oxford diocese, and by the anxiety, which is not unnatural, that these bells may not be left sooner or later without anyone specially responsible for their ringing. This is, however, not merely an Oxford Guild matter; there is here food for thought among all our associations. 'It is the "enthusiast" that is needed,' adds the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 'mere names and numbers are not enough.'

The question which may well be asked is: Are the bells of our churches, as a whole, being used and tended to the extent that they ought to be, or are there not far too many instances to be found in every diocese and county where the ringers are indifferent to the art and even to the duty which they owe the church, as well as being negligent of the bells which are actually in their charge? Association meetings may be well attended, peal ringing may even flourish, but an analysis of these two things, which to some extent are taken as the guide to the success or otherwise of an association, would probably show that there is really only a very small proportion of the ringers who are thus actively interested in the art, and that in considerable degree it is practically the same men who time after time attend the meetings, and whose names figure in the peals. If one could feel satisfied that all the others, while not able to attend meetings or to take part in peal ringing, were nevertheless displaying a genuine interest in keeping going the bells in their own parishes, there would be ground for gratification, but we know that with comparatively few exceptions it is not so. It is true that there was never a time when change ringing had so many devotees as it has to-day, but there is also an apathy so marked as to be almost the despair of association officials. Doubtless the many counter-attractions of the age are to a large extent responsible. They sap the interest of young men, while the older ones, discouraged by the unprofitable results of their efforts, gradually have their patience worn out, and end in a condition of indifference. Service ringing as well as the art itself suffers and we join with the Master of the Oxford Guild in his appeal to all who love church bell ringing to bestir themselves, if the art is to be maintained in our land. These are difficult days in many respects, and the call for the 'local enthusiast' is urgent. The associations can help and help greatly. They ought not to be content until at every church with a ringable peal of bells there is a band not only capable but willing to ring

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. in B.

FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 8
†FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 11
*JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

† First peal of Stedman Cinques. \* First peal on twelve bells, and of Stedman. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL (SPLICED),  
5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,520 changes of each method.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN... .. Treble	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
DANIEL COOPER... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 3	*JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 8
*MISS FREDA E. ORR... .. 4	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 9
AMOS W. CLARK... .. 5	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Royal. This is Thomas G. Bannister's twenty-fifth peal. This is the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob Royal rung on this plan.

PRITTLEWELL, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BACON ... .. Treble	E. J. BEER ... .. 6
GORDON A. BACON ... .. 2	ERNEST W. FUREANK ... 7
CHARLES P. CHALK ... .. 3	WILLIAM DUDLEY ... .. 8
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 4	STANLEY W. BAYBUY ... 9
HARRY TURNER ... .. 5	LIONEL H. PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by HENRY T. WILSON.

First peal of Bob Royal by ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9 and tenor. E. J. Beer was elected a non-resident ringing member previous to starting.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*DERRICK LOCKWOOD ... .. Treble	HARRY MOSS ... .. 5
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... .. 2	DAVID WHITING ... .. 6
HUBERT J. DAY ... .. 3	FREDERICK BRUNNING ... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal on eight bells.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10 cwt.	
ALFRED COATES... .. Treble	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... .. 5
*FREDK. WM. JOHNSON JUN. 2	HARRY TAYLOR ... .. 6
†FREDK. W. JOHNSON, SEN. 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 7
†ROBT. H. JOHNSON ... .. 4	ALBERT HUNTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. METCALFE.

Rung on the 1st birthday of the conductor, secretary of the association; also as a farewell peal to Mr. A. Hunter, who is leaving to take up a position at Ruislip, Middlesex. \* First peal, first attempt. † First peal in the method. All except the conductor are service ringers at the above tower.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

†SAM STEEL ... .. Treble	FRED METCALFE ... .. 5
FREDERICK OVERTON ... 2	H. MINGAY ... .. 6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... 3	C. W. TAYLOR ... .. 7
JAMES B. BUDD ... .. 4	*ARTHUR SWAIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. TAYLOR.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal in the method. The ringer of the tenor was made a member of the above Guild before starting. Rung with the bells muffled on the occasion of the unveiling of the Memorial to the fishermen and minesweepers who sacrificed their lives in deep waters, for the sake of our land, our homes and our civilisation.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BEECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

G. WILLIAM HOLLIS ... Treble	*GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 5
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 2	†FREDERICK E. STONE ... 6
WALTER NURTON ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
*CYRIL LAKE ... .. 4	HARRY BOYCE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell. First peal of Triples for the above Guild.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2	MADRICE SWINFELD... .. 6
JAMES PAGETT ... .. 3	*THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 7
RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 4	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

\*First peal of Stedman.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT ANDERSON ... Treble	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 2	RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 6
R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by Wm. L. GOFTON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First attempt to call a peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Treble	VICTOR WHITE ... .. 5
HECTOR BIRD ... .. 2	WALTER FARLEY... .. 6
LOUIS GRIFFITHS... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was specially arranged on the 150th anniversary of what is believed to be the first peal on the bells, viz., Grandsire Triples, on June 9th, 1776, which is recorded on a peal board in the ringing chamber.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

TONY PRICE ... .. Treble	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. 5
FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. 2	BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Arranged for the ringers of the treble and second.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 2	HARRY PARKER ... .. 6
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE ADDISON... .. 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN & PRESTON BRANCHES)

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

MISS MAY CLAYTON ... Treble	FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. 5
THOMAS WILSON ... .. 2	JOHN BROWN... .. 6
JOHN SANDERSON... .. 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 4	JAMES HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Thomas Wilson to Miss Hilda A. Smith, which took place on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1926, at Bromsgrove Parish Church, Worcestershire.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON

DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	ROBERT THOMPSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Beadle, who attained his 76th year on May 8th, a peal arranged for that day having been postponed owing to the strike.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 3/4 cwt. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5
* GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	HARRY BURDOCK ... .. 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... Treble	* FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 2	* STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frederick George Phillips and Miss Florence Kate Wilson, who were married in this church prior to the peal.

TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5
BERT HORTON ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 7
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 4	ROBERT PICKERING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Horton.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble	JAMES FLEETY ... .. 5
GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal in the method on the bells.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER ... 5
WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 2	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3	CLIFTON SKIDMORE ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 4	* HARRY COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This is the first peal on these bells, a lively little ring by G. Carr and Company, of Smethwick, and put in the tower as a memorial to the late C. F. E. Griffiths, of Pensnett. \* First peal on eight bells.

DERBY.—On Tuesday, June 1st, at the Church of St. Alkmund, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: E. H. Clarke 1, C. Draper 2, J. Pagett 3, W. Slater, jun. (first quarter-peal in method) 4, A. Mould 5, G. Freebrey (conductor) 6, P. H. Tate 7, W. Critchley 8.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLET ... .. 2	FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 6
GEORGE CROSS ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
ANTHONY PRICE ... .. 4	WILLIAM BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. TANN.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 1/2 cwt. in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON ... Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5
* ALFRED KERBLE ... .. 2	* FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 6
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to J. G. Rumsey.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CYRIL TANSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents.

Tenor 9 1/2 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Treble	CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 4
* HANBURY F. CARTER ... 2	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. 5
EDWARD HOWES ... .. 3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. N. GOLDEN.

\* First peal.

NEWENT, GLOS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER-BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 1/2 cwt.

* EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	CHARLES ANDREWS ... 4
HARRY PROBT ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
REGINALD F. BECK ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

\* Elected a member in the tower.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores called 10 ways.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS SNELL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT ... 3
ERIC WADMAN ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

First peal on the bells.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Allendale, Westminster, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge.

ALBERT HENLEY ... .. Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL ... .. 4
ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 2	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 5
GEORGE FULLER ... .. 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Halsey, of the Mount, and Miss Betts, of Tonbridge. First peal in seven Surprise methods by members of the Tonbridge district.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 10, 1926, in Two Hours & Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

GEORGE HORWOOD ... .. Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 4
FREDERICK SHARPE ... .. 2	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 5
REV. J. A. AMIES ... .. 3	ERNEST HERITAGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SHARPE.

First peal by the Rev. J. A. Amies and Ernest Heritage. The treble ringer hails from Piddington, Oxon; the second and tenor from Lاونton, Oxon; the third from Edgcott, Bucks; and the fourth and fifth from Appleton, Berks. The bells have recently been re-hung by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and augmented from five to six. The 'go' of the bells is perfect.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Treble	CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 4
ERNEST KIMM ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5
ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. 3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, May 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

REV. A. H. BOUGHY (Trin) 1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Mag.) ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, June 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

†S. H. WOOD (Mag.) ... .. 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 5-6
REV. A. H. BOUGHY (Trin) 3-4	*J. R. DUFFIELD (Selwyn) ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal on handbells. † First peal away from the tenors. First peal of Major 'in hand' as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of H.M. the King. Also as a birthday compliment to N. M. Assheton (Jesus'), secretary of the above Guild, who celebrated his coming-of-age on the previous day.

GODALMING, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Friday, June 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: B. Elliott 1, G. Wootton 2, R. Overy 3, J. McDermott 4, F. Bowden 5, C. Childs 6, J. A. Cole (conductor) 7, C. E. Smith 8.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'  
HOW TO OBTAIN THE STRIKE PERIOD ISSUES

As one of the effects of the strike in the newspaper distributing trade, many of our readers appear not to have received their copies of 'The Ringing World.'

For their information we would say that the only week for which there was no issue of the paper was May 7th. The issues of May 14th and 21st were published as usual and should be obtainable through the newsagents.

Ringers who have not yet received 'The Ringing World' for these dates should send 3d. per copy to the EDITORIAL OFFICE, 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING, when the paper will be dispatched to them, post free.

Those who are unable to obtain 'The Ringing World' regularly and promptly through a newsagent can have it sent direct from our Woking Office for 4/- per quarter (including postage), prepaid.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

FRANK PERVIN ... .. 1-2	JAMES GROVES ... .. 7-8
GEORGE SWANN ... .. 3-4	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 9-10
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 5-6	JOHN NEAL ... .. 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

Umpire: HERBERT C. SPENCER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1926, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

IN THE CHURCH TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*REGINALD POULSON ... .. 1	†CECIL PRYKE ... .. 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2-3	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness: W. JARVIS.

\* First peal. † First peal inside.

Messrs. Pryke and Poulson hail from Preston, Suffolk.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 13, 1926, in Two Hours & Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. SAUNDERS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: GEORGE WIFFEN.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all except the conductor, and first handbell peal in the parish.

'CONDUCTORS—MORE OR LESS'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter of 'Nine Methods (Nearly),' it appears to have been a case of too many cooks (or conductors) spoiling the broth (or peal). One hopes that if and when a battle-axe arrives the fair arm of 'Nine Methods (Nearly)' (rumoured to be one of the gentler sex), will be strong enough to wield it, so that both of the qualified (P) conductors may be quickly put out of their misery, and may not die a lingering death, which, however, one must admit they deserve.

By the way, it would be interesting to know if 'Nine Methods (Nearly)' really did write the letter, or whether he or she received any inspiration from an outside source.—Yours truly,

'DOUBTFUL'

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## WHAT OTHERS THINK—METHOD NAMES.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The Ipswich newspapers sent their reporters to the Central Council meeting and next day the 'East Anglian Times' had a full column on the proceedings. A good deal of it was occupied by the debate on methods' names, and as I read it I rather wondered what the general public would make of it all. Our good, old-fashioned names, Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, have always had something of a fascination for outsiders, though they usually get them wrong. Now Mr. Symonds has sent me a cutting from the 'Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury,' thinking it might interest the readers of 'The Ringing World.' The writer is evidently not one of the large number of people who like bells, and I gather he takes frequent opportunities of expressing his opinion. He is one of those whose role is to play the funny man. Nobody pays much attention to such and I doubt whether he takes himself seriously. I can assure him if he should read these notes (which is unlikely) that we do not. However, since it is sometimes amusing to read what other people think, or say they think of us, here is his effusion:—

I think most of my readers know by this time, from remarks I have made, how much I love bellringers. Whenever I hear them begin to ring on Sunday mornings, I always think of the man mentioned in Scripture who always had a trumpet sounded before him when he started out to go to church, or wherever it was he went to say his prayers. There is no occasion to sound trumpets to-day, nor bells, because everyone carries a watch in his pocket. But a report in the 'East Anglian Daily Times' of the past week reports a disagreement amongst the bellringers themselves. Some of them want to abolish the old nomenclature of the peals, such as Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, College Bob Four, Kent Delight, etc., and replace them by modern designations, and it was suggested that names like Woodbridge, Kenilworth, Preston, etc., should be substituted. Now, when I hear the infernal clanging of the bells from the steeples, I have not the least idea whether they are ringing single Bob, married Bob, or any other Bob, and I don't care. They are all equally offensive when one wants to do quiet work. But some people are never satisfied unless they are upsetting old traditions, and if they must do this, why not localise the names? I beg to submit some suggestions.

Preston and Kenilworth have no connection with Ipswich, so why introduce them here? Give the peals local names. For instance, Bob Major might be called 'Running Buck' or 'Light Tolly.' Grandsire Triples might be 'Saracen's Head,' or 'No. 1 Bass,' and College Bob fours 'Halberd' or 'Cobbold's Stout.' These would soon be familiar to the ringers of St. Margaret's—if they are not so now. Then, if the tower ringers preferred their own names, let them adopt the 'White Horse,' 'Mixed Vermouth,' the 'Crown and Anchor,' and 'Gin and Angostura.' Then, possibly, the townfolk might get reconciled to the sound of the bells, but it might also lead to discussions as to whether St. Margaret's were ringing—'Light Tolly' or 'Cobbold's Stout.' I suppose, however, the 'unco' guild' would say this would lead to betting. Well, why not? Now that we are to have a tax on betting, we may as least hope for a small reduction on the income tax.

By-the-by, does anybody know who Bob Major was? Is he any relation to Major's Corner? If not, why not? And if you carry this matter still further, who was the major who gave the name to Major's Corner? These are matters of Ipswich history, and I should be glad to have them elucidated. Is there a schoolmaster in the town who could give his scholars information on the subject?

Detailed comment seems uncalled for but I am rather surprised that a man should think it worth while nowadays to repeat or at any rate to insinuate the old charge against ringers of being too fond of public-houses. I do not think that ringers were ever in this matter worse than the generality of men, and if they were it was a long time ago. Thirty years ago the charge was a libel, to-day it is simply ridiculous. The writer is hopelessly out of date.

And now I think I ought to refer to the leading article of last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' I have found out that the Editor speaks for a no small number of ringers when he expresses regret that through my amendment the Council rejected the report of the Nomenclature

Committee, but I do think after a very considerable experience of the Council's work that the lines on which that report was drawn were wrong. Ringing is a progressive and continually growing art and the duty of the Council and its Committee is to further that progress. This can only be done by educating ringers. What you have to do is to get them to realise for themselves what is best. We want good names for our methods. Well, I think we shall realise this by letting ringers see that the Exercise expects that they must do the very best they can in this matter; and not by trying to take the whole thing out of their hands and putting it into the hands of a Committee. After all, a system that has grown up out of the three hundred years' experience of the Exercise has something to say for itself. Nor do I think the Council can justly be accused of vacillation because it 'declined to interfere with the rights that ringers and bands at present enjoy' and yet directed the Analysis Committee to carry out a wholesale naming of methods of which they were not the authors and which they had not rung. You must remember that the methods first appeared in a book of the Council's, that their author (if there is such a thing) was the Method Committee acting for the Council (actually Mr. Law James first worked them out); and that the Method Committee suggested that the Analysis Committee should do the naming. So the Council had full rights in the matter just as it would have full rights in the naming of the new methods in the Major Collection now in the press.

I sympathise to the full with the idea which is in the editor's mind. He wants the best and nothing but the best for the Exercise in naming of methods as in other things. It is only a question of ways and means. He thinks that reform can be had on the lines of the Nomenclature Report. I do not think so, and I get my opinion from the experience I have had in the Methods Committee.

## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

## SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WOMBOURNE.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at St. Benedict's Church, Wombourne, on Saturday, June 5th, when over thirty members and friends were present, it being an ideal summer afternoon. The following towers, among others in union with the Guild, were represented, viz.: Coseley, Dudley, Sedgley, Old Hill, Smethwick, Oldswinford, Kingswinford, and Wombourne. The bells (eight) were placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Langley), who also gave an inspiring and helpful address.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Vicarage gardens, placed at the disposal of the visitors by the Vicar and Mrs. Langley, where tea was partaken of on the lawn, and, needless to say, was greatly appreciated. At the business meeting which followed the Vicar presided, and it was proposed that the next quarterly meeting be held at Oldswinford, subject to the consent of the Rector and local ringers being obtained.—It was decided to leave the arrangements for the quarterly peal attempt in the hands of the ringing master.

Several new members were added to the roll at the conclusion of the meeting on the proposition of Mr. E. Mason, seconded by Mr. J. Price, and supported by the ringing master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.). A hearty vote of thanks was given, in the Black Country fashion, to the Vicar of Wombourne for his kindness in welcoming the Guild to his church and parish, for conducting the service in church, also for his able address, for the use of the tower and bells, and for the pleasure and the privilege of using his beautiful gardens and lawns. Thanks were also given to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea and looking after the comfort of those present; to the organist and choir boys for their share in the musical part of the service. The Vicar suitably replied on behalf of all concerned, and thanked the members for their appreciation of what had been done for them.

Afterwards some of the members made their way back to the tower for more ringing, whilst others stayed for a game of cricket, and others strolled round the beautiful gardens until the time came only too soon for the party to disperse, after a most happy and enjoyable afternoon. Thanks are tendered to Mr. E. T. Thorpe and his fellow-ringers for making the necessary arrangements for so successful a meeting.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
THE HUDSON MEMORIAL.**

The Whit-Monday meeting was held at West Hartlepool, where twenty-five sat down to dinner. In the absence of the president (who was prevented by parochial duties from attending), Mr. E. L. Patterson, vice-president of the eastern district, presided over the committee and general meeting. This meeting was not the success it was anticipated owing to the General Strike having upset the arrangements.

At the committee meeting the local men suggested another meeting be held at West Hartlepool at an early date, when it was hoped there would be a better attendance. After a discussion, it was decided to hold another meeting on Saturday, June 12th.

It was decided to insert a notice in 'The Ringing World' to the effect that the 'Major Hudson Memorial Fund' was close at the end of June, and it was hoped that all towers will be represented on the subscription list. It was recognised that Major Hudson was not well known to the younger members of the association, but he was well known to the elder members, of whom there must still be some in most bellfries. Subscriptions, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged. Should any of Major Hudson's ringing friends in other parts of the country, who are not members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, wish to subscribe, the donation will be thankfully received by the hon. secretary, Mr. E. E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosport. The memorial is to take the form of a lectern at Bishopwearmouth Church, with which Major Hudson was connected for the whole of his life, and where he shared the reading of the lessons as well as many other duties in connection with the church.

At the general meeting the chairman apologised for the smallness of the meeting, and explained how it had been upset by the strike. They were, however, favoured by having the company of some ringing friends from Yorkshire (who were on a motor tour), in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell, Mr. and Mrs. Harcastle, Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, Miss Lumley, and Miss J. Salmon.

Mr. J. W. Parker, on behalf of the meeting, extended to them a very hearty welcome, to which Mr. Cotterell replied.

The bells of the three churches were kept going in various methods during the day, varying from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Mr. W. Sheraton proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of the three churches for kindly granting the use of the bells.

**HENDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 28th, in 27 mins., at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bullen 1, F. Pratt 2, C. H. Martin (conductor) 3, R. V. Johnson 4, J. G. Nash 5, E. E. Prattchell 6.

**DEATH OF LIVERPOOL'S OLDEST RINGER.**

It is with extreme regret that we record the death of Mr. Thomas Hammond, sen., of Liverpool, at the age of 74. Deceased was for a period of 43 years a ringer at St. Peter's Church, prior to which he belonged to the towers of Garston, Grassendale and St. Francis Xavier. After the closing of St. Peter's, the late Mr. Hammond rang at St. Nicholas' Church, until failing health prevented him from climbing the tower steps. Mr. Hammond died on Saturday, June 5th, and was buried at Smithdown Road cemetery on Wednesday, June 9th. Those present at the graveside, in addition to the members of his family and near relatives, were members of St. Nicholas' tower and Messrs. W. James and J. Gardner from Aughton.

The late Mr. Hammond rang his first peal in 1874, and his last, a peal of Stedman Triples, at Port Sunlight in 1908. He was an excellent ringer and very safe conductor. Of a most lovable disposition, he was held in high esteem by his fellow-ringers in the city.

When he joined the St. Peter's company they were only ringing Grandsire and Plain Bob, but on his initiative Stedman was introduced into the tower, and for years Mr. Hammond was the leading conductor in this method in the district.

Much sympathy is extended to his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

The following is a list of Mr. Hammond's 105 peals—

	Rung.	Conducted.	On handbells.
Grandsire Triples ... ..	23	6	2
Grandsire Major ... ..	1		
Grandsire Caters ... ..	14	6	2
Grandsire Cinques ... ..	1		
Stedman Triples ... ..	15	8	
Stedman Caters ... ..	4	1	
Bob Major ... ..	13	4	2
Bob Triples ... ..	1		
Bob Royal ... ..	2	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major ...	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	15	1	
Kent Treble Bob Caters ... ..	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	4	1	
Kent Maximus ... ..	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	1		
Double Norwich Major ... ..	1		
	99	28	6

**LANGHAM.**—On Saturday evening, June 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Smith (Dedham) 1, L. D. Sterry (Dedham) 2, H. Bacon (Ardleigh) 3, S. Davey (Ardleigh) 4, C. Honeywood (Mistley, first 720 as conductor) 5, F. Smith (Langham) 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have this week begun the removal of the bells of St. Nicolas', Guildford, for overhaul and improvements, including the recasting of the tenor and four trebles. The peal of ten will not be in use until about the end of September.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kilby on their silver wedding.

Jasper Snowdon, the greatest 'instructor' the Exercise ever had, was born on June 18th, 1844.

One hundred and seventy years ago next Sunday 5,040 Carathan's Triples was rung at St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln. The peal was probably Garthon's 5040 Grandsire Triples—the peal rung at Norwich in 1718.

On June 20th, 1790, a peal of 6,016 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's, Battersea, 'being the most ever rung true on the bells.'

The first peal by the Midland Counties Association was rung on June 23rd, 1882. This was Grandsire Triples at Derby.

## THREE BROTHERS' UNIQUE RECORD.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS' RINGING SERVICE.

For upwards of fifty years three brothers, James, Joseph and Henry Markwell gave their services as ringers at Wilburton Church, near Ely. This is a remarkable record, and it has been suitably recorded by a brass tablet placed in St. Peter's Church. This was dedicated at evensong on Sunday, June 6th, by a former Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Wayne, who, in the course of his sermon, dwelt on the devotion of the three brothers to the church and bells. Before the service 720 Collego Single was rung by Alfred Markwell (Stawley) 1, Arthur Markwell (Woburn Sands) 2, George Markwell (Wilburton) 3, A. Hazel 4, H. Sharp (conductor) 5, A. Alsop 6.

The Vicar (Rev. Atkinson) has taken great interest in providing the commemoration tablet, and the members of the three families feel greatly indebted to him.

Commencing ringing in their early teens, the three brothers Markwell had, until the time of their death, been associated with the parish of Wilburton and its bells, and it is little wonder, therefore, that their sons should wish to raise a suitable memorial to them. This takes the form of a tablet of old English brass, placed in the belfry, and inscribed: 'In grateful memory of James, Joseph and Henry Markwell' (with their respective ages and dates of their decease). These three brothers were faithful ringers in the church for a period of 50 years.'

During this long period Markwell Bros. saw many changes in the belfry, for in their early days all that they knew of ringing was by figures. Not until the late Mr. Frederick Day, of the firm of G. Day and Sons, bellhangers, of Eye, Suffolk, some time in the eighties, came to add a sixth bell to the existing five, did they learn of 'method' ringing, but once having got to know of such an art, they set themselves diligently to learn it, and by patience and perseverance mastered it.

Only one 5040 (in six different methods) stands to their memory, for they were not keen on peals, the one object of their ringing being to 'call to worship.' Whether for practice or Divine service, only the best of striking would do for them.

Though partially an invalid, Joseph, like the other two, was seldom absent. Referring to their life and ringing, the Rev. S. J. Wayne spoke of all they did as 'being done with a "soul" in it,' and to other ringers, could they but speak again, this would be their message, 'Go and do thou likewise.'

## WASHBROOK MEMORIAL FUND.

The following are the details of the receipts and expenditure, shown in the hon. treasurer's balance sheet:—

Receipts: Subscriptions, as per published lists, £229 11s. 2d.; proceeds from sale of peal of handbells, presented by Miss V. Robinson, 25; collection at Christ Church Cathedral at the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual festival, £3 12s. 2d.; total, £238 3s. 4d.

Payments: Architect's fees for examination of St. Giles' and St. Ebbe's towers, Oxford, £3 11s. 4d.; Mr. R. White, supplying two new bells, cleaning and tuning six bells, new steel frame work, guides and all necessary work at St. Ebbe's tower, £186 15s.; Messrs. Mowbray and Co., bronze tablet, on oak mount, £17; stationery, printing and postage, nil; sundry small expenses, £2 7s. 4d.; balance at Lloyds Bank, £28 9s. 8d.; total, £238 3s. 4d.

The accounts were audited by the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis.

## FINAL LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Newbury Branch of Oxford Diocesan Guild, £5 5s.; Lancashire Association, £20; A. Barnes, 5s.; J. George, 5s.; All Saints' Tower, Wokingham, 2s.; G. H. Phillott, £1 1s.; Irish Association of Change Ringers, £2; G. Lindoff, 5s.; J. Lane, 1s. 6d.; D. J. Nichols, 4s. The above, with the previous amounts published, amount to £238 3s. 4d.

The committee wish to thank Mr. J. Nicoll for supplying the two ropes free, and the editor of 'The Ringing World' for inserting all notices gratuitously.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 362.)

### SIMPSON TUNING.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. A. Young) moved a resolution, of which he had given notice at Chester, 'That the time has arrived when the Council should consider whether Simpson tuning is in the best interests of the Exercise.' He referred to the fact that probably most of those present differed with him on this subject, but said that he felt sure they would find it interesting, and hoped that, whatever happened to the motion, the Council would consider the subject as worth ventilating, for, after all, the question of bell tones was something very near to them. The work of the late Canon Simpson and his ideas were outlined, viz., that the founders should return to the medieval bell with its octave hum-note; the contrary view of Mr. T. C. Lewis, the well-known organ builder and bellfounder, who maintained that the hum-note should be a major seventh, was also referred to by the speaker, who said that the present position had grown up largely without much knowledge on the part of ringers themselves, and without, as far as he had been able to discover, any discussion in that Council. Mr. Young, in explaining why he had stepped into the breach that day, pleaded that even if they did not look upon him as much of a ringer, they should as a listener to and a lover of bells from his earliest childhood. Born at Southampton, he remembered as a very little boy, whilst at play on the Western shore there, stopping to listen to the sound of St. Michael's bells as their notes came across the water. Of course, first impressions were deep, but his ear had always approved of the old tuning. Perhaps he did not realise how beautiful the new tuning was (musical tastes differed greatly), but he was a delighted convert to its principles, when first he read of them. That was, of course, on paper, but in reality, on making a journey on purpose to hear the then much praised bells of St. Mary's, Southampton, he felt sadly disappointed and disillusioned. It was, however, some years after, when ringing a peal at this same church on the occasion of his 60th birthday, that, having to ring by ropesight the whole time, on account of the howling overtones, he resolved to call the attention of the Exercise to the question. In asking those present to consider the case against Simpson tuning, Mr. Young said that he would first instance that of the church of which they were all members. In these days it was very hardly hit financially, as they knew. It was therefore necessary for it to husband its resources, and spend with wisdom. Much as they might like to see £2,000 spent on a carillon for some church, it might be much more to the general good to give it to the fabric fund for the upkeep of the church, or even to augment the fund for poor curates. Money should be spent to the best advantage, if it largely went for new 'rings' there was less left for other towers in the diocese. He maintained that they should not spend money on recasting bells merely in order to get a peal tuned on the modern ideas, for, after all, were they sure that they were getting something that was better? Turning to the practical side, the speaker said that some conductors told him that it was difficult to find where they were by the sound of the bells, and, instead of being able to listen to the course-ends, they had to rely entirely on ropesight. Others had spoken to him upon experiencing a feeling of fatigue in the ear after coming through a peal, and he was not sure but that the bells themselves suffered in time from permanent fatigue by excessive vibration acting on thin sections.

The mover of the resolution then, in referring to the musical value of various peals, said that, of course, there were good peals and bad ones. Unfortunately, there were many of the latter up and down the country, and none of them liked to listen to an old, badly cracked and badly mixed 'ring.' If they had a good Simpson tuned ring, he liked to listen to it; if they had a good old-standard ring, he thought it still more enjoyable. Recognising the difficulty of the subject, he had felt that it was a case for 'horse, foot and artillery,' in making his attack. He had, therefore, ordered as good a bell as could be cast, so that they could have tested it there that day, but circumstances had been against him: for one thing, the strike, and also objections to its being trundled up the marble staircase there. Then he arranged with one of the leading gramophone companies to have some records taken illustrating both the Simpson and the old-standard, but here again the strike interfered with the arrangements. Finally, the local committee thought that they could provide him with a harp, to demonstrate the differences between pure tones and overtones, but there was not a harp in Ipswich! So they saw him there as a sort of forlorn advocate, without his heavy guns, and in light skirmishing order only.

### THE MINOR-THIRD.

Proceeding, Mr. Young said that there was something about Simpson tuned bells which many people disliked; the reason, he thought, was to be found in the principles of Sound and Music. He claimed to have a musical ear, and to be something of a musician, but admitted that the subject bristled with difficulties. He said that it could, however, be urged against this tuning that bell tones, being naturally percussive, were too smooth, but the rock they split on was, undoubtedly, so far as music went, the minor-third, and this threw the whole peal into the minor scale or key. Of course, there was beauty in the minor key, but it was inferior to the major, both in

theory of Sound and in the practice of Music. Helmholtz, the great German authority classed the intervals thus—in order of consonance—the octave, fifth, fourth, major-third, minor-third, major-sixth, and, lastly, the minor-sixth. So much for science, but he would have to state, for the benefit of the Simpsonians, that the ear on account of some curious inward quality, or because it was not scientific, put the order thus—or so musicians said—viz., the major-third, minor-third, major-sixth, minor-sixth, then the fourth and fifth, and the poor octave last of all. The speaker said that though the minor-third had come up a bit, it would be noticed that the octave had dropped to last—so much for the Simpson hum-note, and its belauded value in a ring. Returning to the question of the minor key, he said that it was recognised in musical circles that no one could sit down for any length of time and listen to music in the minor scale with comfort. It was the old scale, but had been improved. The present major scale was finally crystallised by the great Bach in the 17th century, and before his time several scales had been in vogue, more or less based on minor intervals. It was then also that our bell founders definitely adopted the major-third. When they listened to Simpson bells they had this minor interval droned into their ears the whole time. It was inevitably brought about by the lengthening of the bell to produce the octave hum-note, this length too with the thinning of the crown, accentuated the overtones, or such was his opinion, and he was certain that the founders would have done away with, at any rate, the minor-third, if they had had the power; the rest was a matter of taste.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Young said that, though the Simpsonians claimed that their method was scientific, he considered that they had 'jumped' the claim, and that it belonged to and should be reserved for the old standard. He believed that the old founders deliberately altered their bells from the Simpson shape, which was well known to them in the sixteenth century, and that the present change in shape and tuning was a retrograde movement. He regretted that time did not allow him to read certain paragraphs from the two books he had there by Simpson and Lewis, and which he had briefly referred to earlier, and finally passed on to the founders' point of view. These had, he understood, suffered several lean years, and to them, of course, the great Simpson movement meant everything. It was to the founders' interests to recast bells, within reasonable lines, because they could make a job of what they undertook. He believed that they were overwhelmed with orders for work, and peals were being recast up and down the country at the rate of three or four a month. It seemed as if they would be busy for years in casting down both good and poor bells; let them endeavour to cast down the bad ones and leave as many as possible of the good ones.

Mr. W. A. Cave, who briefly seconded the resolution, said he thought Mr. Young would move to appoint a committee to consider the matter.

### ARE RINGERS AFRAID OF THE CARILLON?

Major J. H. B. Hesse said he saw no occasion for any ill-feeling on this question. The proposition was one of science and art. They must first define clearly what they meant by 'Simpson' tuning. In his opinion it was on this point that they began their misunderstanding one with another. He need mention no names, but they all knew that this revolution in the method of tuning was originated and developed some thirty years ago by a certain firm of bell-founders, which, for a time, then used, concerning their bells, the phrase—'tuned upon the principle propounded by Canon Simpson,' the Canon being then living. Later on, this firm thought it wise to drop this method of describing the tuning, and decided to define their bells as 'in true harmonic tune,' that is, each bell having its harmonic tones in tune with its fundamental note. Now, did they all agree that this was what they meant when they used the term 'Simpson' tuning?—if so, they could proceed with the debate, with understanding between them. In 'The Ringing World' report of the inquiry re the Coventry bells one witness said he thought the Simpson principle was all wrong. One would like to know if he really thought that bells and peals of bells cast and tuned with understanding was all wrong, while a peal cast by chance was far preferable. One wondered, did he really think this, or was it that he tried to think that those past masters of the art, viz., the Rudhalls, Bayleys, Penningtons, Purdues, Bilbies, etc., were so gifted instinctively that they could, without knowledge and unconsciously produce finer work than mere knowledge, art and science could attain to. They understood an objection on sentimental or archaeological grounds to the disappearance and destruction of old bells, but let them be honest about this, and say that their objections were sentimental and archaeological, for it would not do their cause good to bolster it with false assertions and claims as to the tone and tune of the instruments if the objectors did not at heart believe thoroughly in their protests on this point. There was an issue he would like to mention, and that was: 'Are we ringers, as a body, afraid of the carillon—do we fear its shadow to be growing over us, and that our beloved change ringing is going to be ousted by carillon playing?' For his own part he had no fear of this at all. When they considered their thousands of ringing peals, and totalled up the carillons in this country, the comparison was ridiculous. Still, he did think this fear haunted some of them, and they asked: 'What has that to do with the tuning of the bells?' Perhaps these timid spirits knew also that the Rudhall, etc., bells and similar ones were absolutely hopeless

for carillon work. Personally, he thought the 'Simpson'-tuned bells were the only possible. Therefore it was that those fearing folk decried the new and lauded the old, in the hope that they might thus help to keep out the dreaded carillon and retain the change ringing peal! As he had said, he had no fear for change ringing, and in any case, here again, as with the archaeologically inclined, let them have the truth first. Some had said 'Simpson'-tuned bells howled. As to howling, he would like to ask if the following peals howled, that had been cast since Norton near Sheffield, in 1896, viz.: the rings of ten of Loughborough Parish Church, and Holy Trinity, Hull; the two Beverley churches; Selby Abbey; Bradford Cathedral; Rochester Cathedral; St. Nicholas', Brighton; St. Peter's, Croydon; Manchester Cathedral; Hunley and Rotherham; the rings of eight at Pendleton; Sunbury; Alton; Ilkeston; Colchester (St. Peter's); Lincoln Cathedral; St. Neots, Hunts; Skipton; Westbury; Chewton Mendip; Gravesend; St. Stephen's, Clapham; Haslemere; Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham; Tiverton; Tavistock; King's Norton; Potworth; Northfield; Great Baddow; Burnley; Penistone; Hinckley; the rings of twelve at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury; St. Margaret's, Leicester; Oldham Parish Church; Macclesfield Parish Church; to which they should add the ring of twelve at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, although not really recast, as the old peal still occupied one of the chambers in the tower. The foregoing were peals all composed of 'Simpson'-tuned bells, and were not ringers as a body proud of these modern examples of the bell founder's art? He would say, without fear of contradiction, that the very large majority of them would praise their tone with enthusiasm—indeed, he would like to learn what proportion called them 'howlers,' and preferred the Rudhall, Pennington and Bayley bells, etc., to them, and regretted the previous peals which these took the place of, and would like to have the old ones back again. The old bells that had gained a good reputation, such as the 11th at Exeter, the tenor at Queen Camel, and others in the West Country and other parts, when they had been heard by competent judges, had been found to be true to the five-toned or 'Simpson' principle, or nearly so; but this most probably was due to chance.

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#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. STRENGTHENING THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

On Saturday, June 5th, with the 'weather clerk' in the best of moods, some 65 members and friends turned up at the beautiful village of Dore on the outskirts of Sheffield, the following towers being represented:—Anston, Bolsover, Barnsley, Chesterfield, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Norton, North Wingfield, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints' and St. Marie's, backed up by the local company and visitors from Eyam and Halifax. The fine little peal of 8, by Taylor, with a tenor of 11½ cwt., was made full use of during the afternoon and evening, everyone present having the opportunity of a pull, the efforts of many learners showing that the encouragement given them is bearing good fruit.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Gibson) provided a choral service, which was commendable for its brevity, after which an adjournment was made for tea in the Church School, the efforts of the local company in this respect being much appreciated.

The annual business, which was postponed last month on account of the General Strike, was dealt with at this meeting, the Vicar presiding, and, with a long agenda before them, the company settled down to tackle the various items in earnest style, members showing an excellent spirit in viewing the various resolutions from the point of the society's interest as a whole.

The Dore Company opened the proceedings with a course of Grand-sire Caters (with four novices taking part), after which the President (Mr. George Lewis) paid eloquent tribute to the late Mr. T. G. Savel, of St. Marie's, and the late Mr. George Hill, of Penistone.

The balance sheet was passed, showing a net balance in hand at December 31st last of £7 6s. 1½d.—The Secretary gave a verbal report of the society's activities during the preceding year, this being received with great satisfaction by all present.

Amongst the amendments to rules which were accepted, owing to the desire to increase the capital account, were the following:—That the authorised payment of 1s. to each of the steeplekeepers visited during the year be withdrawn; that the society cease to hold meetings in the months of October, November, January and February, these usually being only sparsely attended, and not warranting the consequent expenditure; and that the annual meeting take place in the month of March, instead of May, as formerly.

A new rule was passed to the effect that members attaining the age of 70 years shall continue their membership without further subscription.

There was no alteration in the election of officers, excepting that Mr. Lewis, much to the regret of all present, found he could not accept the post of president again, with the result that Mr. Arthur Craven, whose name is known throughout the Exercise, was unanimously voted to that office for the ensuing year, whilst Mr. C. Harrison was also confirmed as secretary, he having occupied that office, pro tem., during the latter portion of 1925.

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#### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SATISFACTORY FINANCES BUT FEWER PEALS.

Postponed on account of the strike, the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association at Brighton on Saturday was poorly attended, less than fifty members being present. The meeting took place in St. Nicholas' Hall, with the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) in the chair. He was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone), the hon. treasurer (Mr. Ellman Brown), Mr. G. W. Stokes (hon. secretary Eastern Division), and Mr. A. W. Groves (hon. secretary Western Division), and members were present from Aldrington, Brighton (St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's), Battle, East Grinstead, Eastbourne, Heene, Lewes, Lindfield, Steyning, Shoreham, and Waldron, together with Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsea), and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking).

The annual report was as follows: The past year, though not marked by any events of outstanding importance, has been one of regular and steady progress. We are glad to welcome the towers of Chichester, Allrington, Lower Beeding, and Turner's Hill, which have become affiliated during the past twelve months. Among the other activities of the association we may mention the courses of instruction that have been given at Bexhill, Little Horsted, and Turner's Hill, an address on the work and aims of the association delivered by the Master before the Cuckfield Ruri-decanal Conference, and statistics supplied by the general secretary for the Diocesan Review. We regret that an application made by the general secretary to the Railway Clearing House for increased travelling facilities met with an unfavourable reply; but we share this disappointment with many other county associations throughout the country. The attendances at the twelve divisional meetings have been satisfactorily maintained; and, as in the past, our warmest thanks are due to the clergy and other kind friends for their hospitality and co-operation. Lastly, we have to record the loss that the association has sustained through the death of the following members:—J. Smart, of Steyning; T. Deadman, of All Saints', Eastbourne; A. Reed, of Waldron; and E. Rice, for many years a member of the Crawley Branch.

The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £39 19s. 2½d., against £85 2s. 1½d. at the beginning of the year. Members' subscriptions totalled £52 3s. 6d., but only £3 was received from honorary members, in addition to £2 2s. from an honorary life member. The expenditure included £3 on ringing instruction. The reserve fund stands at £50, and a balance of £65 3s. 1½d. is to the credit of the benevolent fund, from which a grant of £2 2s. had been made during the year.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted. Mr. Frank Bennett (penis secretary) presented his analysis, and reported a considerable falling-off in the number of peals rung. It was, in fact, the lowest since the second year of the association, viz., 1886. The peals were: Grand-sire Doubles 2, Minor 3, Grand-sire Triples 7, Grand-sire Caters 1, Bob Major 1, Bob Royal 2, Treble Bob Major 2, Treble Bob Royal 3, Stedman Triples 1, Stedman Caters 2, Double Norwich Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 5, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, London Surprise Major 1—a total of 33, and equivalent in point value to 566. St. Peter's, Brighton, headed the point list with 95.85.

The report was received, and the peals secretary thanked by the Master for his services.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. The meeting enthusiastically reappointed the master, who expressed the opinion that the office should not be held for too many years by the same person. Mr. Ellman Brown was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. A. D. Stone hon. general secretary, special thanks being accorded to the latter for his services. Mr. F. Bennett was re-elected peals secretary, and Mr. W. C. Hart and Mr. R. J. Dave were elected auditors. In this connection the Master referred to the loss the association had sustained by the recent death of Mr. Markwick, of Henfield, who had been one of their auditors.

The members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

Brighton and Horsham were proposed for the next annual meeting, and on being put to the vote Brighton was selected.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the clergy and authorities at St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's for the use of the bells, and, at the former place, for arranging the service which was to be held later.

After tea at the Imperial Hotel, the members attended evensong at St. Nicholas' Church, where they listened to an address on the history of bells and their uses.

During the day the two excellent rings of ten were fully utilised, touches and courses in a variety of methods being rung, and ranging from Grand-sire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal and Bristol and London Surprise Major.

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The fixtures for the ensuing year are as follows:—July, Bradfield; August Bank Holiday, Handsworth; September, Bolsterstone; December, Rawmarsh; and the annual meeting next March, Ranmoor.

Eight new members having been elected, further ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m., when some took the bus for home, while others, living in the city, enjoyed a leisurely stroll along the countryside to the car terminus, all feeling satisfied that the meeting had been one of the best for many years.

### BELL RESTORATION IN THE OXFORD DIOCESE. AN APPEAL FOR LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS.

The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), in his annual report to the Guild, is able to show that a considerable amount of bell restoration has taken place in the diocese, but he finds reason to ask for local enthusiasm among ringers to ensure that the bells now being put into order in many places may be preserved for their intended use. He says:

'Of English leads at the present time it would appear that none is in a more healthy state than that of the bell founder and bell hanger. We are sending bells all over the world, as well as restoring and augmenting the rings of the homeland.

'In this diocese work of this kind has been completed in all the towers that I advised upon in 1924—though I am not sure whether this can yet be said of Swinsson—and, in addition, also at Caversfield, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, North Marston, Shaw, Stoke Lync, and Yattendon, all of which I advised upon in 1925. The old thirteenth-century bell at Caversfield—perhaps the oldest in the country—being badly cracked, has been relieved from further duty, and is now hung dead to a beam in the tower. At St. Ebbe's there is now a remarkable and beautiful little ring of eight, the two trebles being added and the necessary work in the tower carried out by the ringers of the British Empire in memory of the late J. W. Washbrook. I have also visited and reported as to what needs to be done at Ambrosden, North Crawley, Farnborough, West Hanney, Hinton Waldrist, Hughenden, Hungerford, Pangbourne, Whaddou, and Woughton.

'With all this work going on, I think that the Guild's greatest need to-day is the "local enthusiast." What is to happen to all these restored and augmented rings in the future? Will they in a short time be uncared for and merely rung from time to time and on special occasions in any sort of fashion and by almost anybody, while the regular Church services are honoured only by the tolling of one bell? Or will they, for lack of ringers, in course of time, be turned into miniature carillons and sounded from a keyboard, as on the Continent and in America? Or will they be rung regularly in a manner peculiarly English by a devoted band of church folk of the place? If this latter is to be, as surely we all must wish, it is for such as love church bell-ringing, at all ages and of either sex, to bestir themselves. It is the "enthusiast" that is needed. Mere names and numbers are not enough, else there would be satisfaction in the ever-increasing Guild membership. The science and art of ringing cannot be followed up in a half-hearted fashion, in which practices—if they held at all—and Guild meetings are made to give way to any other attraction that may present itself. In connection with what I have written I think with respect and affection of one who for many years was foreman of the Bucklebury tower, George Davis, a real church bell-ringer, and a leader whose chief asset was the absolute consistency of his life. It is only in the hands of such that bell-ringing will be preserved to the Church.'

A sound financial position is revealed by the treasurer's report and accounts. The balance for 1925 is £86 7s. 2d., compared with £86 14s. 8d. in the previous year, but £10 was given to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. The actual receipts were £107 7s. 10d., and expenses £107 5s. 4d. The Guild's general funds amount to £166 15s. 10d., including balance on general account £86 17s. 2d., reserve fund £13 8s. 9d., restoration fund £11 9s. 11d., war stock at face value £55.

The secretary's report shows that the membership increased by 115, and the number of towers in union by 15, which was a very healthy sign. One regretful thing, however, is that the hon. members have decreased by 24. Towers in union now number 182, ringing members 1,515, life and unattached members 440, hon. members 217, total 2,172. The peal list was very small for the Guild, only 40 being rung, and of that number only four Surprise, viz., two each of Cambridge Major and Minor.

#### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Blotchley on Saturday, June 5th, and, despite the restricted travelling facilities, a representative gathering attended, although the number was not quite so large as usual. The towers represented were Beachampton, Calverton, Penny Stratford, Great Brickhill, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Shenley and the local ringers. Representatives of the Beds Association and Towcester and District Association were also present. The bells, a nice ring of 8, were set going about 2.30 p.m. A fully choral service was held, at which the Rev. J. A. Amies, of Edgecote, gave the address.

An excellent tea was partaken of on the Rectory lawn. Before the meeting started the Secretary asked the members to stand in silence as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. F. E. Booth, of Emberton, who had been a member of the branch since its formation, had occupied the position of secretary and treasurer, and had also been on the branch committee.

The usual business was then proceeded with, the Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, taking the chair.—The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) presented the balance sheet, which was considered satisfactory.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) addressed the meeting, giving details of the Guild's work, and also the business of the Central Council. He reported on the completion of the Washbrook Memorial.

Mr. A. J. Wright, the Guild treasurer, explained the financial position of the Guild, and complimented the branch on its healthy condition, which reflected credit on the work of the branch officials.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert gave a few words of advice, and thanked the members for their contribution to the Washbrook Memorial.

The Chairman (the Rev. L. Moxon) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the preacher for his address, to the choir for assisting, and to the ladies for providing tea.—This brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

Ringling was then resumed, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

### DOUBLE EVENT AT EAST BUDLEIGH. BELLS DEDICATED ON VICAR'S 89th BIRTHDAY.

East Budleigh parishioners joined heartily on Saturday, May 29th, in celebrating the re-opening and dedication of the bells of All Saints' Church after restoration. The day was also the eighty-ninth birthday of the Vicar and the forty-second year of his vicariate.

The six bells have been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon (where the Vicar of East Budleigh was at one time a curate), Nos. 1, 2 and 5 being recast, and the others tuned. They have been hung in a new iron frame, carried on girders that will stand the strain of two more bells if it should be decided to complete the octave in the future. The fittings throughout and the ropes are new, and on the most approved principles.

The bells were used during the afternoon by ringers of the parish and district, including Otterton, Colaton Raleigh, Withycombe Raleigh, Hartford, Littleham (two bands), Exeter, Honiton, and Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Merton Bassett, Wilts. They all expressed themselves delighted with the 'go' of the bells and their vastly improved tone and tune.

The formal dedication of the bells took place at 5.30 in the afternoon, when the church was crowded. Dr. Trefusis, Bishop of Crediton, performed the dedication in the ringing chamber, and gave an address from the chancel steps.

After a public tea, the Vicar was presented with a wireless set on behalf of the parishioners.

### HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the St. Albans district was held at St. Albans on Saturday, and was attended by about forty ringers, including the president, hon. treasurer, and three of the district secretaries of the association. St. Peter's tower was open from 2.50 till 5 p.m., and every advantage was taken of the opportunity, some very good ringing being done in various methods. Tea was served and the business meeting held at the Clarendon Hotel, the president (Mr. B. Jarman) occupying the chair.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at North Mymms on Saturday, July 17th, but a clashing of local events makes it necessary to hold the meeting on the 24th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the various incumbents for the use of the bells.

Mr. Horton (secretary Watford district) invited those present to Aldenham on the following Saturday for the re-opening of the bells.

The cathedral was visited afterwards, and the methods rung included Bristol and London Surprise. Other ringers visited the two six-bell towers of St. Michael and St. Stephen.

### MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

On Saturday, June 5th, a most successful meeting of the above district was held at Sunbury. The bells are by Taylors, one of their early Simpson-tuned peals, and are acknowledged by everyone to be exceptionally fine. Ringing was in charge of Mr. J. R. Mackman, Acting Master of the district; and courses and touches in the standard methods were brought round, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise.

A welcome ringing visitor was the Rev. W. P. Cole Skeane, Vicar of Twickenham, who had just been appointed Rural Dean, and who said that his first official duty was this visit to the ringers.

Forty members sat down to tea, and the usual business meeting was afterwards held, Mr. J. A. Trollope being in the chair. Those present included Messrs. T. Beadle, Pullinger, Hunnisett, Pike, Herbert, Miss Moss, and the hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Hollier.

After tea the pretty village of Shepperton was visited by some, and ringing done on the five bells there.

### SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is quite true that Shipway published a Surprise Method to which he gave the name of 'Superlative Royal.'

I venture to say it is also quite certain that if Shipway had known anything about the Round Blocks of which methods are formed he would never have given the name of 'Superlative' to the Royal Method that he published.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

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Brighton.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S TOUR.

In order to get in touch with some of the outlying towers in the Guildford district, a ringing tour was arranged for Whit-Monday, and proved very successful. The towers selected were Newdigate and Capel, close to the Sussex border. In the absence of the Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden), who was in Spain on business for his firm, Mr. W. R. Melville, chairman of committee, was in charge, assisted by Mr. R. Whittington, District Representative of Cranleigh. Newdigate was reached about 11 a.m., and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round.

At Capel, the ringers were met by the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Carver, who gave them a hearty welcome. There is a promising young band here, just able to ring, and they are being instructed by some of the members of the old change ringing company, including Mr. E. Jordan, one of the band who rang the peal of 10,080 changes of Minor in 14 different methods in the early days of the Winchester Guild. The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A move was then made to the district meeting at Ewhurst, passing through Ockley, where there is another ring of six bells, but unringable, the bell frame being in a very unsatisfactory condition.

The bells at Ewhurst were available at 3 p.m., and a service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. J. Hamlyn, who also gave an address. The Guild form was used, with special hymns from the mission hymn book. Tea was provided on the lawn of the Crown Inn, 40 sitting down.

Ringers were present from Guildford, Godalming, Clandon, Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Wimbledon, Seale, Shere and Haslemere. After tea, there being no business to be done, the ringers again visited the belfry, and indulged in various methods till about 8 o'clock, when the company dispersed, thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing.

#### WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district of the Guild was held at Fawley on Saturday, June 5th. The peal of six bells was available during the afternoon by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. N. Harvey). Only two towers of the district were represented, however, viz., North Stoneham and Winchester. A welcome was extended to Mr. F. Rogers, district secretary, Portsmouth, Mr. F. Burnett, St. Thomas', Portsmouth, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Bayley (Fareham). The methods rung were Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, in which two of the local band took part.

After tea a short meeting was held, Mr. Geo. Williams presiding. Two of the local band were elected members of the Guild, thereby adding another tower to the district.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Wills for the arrangements made.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Guild, who is lying ill in Lyndhurst Cottage Hospital.

A touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells—G. Williams (conductor) 1-2, F. Rogers 3-4, F. S. Bayley 5-6, F. E. Burnett 7-8.

The next meeting will be held at Hursley on August 28th.

### BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT YEOVIL.

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch was held at Yeovil on Saturday, June 5th, the following towers being represented: Exeter Cathedral, Wootton Bassett, Dorchester, Street, Yeovil, Martock, Stoke-under-Ham, and East Coker. After a short service in the church, conducted by the Rev. A. N. S. Holbrook, an adjournment was made to the belfry for the unveiling and dedication of a peal board recording a peal of Stedman Caters rung on Saturday, September 19th, 1925, by members of the association.

At the request of the branch secretary, Mr. F. Farrant, Mr. J. E. Baker, a member of the peal band and captain of the Yeovil Guild, unveiled the board. The Rev. A. N. S. Holbrook said the dedicatory prayers and committed the board to the safe keeping of the steward, Mr. John Goodchild, who is also churchwarden of the Parish Church.

Mr. Goodchild said it gave him great pleasure to accept this handsome tablet. He apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Yeovil, who took the greatest interest in the bells and the ringers.

Mr. L. A. Wilson, on behalf of the peal band, said it gave them great pleasure to be able to place a board there recording such a performance. It had been their endeavour to provide a board worthy of being placed on the walls of the belfry of this very fine church, and he hoped new members would look up to it and try to follow the example. He believed in Yeovil they had a hand of ringers who rang for the love of their art and the service of the church.

Tea was served in the schoolroom by ladies of the congregation of the Parish Church. A business meeting followed, Mr. Holbrook presiding in the absence of the president (the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock).

East Coker was chosen for the next meeting.

The secretary expressed the thanks of the branch to the Vicar of Yeovil for the use of the bells, etc., and also thanked the organist and the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea. Mr. Goodchild suitably responded.

Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon.

### 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.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—At the Parish Church for evening service on Sunday, June 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 min.: T. Tabrett 1, J. Parsons 2, J. Garrett 3, A. C. Kay 4, P. Page 5, C. W. Everett 6, E. W. Powell (conductor) 7, G. Swaffer 8.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, June 13th, for evening service, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. Cutmor 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hodler 3, J. A. Trollope 4, H. Bungay 5, J. W. Driver 6, F. Skovington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, H. Belcher 9, H. Folkard 10.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church, on June 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, S. W. Crabb 2, W. P. Roe 3, W. J. Ellis 4, R. S. Cook (King's Langley) conductor 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. A. Button 7, W. Patmore 8.

**YEOVIL.**—On Sunday, June 6th, for matins, at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 55 mins.: H. Batty 1, L. A. Wilson 2, F. Hunt 3, S. Ricketts 4, C. Norman 5, W. Goldstone 6, E. T. Griffin 7, J. E. Baker (conductor) 8, W. Fry 9, T. J. Setter 10. First quarter-peal on ten bells for all except ringers 2, 7 and 8.

**WINDSOR.**—On Sunday morning, June 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: S. W. Corden 1, T. Smith 2, W. Henley 3, T. Farr 4, L. Stilwell 5, A. Bateman 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. Ruug on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine service.

**PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, June 6th, for morning service, 1,728 Oxford Treble Bob Major: F. Borrett 1, C. Brice 2, G. Howlett 3, E. Whiting 4, A. Smith 5, H. Adcock 6, R. Riches 7, T. Adcock 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church, on June 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. W. Crabb 1, F. G. Springham 2, W. P. Roe 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, C. A. Button 6, E. A. Hull 7, W. Patmore 8.

**DERBY.**—At St. Peter's, on Sunday, June 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,344 changes): H. Fletcher 1, J. Lord 2, J. Plew 3, W. Lancaster 4, W. Poyser 5, A. Mould 6, C. Porter 7, J. Bailey (conductor) 8.

**TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, June 6th, for morning prayer, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being two six-scores each of Canterbury, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford Singles, and two and a half of Grandsire: J. Harper 1, Miss C. Fields 2, Miss K. Willers (conductor) 3, F. Haynes 4, A. Wilson 5. Arranged for Miss Fields, of St. Neots.

**GRAVESEND.**—At the Parish Church, on May 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss D. Tall 1, S. Sandford 2, J. Cheesman (conductor) 3, R. Constant 4, E. J. Beer 5, W. J. Beer 6, G. Merrad 7, E. Hadlow 8. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 6th first quarter.

**EXETER.**—On May 30th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bailey (first quarter) 1, J. Mosgood 2, R. Davey (first quarter on a bob bell) 3, T. J. Stokes 4, C. H. Austin (Croydon) 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, S. R. Roper (Croydon) 7, A. H. Goad 8.

**GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Green 1, J. C. Truss (conductor) 2, H. Badger 3, R. W. Atkins 4, F. Nicholls, jun., 5, W. Theobald 6, C. Green 7, H. Buckingham 8.

**NORTON, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, May 23rd, for matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Mountford 1, C. B. Ryles 2, F. Trines 3, W. Corfield 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.—Also for evensong, 720 Cuneacast Surprise: J. F. Ryles 1, F. Trines (conductor) 2, J. W. Walker 3, W. C. Lawrence 5, J. E. Wheeldon 5, J. Walley 6.—Also for evensong, on May 30th, 720 Coldstream Surprise, standing as above.

### MARLOW RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The annual outing of the ringers attached to All Saints' Church, Great Marlow, Bucks, took place on Saturday, May 29th. Leaving Marlow by charabanc at 1.30 p.m., they arrived at Hurst, their first stop, about 2.15 p.m., and, after viewing the church, rang short touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob. At Wokingham, where they arrived at 4 o'clock, they were met by Mr. Brown, who had the bells ready, and several short touches were rung. After tea the journey was continued to Warfield, where there is a lovely peal of eight, both in tone and going. Touches of Major (Kent), Stedman and Grandsire were tried till 7.30, when the journey was started for home. After passing through glorious scenery, Marlow was reached as the clock was striking nine, all having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 29th; St. Magnus' on the 24th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 19th. Service and dedication of the new bell at 3.30. Tea, at 1s., 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Sheffield and District, Barnsley and District, Doncaster and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available early. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. 3d. each. Buses for Whiston leave the old Cattle Market, Rotherham, at 1.15, 1.50, 2.30, 3.5, 3.45 and 4.20.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**KENT ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, June 19th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Tea, 1s. per head.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, June 19th. Arrangements previously announced hold good.—T. Hervey Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you require same. Harrow Weald bells after tea. Rectory garden open for use of members.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. Will members please note change of date? All ringers cordially invited.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, June 19th. Service at St. Andrew's 4.15. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d.). Bells of St. James' (8) and St. Andrew's (8) available. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, June 19th. Bells at liberty from 5 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. As the committee of the association are meeting here, will all members make an effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Aldenham, Herts.—The bells of this charming old village will be opened on Saturday, June 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.30.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The June monthly meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, June 19th. Bells will be available during afternoon and evening. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, June 19th. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec. 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 19th. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) available at 3. Tea: Members (fully paid) 1s., others 1s. 6d., Lloyd's Restaurant at 5. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradninch on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. General meeting after tea.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—A meeting will be held at Netherseal, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) and Overseal (8) available 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea (no charge) to be sent to the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Netherseal Rectory, as soon as possible. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Headington Church on Thursday, June 24th, at 6 p.m. Ringing only, no service or business meeting. Bells (6) available till 9 p.m.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector) and meeting. Arrangements are made for motors to leave Staple Hill at 2.30. Will those requiring a seat, and taking tea, kindly notify by 22nd inst.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next general quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Belper (Derbyshire), on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Short service 4 p.m. Committee meeting 5 p.m. at the Cadena Cafe, Bridge St., where tea will be served at 5.30, followed by general meeting. Will those intending to take tea (moderate charge) please notify Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Rd., Derby, not later than June 23rd.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec. 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting at Finchingfield on Saturday, June 26th. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped to have a large attendance. The village is very picturesque, and bells (8) are in excellent order. Those who intend to be present should intimate to W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tichmarsh (8) on Saturday, June 26th. Service 4.15, tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, June 22nd.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Felixkirk, near Thirsk, on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) will be available for ringing throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Carpenter's Arms (2/6 each) for all who notify the Hon. Dist. Sec. not later than Tuesday, June 22nd. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 23rd. All ringers welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting for combined practice will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, June 26th, at 5.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Collingham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all those who send in their names to the Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Collingham Vicarage, Leeds, not later than June 24th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS** (Estab. 1623).—The Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells open at 9 a.m. A luncheon will be held at 1 o'clock, price 2/-. All visitors welcome, and will those wishing to be present kindly send word by the 23rd?—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch Spring meeting (postponed from May 15th) will be held at Tackley on Saturday, June 26th. Service in the Parish Church 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (President). Tea at Tackley Park, 4 p.m., at 1. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Tackley (6), Wootton (6), Woodstock (8), Rousham (6). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Tuesday, June 22nd.—W. Evetts, Jun., Hon. Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, June 26th. Ringing from 2.30 to tea time. St. John's after tea. Those requiring tea should inform Mr. F. Larbey, 5, Newark Road, South Croydon, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting is to be held at Brabourne, on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, by Tuesday, June 22nd.—A. C. Kay, District Secretary.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, June 26th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2.30. where bands will be made up for Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius' Churches (all 8 bells). Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute, Burlington Road, at 5. Members intending to be present will kindly advise the Sec. not later than the 23rd.—George S. Taylor, District Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 3rd. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in St. Thomas' Church 4 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Meetings and tea will be at St. Thomas' Parish Hall (Green Row Rooms). Those requiring tea please notify me by July 1st. Towers available: St. Thomas' (8), St. Mary's, Portsea (8), and Alverstoke (8). All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for branch president for the next two years.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 24th (D.V.). Details will be announced later.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading

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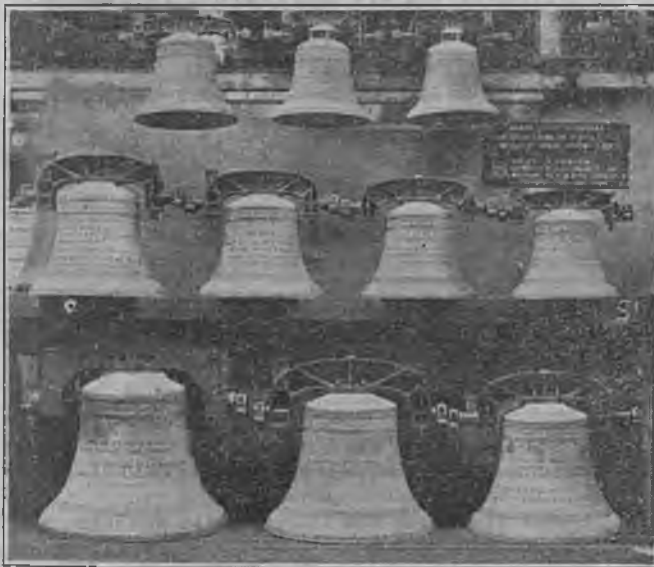
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### A CURIOUS DECISION.

The discussion by the Central Council on the subject of whether the Simpson tuning of bells is in the best interests of the Exercise had a curious ending, for the members accepted an amendment that they were not qualified to express an opinion. In our view this was rather a humiliating admission to make, but it enabled the Council to get out of what was, perhaps, to some of the members, a somewhat awkward position. If the Council had been asked to decide a technical point between two musical schools of thought, embodying that of which we heard a good deal in the course of the discussion, the claims between the minor third and the major seventh, then we could have understood their attitude in saying that they were not qualified to express an opinion, for it is perfectly true, as Mr. Faulkner, who moved the amendment, put it, that there were many present who were excellent ringers, but who were not musicians.

The debate really lost itself in technicalities, when the simple question to be decided by the meeting was whether, from their experience as ringers, these representatives of the Exercise believed that, all things considered, Simpson-tuned bells were in the best interests of ringers and change ringing. All of those present who were practical men must have had, by this time, considerable experience of ringing bells of modern tuning as well as on old-fashioned peals, and they ought to have known their own minds as to which type of bells gives the most satisfaction from the point of view of the ringer. Yet this side of the question was little touched upon. They were asked to say whether Simpson tuning was in the best interests of the Exercise, of which they were the elected representatives, and we believe that on that question alone every man would have been prepared to give a vote. But wrapped in the technicalities of harmonics, undertones, hum notes and what-not, the subject took on an air of difficulty with which many of the members were not fully acquainted, and with this conspicuously in mind, they, perhaps, were quite honest in believing they were not qualified to express an opinion.

To some extent, perhaps, the mover of the original motion was to blame in challenging the bell founders from the musical standpoint instead of dealing with it more particularly from the ringers' point of view. At any rate, whatever the cause, the Council's decision, in the light of after reflection, does not exactly do them credit. If the Council is not qualified to say whether or not Simpson-tuned bells are in the best interests of ringers and ringing (for that is what is meant by the motion), where does the ordinary ringer stand when advocating the recasting and restoration of the bells of his church? We think he

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would show the courage of his convictions much more definitely than the Council did collectively at Ipswich. Probably, however, the amendment would not have been put in the precise form in which it was tabled had there been a little more reflection on its wording. In fact, a direct negative might have been a more dignified method of shelving the subject, for by that means the Council would have said that the time had not arrived when they should consider the matter. As it is, they have put on record that on a question which really is of some importance to ringers they are not qualified to speak.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY	Treble	*A. WILLIAM MYERS	... 6
JAMES E. LILLEY	... 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS	... 7
JOHN GUYAS	... 3	WILLIAM HAMLIN	... 8
ALFRED MITCHELMORE	... 4	G. HARRY MYERS	... 9
CHARLES R. LILLEY	... 5	THOMAS G. MYERS	... Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells since re-hanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being excellent. The tenor ringer is only nineteen years of age. A. W. and T. G. Myers are sons of the conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRED C. MAYNARD	... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS	... 6
WILLIAM PYE	... 2	HAROLD E. EDWARDS	... 7
GEORGE R. PYE	... 3	ERNEST BRETT	... 8
*MISS PHILLIS M. MOSS	... 4	JAMES GEORGE	... 9
JAMES E. DAVIS	... 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS	... Treble	CHARLES ALLEN	... 5
ALBERT HAZLAND	... 2	JOSEPH LAWRENCE	... 6
JOHN ROWLATT	... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM	... 7
FRANK LAWRENCE	... 4	ARTHUR GRIFFIN	... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. The quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

EAST RETFORD.—On Thursday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Caters, 1,259 changes, in 50 mins.: B. Thompson 1, F. Hind 2, G. Swannack 3, G. Joynes 4, L. Barlow 5, P. Woodward 6, H. Haigh (conductor) 7, F. Brackenbury (first quarter-peal of Caters on an inside bell) 8, H. Blagg 9, J. Segar 10.

ELSTON NOTES.—On May 24th (Empire Day), 1,260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 1, — Smilison 2, E. Foster 3, George E. Foster 4, J. F. Milner 5, E. H. Clulow 6. Rung after failing for peal of Bob Minor. Ringer of 2 hails from Sheffield, the rest from Southwell Cathedral.

DERBY.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES; Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Table listing ringers: ALFRED MOULD (Trebble), WILLIAM POYSER (2), WILLIAM LANCASTER (3), JOHN W. GLEW (4), CYRIL J. JENNINGS (5), JOSEPH LORD (6), CYRIL PORTER (7), JACK BAILEY (Tenor).

Composed by T. THURSTON. Conducted by J. LORD. Rung with the bells fully muffled on the tenth anniversary of the death of William Davies, who was killed in action, and was a ringer at the above tower.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Table listing ringers: THURSTANS' FOUR-PART (Tenor 3 1/2 cwt.), ROBERT MATTHEWS (Trebble), WILLIAM GIBBS (2), WILLIAM H. COOPER (3), HAROLD V. COOPER (4), CLIFFORD SKIDMORE (5), WALTER FARLEY (6), ALFRED HACKETT (7), ALFRED C. BOXLEY (Tenor).

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal in the method.

SALFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT SACRED TRINITY CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Table listing ringers: TAYLOR'S SIX-PART (Tenor 11 3/4 cwt. in G.), EDWARD CLEGG (Trebble), JOHN BOLTON (2), WILLIAM FITTON (3), HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH (4), ALBERT LEES (5), FRANK STONLEY (6), HAROLD LEES (7), JOSEPH HALL (Tenor).

Conducted by FRANK STONLEY.

\* First peal. Both elected members of the association before ringing.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, June 17, 1926, in Three Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Table listing ringers: THURSTANS' FOUR-PART (Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.), DAVID APPELEY (Trebble), EDWARD HORTIN (2), LESLIE C. TRUBSHAW (3), SAMUEL H. COLEY (4), BERT H. POUNTNEY (5), CHRISTOPHER WALLATER (6), JOHN T. DAVIES (7), ARTHUR E. REED (Tenor).

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

\* First attempt for a peal, and proposed a member of the above society previous to starting. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Arthur Law, father of one of the local band.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, June 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Table listing ringers: THURSTANS' FOUR-PART (Tenor 28 cwt.), HERBERT LANGDON (Trebble), CHARLES J. CHOQUET (2), HENRY HODGETTS (3), CHALLIS F. WINNEY (4), ERNEST BRITT (5), ALBERT C. DARNELL (6), EDGAR C. RUSSELL (7), JOSEPH S. HAWKINS (Tenor).

Conducted by EDGAR C. RUSSELL.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the Rev. E. C. Bedford, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal.

\* First peal as conductor.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral, on May 6th (King's Accession), 1,260 Stedman Triples; H. F. Chulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, Geo. F. Foster 3, E. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, E. H. Chulow 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by local band.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Table listing ringers: WASHBROOK'S VARIATION (Tenor 17 3/4 cwt.), FREDERICK J. CULLOM (Trebble), ISAAC G. SHADE (2), JOHN H. CHEESMAN (3), FREDERICK A. COLBY (4), WILLIAM A. MARTIN (5), JOHN S. MORTON (6), FREDERICK J. COLLEMAN, JUN. (7), LIONEL J. CULLUM (Tenor).

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William A. Martin.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Table listing ringers: Tenor 17 1/2 cwt., JAMES SAXBY (Trebble), ALICK CUTLER (2), WALTER J. BOWDEN (3), JOHN THOMAS (4), MISS EDITH K. PARKER (5), WILBY J. HAZELL (6), JAMES PARKER (7), GEORGE W. FLETCHER (Tenor).

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JAMES PARKER. This is the first peal ever rung in this method, which was composed by the Rev. E. Banke James, and appeared in 'The Ringing World' on December 8th, 1911.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Table listing ringers: Tenor 13 cwt., MISS KITTY WILLERS (Trebble), ALBERT E. AUSTIN (2), WILLIAM A. TACK (3), FRANK WARRINGTON (4), ROBERT HOWARD (5), T. REGINALD DENNIS (6), ERNEST G. HIBBINS (7), A. GEORGE RIVERS (Tenor).

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS. \* First peal in the method. Mr. Tack had not struck a blow in the method before starting for the peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

GILMORTON, NEAR LUTTERWORTH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Table listing ringers: F. H. DIXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART (Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.), LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD (Trebble), CHARLES R. BELTON (2), PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM (3), ARCHIBALD JAMES ROSS (4), WALTER P. WHITEHEAD (5), ERNEST W. TIPLER (6), WILLIAM H. CLARKE (7), GEORGE BROUGHTON (Tenor).

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method, and elected a member before starting. The conductor's hundredth peal on tower bells for the M.C.A.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 20, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Table listing ringers: PARKER'S TWELVE PART (Tenor 16 cwt.), FREDERICK J. JUDGE (Rolvenden) (Trebble), FREDERICK G. BORDEN (Rolvenden) (2), FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. (Horsmonden) (3), FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. (Horsmonden) (4), FREDERICK BUTCHERS (Horsmonden) (5), FREDERICK S. MACRY (Smarden) (6), FREDERICK WHITE (Cranbrook) (7), FREDERICK FOREMAN (Kilndown) (Tenor).

Conducted by FREDERICK S. MACRY.

Rung as a compliment to Frederick J. Lambert, jun., whose birthday occurs during the week. All the above ringers are resident in the Weald of Kent and regular ringers at the above-named churches. Believed to be the first 'Frederick' peal rung.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S. E.

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*LESTER L. GREY ... .. Treble	JOHN L. WATKINS ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 6
†WALTER N. ASHBY ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 7
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 4	†GEORGE W. T. BRIGGS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Triples, and in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples and 50th peal. ‡ First peal.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

WEST CRANMORE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT E. WEBB ... .. Treble	ERNEST A. H. LANE ... .. 3
CYRIL S. P. WEBB ... .. 2	WILLIAM OSMENT ... .. 4
FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... Tenor	

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

First peal on the bells. Mr. C. S. P. Webb was elected a member before starting. This ring of five bells run backwards.

## LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

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

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

*JAMES GARDNER... .. Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 4
JOHN ALLEN ... .. 2	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal in more than one minor method.

MONK BRETTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 17, 1926, in Two Hours &amp; Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal Exercise, New London Pleasure, Kent, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

HARRY BARNES ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 4
ARNOLD HILL ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 3	CHARLES WALSH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

First peal on the bells.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ALBERT E. BRACEY ... .. Treble	TIMOTHY HAMMOND ... .. 4
CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. 2	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 5
FREDERICK OSWICK ... .. 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.

This is the first peal by ringers of treble and second, who, with the conductor, hail from Hethersett. The ringers of 3 and 4 are members of local company, and 5 is from Northrepps.

STOURTON, WILFS.—On Whit-Monday, 720 Bob Minor: E. J. Rowe 1, C. D. Heginbotham 2, H. S. Parsons 3, F. Coward (Mere, first in the method) 4, W. Shute (conductor) 5, L. Perrett 6.

## APSLEY END, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*CHARLES J. HENLEY... .. Treble	*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 4
*JACK STOPP... .. 2	HENRY GOLDING ... .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of minor and first attempt. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. R. Goodwin, M.A., who was inducted on the previous evening. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are members of the local company.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirteen-and-a-Half Minute

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

REGINALD LATHBURY ... .. 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOGHEY ... .. 3-4	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, June 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT 'THE OLD COFFEE POT,' WARWICK LANE, E.C.

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIE ROUGHTON ... .. 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3-4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: THOMAS BENNEY.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven-and-a-Half Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5148 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5-6
*STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 3-4	JOHN R. DUFFIELD... .. 7-8

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal on an inside pair.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, June 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

*S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ... .. 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)... 5-6
REV. A. H. BOGHEY (Trin.) 3-4	*F. F. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 7-8
*J. R. DUFFIELD (Selwyn) ... 9-10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, June 21, 1926, in One Hour and Fifty-Three-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT ALL SAINTS' VICARAGE,

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

Tenor size 12 in F.

S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ... .. 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 5-6
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 3-4	REV. H. WOOLLEY (Fitz Hse.) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

This is the first peal for the above Guild in which a father and son have both taken part.

**SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.**

**THE METHOD AND HOW TO RING IT.**

When Slipway extended Superlative to ten bells he showed a knowledge of the structure of methods far beyond that of any of his contemporaries, for the first step to take is not at all obvious, and we should be tempted to make the same mistake which was actually made by the authors of the 'Clavis' when they first attempted to extend Cambridge Surprise Minor to Major. Cambridge Minor does not contain the whole of the method, and the first attempt at extension omitted 5th's place when the treble dodges in 3-4. In just the same way Superlative Major does not contain the whole of the method, and at first sight one is tempted to make 4th's place in Royal when the treble passes from 2nd's into 3rd's, because it is actually made in Major; but the proper place to make is not 4th's, but 6th's, and we shall presently see why.

First of all, it is necessary to point out that there is always a difference between Major and Royal. Consider the plain hunting course: at first sight one would be tempted to say that this is always the same on 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, and so on to any even number, but is it? In every one of these the tenor and the treble change places in the middle, but compare this point on four and six

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On four bells two lie still, the 2nd and 4th; on six they all six change, and so on up the scale. Major and Maximus belong to Minimus, and Royal belongs to Minor. Now, in the plain hunting course this makes no difference in practice, but in many methods it makes a difference which is very obvious indeed. Consider Double Court; the bell, the treble, turns from lead, makes a place, exchanges with the treble in the middle, makes another place, and turns the treble from behind.

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Minimus, Major and Maximus are all one family, and of no practical use, but Minor and Royal are of the other family, and good practical methods, and yet the method is the same throughout.

Now, I turn to Superlative, and, first of all, we find that there are only two constructional places in the method; 2nd's when the treble leads, and 7th's, 9th's, 11th's, etc., when the treble is behind. We can, therefore, omit them both, and study the system without them, and then we find that the tenor and treble change places in the middle, and when the treble gets to the back the bells run up 87654321, and come round at the lead end. The system is such that the treble rings a treble bob hunt, and the other bells make certain places which are always whole pulls right. The places prevent repetition of rows, and also reverse the bells in half a lead. There is only one system of place making which will do this on 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, etc., bells.

Now for the distinction between Major and Royal. In Major, tenor and treble cross in the middle, but in Royal they dodge together in the middle.

The next thing to do is to write out a quarter of a lead on a large number of bells, say twenty, and then on 18, and so reduce the number step by step until we get down to the Major. This means a large number of figures, and it is impossible to have them printed in 'The Ringing World,' but I will give directions for pricking the method, which will show the true nature of the system:—

Write down 1 2 3 4 5 a b c d e . . . . etc.

Change all the bells.

Make 3rd's and 6th's.

Change all the bells.

Divide the number of bells by two, if the result is even make 4th's, if odd make 6th's.

Change all the bells.

Make 5th's.

Change all the bells.

Make 3rd's and 8th's.

Change all the bells.

Make 4th's and 7th's.

Change all the bells.

Make 3rd's and 10th's.

Change all the bells.

Make 6th's and 9th's.

Change all the bells.

Make 5th's and 12th's.

Change all the bells.

Etc.

until the treble crosses the tenor in the middle or dodges with the treble in the middle, when you will find that in the first of these two rows 1 is to 2 and the lead as 1 is to 3 and the back; in the second rows 1 to 3 and lead as 1 to 4 and the back, etc.

Now notice all the places are made by 2, 3, 4 and 5, and when the treble is above 4th's place 2 and 3 make places at the same time, and 4 and 5 at the same time, and 4 and 5 always make the places when the treble and tenor cross or dodge together.

These five bells are all hunts; the treble is ringing a treble bob hunt, the others are playing leap frog, two above the treble and two below the treble, and the five of them spread out over eight places when the treble passes from 6th's place into 7th's in Maximus, and continue to do so until the treble passes from the 7th's place from behind into the 6th from behind, and then close in again to become + . . . 54321 behind.

The whole of the rest of the bells are divided into two groups, one above the hunts and another below the hunts, and each of these groups is ringing Treble Bob, dodging when the treble hunts, and hunting when the treble dodges. They then pass through the hunts in proper course order, 8 hunting straight through, 10 dodging with the treble on the way through, 12 hunting through, 14 dodging with the treble, etc.

Finally, practical rules for ringing Royal and Maximus:—  
Work with the treble (front or back as Major).

Odd place last.

Long dodging (a simple extension of the Major).

Odd place first.

Place making:—Odd place first from the front.

Dodge 5-6, make odd 6th's, dodge treble in 3-4, 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's, 8th's dodge 1-2, 5th's, 6th's.

Odd place last is this reversed, and we get the same from the back:—

Long dodging, double dodge 1-2, single dodge 1-2, 5-pull dodge 3-4, single dodge 9-0, 5-pull 9-0, single with treble 5-6, 5-pull 1-2, single 1-2, 5-pull 7-8, single 9-0, double 9-0.

Having given these rules, let me say that I hope Superlative Royal will be taken up by ten-bell bands more quickly than Cambridge Royal was when St. Michael's Juniors rang it at Cheltenham; it is much more difficult and far more interesting, as it contains a greater variety of work.

H. LAW JAMES.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Since the meeting at Ipswich I have received from an old ringing friend several numbers of the 'Bell News' for which I was appealing.

The following only are now required:—

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**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

**DEDICATION OF WAR MEMORIAL.**

The arrangements for the dedication on Saturday of the War Memorial to members of the Royal Cumberland Youths and a Queen Alexandra peal tablet, both of which are being placed in the porch of St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, are as follows:—

Ringling at Bethnal Green from 1 p.m.—2.30.

Ringling at Shoreditch from 2.30—3.30.

Dedication at 3.30. Address by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes'.

Ringling at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 4.30.

Ringling at St. Martin's-in-the-Field, 4.45—6.

Ringling at St. Clement Danes', 6—7.

The large room at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, has been reserved from 7 p.m. for the purpose of a reunion of old and new ringing friends, and all are cordially invited.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'**

**HOW TO OBTAIN THE STRIKE PERIOD ISSUES**

As one of the effects of the strike in the newspaper distributing trade, many of our readers appear not to have received their copies of 'The Ringing World.'

For their information we would say that the only week for which there was no issue of the paper was May 7th. The issues of May 14th and 21st were published as usual and should be obtainable through the newsagents.

Ringers who have not yet received 'The Ringing World' for these dates should send 3d. per copy to the EDITORIAL OFFICE, 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING, when the paper will be dispatched to them, post free.

Those who are unable to obtain 'The Ringing World' regularly and promptly through a newsagent can have it sent direct from our Woking Office for 4/- per quarter (including postage), prepaid.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## PEAL TAPPING.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A few years ago it was quite a common thing to find in the columns of 'The Ringing World' reports of peals tapped on handbells. One or two gentlemen performed some really wonderful feats in this way, the methods being of increasing complexity, and including even London Surprise Major. These peals have for the time ceased. Mr. Morris, the most brilliant performer, unhappily is dead, and the others have intermitted or ceased their activity. While they were being done it seemed an ungracious thing to make any criticism, but now we may profitably, I think, consider whether they should be booked among ordinary peals. At the time the point was raised in the association most concerned — the Essex Association, to which Mr. Morris belonged. I forget the actual decision, but whatever it was a good many of us felt a great difficulty in expressing a view which might even in appearance seem to depreciate Mr. Morris' wonderful performances. Nevertheless, I am fully of the opinion that these should not be booked as peals.

Now, it is unnecessary for me to say that no one does or can deny the extraordinary skill and mental power required to tap a peal of London Surprise. The thing is altogether beyond the capacity of ordinary ringers. The great majority of us could not tap half-a-dozen changes, let alone a peal. Try it and see. If you do manage to get the first few rows of the Plain Course you will probably find that you are doing it because you remember either the actual rows or the music, and neither will help you in the least to tap a peal. If it were not that these performances have been properly attested and are absolutely beyond doubt we should almost be inclined to say they are impossible. But they should not be booked as peals. And, first, because they are not ringing. They are a different thing altogether. Ringing is something besides the producing certain music on bells. The essential thing is the way in which it is produced. You can produce changes on handbells by 'lapping,' but that is not change ringing. You can produce changes by means of Mr. Carter's machine, but that is not change ringing. And you can produce changes by tapping, but that is not change ringing. Tapping is probably as much more difficult than ringing a pair 'in hand' as the latter is than 'lapping.' Tapping and lapping are poles apart in difficulty; but have this in common, that they are neither change ringing, and neither ought to be booked among the peals.

The process of tapping is mental transposition. To begin with you must know what places must be made and what pairs of bells must be turned over. You start from rounds; you get the first change by turning over the bells in 1-2, 4-5 and 6-7. You remember this row, and from it you get the next by turning over the bells in (say) 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. And so you go on. It is just the same way that you write out changes, but with this tremendous difference, that when you write out changes each row is fixed before your eyes. You can see what you have done, and therefore know what you have to do. When you tap all this has to be done mentally, and done rapidly and evenly. Let but one row or a part of a row escape the memory and the chain is broken, the whole thing collapses.

It hardly needs to say that only men with exceptional and peculiar mental qualities can do this, but in view of what I am going to relate further on it must be pointed out that the differences between the difficulty of tapping of one thing and another are not the same as in ordinary ringing. The difficulty is to tap at all. But if you can tap Bob Major it is not so very much harder to tap London Surprise. It is a question of knowing where the places come, and the arrangement of places in London is comparatively simple.

In the same way, if you can write out the simple methods with any degree of facility, it is only a question of knowing the position of the places to write out any of the most complex methods with equal ease. On the other hand, the more bells you have the far greater is the difficulty of tapping. It is harder to tap eight bells than six; it is very much harder to tap ten than eight, and when you get to twelve and upwards the difficulties are enormously increased. Probably (for in these things I can only speak approximately) it is very much harder to tap a peal of Bob Royal than London Surprise Major.

And this leads me on to the second reason why I think tapped peals should not be booked. I gravely doubt whether they ought to be encouraged. In the nature of things no man can tap changes who has not got a brain which is strongly developed in a particular way. To practice tapping to any great extent is inevitably to increase that development, and it is a common experience that a man whose brain is unduly developed in one way pays for it in another. If you can do it, to tap courses and touches is well enough, but the strain of a whole peal lasting for more than two hours is surely more than a man has a right to subject his brain to. Especially when the result is of so little worth. One of these young gentlemen wrote to a well-known parson ringer and composer, asking for the figures of a peal he intended to try and tap. The parson's reply (can you guess his name?) was something like this: 'Elijah Roberts tapped peals, went mad and shot himself. I am not going to help you to a like fate.'

It is of Elijah Roberts, the greatest of all tappers, that I am going to write later. So far as I know, there are no records of any tapping in early days, though we may be pretty sure that where there were handbells hung in a row men amused themselves with more or less successful attempts to produce a few changes. The first account I have come across concerns Samuel Thurston, the great Norwich ringer. On Saturday, July 1st, 1809, at the New Theatre in Norwich, he tapped on the handbells belonging to the Norwich Scholars plain courses of Bob Triples, Bob Major, Reverse Bob Major, Double Bob Major and Grandsire Caters. 'This was at the time considered the greatest performance ever completed by one person in the world.' He was then in his twentieth year, and this is the first time his name appears in connection with ringing. A later record says that April the 24th, 1814, 'he struck on his musical peal of eight bells at The Eight Ringers in Norwich three full courses of Bob Major with the 6th, 7th and 8th making bobs, and containing 336 musical changes, which he nobly brought round in 14 minutes, being the greatest performance in the Art in the British Dominions.'

In his later years Thurston appears not to have developed his powers of tapping. I imagine it was a case of finding some vent for his enthusiasm and abilities in ringing matters. In those years a young man, however

brilliant, was not at once admitted by the older ringers. It took Thurston some years before he made good his place among the Norwich Scholars, and not till Chestnut's death was he acknowledged the leading man in the city. Tapping gave him an opportunity of showing what he could do in ringing until he had a full opportunity of exercising his facilities in the tower. And there is no reason at all to suppose that in any case he could have rivalled Roberts' feats.

#### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

It has been proposed to make a presentation to the ex-chairman of the Chipping Norton Deanery branch (the Rev. W. J. Palmer), who has carried out the duties most earnestly for the past twelve years. The branch secretary, Mr. J. Keyte (Charlbury), would be pleased to receive subscriptions from any members of the Exercise who have visited this deanery and are now far away but who would like to make the presentation a worthy one.

#### NEWBURY BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the above branch was held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 19th, when the recent bell was dedicated to the memory of George Davis, for many years foreman of this tower. The service was taken by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who also gave an excellent address. Sixty members attended from various towers, six journeying from Swindon, two from Bray, and three from Abingdon. Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. E. M. Thorp, assisted by other ladies.

The Master presided, in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch). Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) and Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer) were also present. Six new members were elected.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Chieveley on Saturday, September 4th.

The Vicar (Rev. E. M. Thorp) referred to the loss of George Davis, who was such an excellent leader in the tower.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Master, the organist and the ladies for providing such an excellent tea. Some good touches were rung during the afternoon and evening, and the company were photographed on the Vicarage lawn.

The bell was recast by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

In the annual report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, just issued, the assistant secretary (Mr. T. Hervey Beams), in the absence of the general secretary, who is on a mission to Cyprus, refers first to the steady but continued work that has been and is being carried out in the towers to improve the condition of the bells, and he claims that this restorative work is largely due to the activities of the Guild in urging on the authorities the need of the proper upkeep of the bells in our churches.

A peal of Stedman Triples, by a resident band in West Dorset, marked a decided step forward in that branch. More intervisitation of bands for combined practice would, adds the assistant secretary, greatly benefit those taking part, for often at the regular meetings the numbers are such as to prevent any good practice being obtained.

The balance-sheet shows receipts amounting to £59 4s. 3d. The balance in hand is reduced from £60 17s. 8d. to £54 8s. 4d. more than accounted for, however, by the £15 16s. 4d. devoted to the Diocesan Memorial Fund.

#### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Horsell on Saturday week, when members attended from Bagshot, Chertsey, Pirbright, Yorktown, and the local band, while Mr. E. Raddon (hon. secretary of the Guildford district) was also present. Ringing was carried on until 4.45, when the members adjourned to the Institute for tea, which was given by the Rev. Canon Norman Pares, Vicar of Horsell, who occupied the chair for the business meeting, at which eight new members were elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Norman Pares for kindly providing the tea and for the use of the bells.

The members then attended the Guild's service. With the help of the organist and young ladies' choir, the service was of a very pleasant character. Ringing was afterwards indulged in until 8 p.m.

#### MUFFLED BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Old Woking, on Wednesday, June 16th, two short touches on half-muffled bells were rung as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. James Brackley, father of the conductor, J. Brackley, first 120 changes of Bob Doubles, and afterwards 360 Bob Minor. The deceased had, for the past thirty-six years, been organ-blower at the Parish Church.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—On Wednesday, June 9th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: T. Dennis (first 720) 1, E. Boakes 2, T. Jull 3, W. J. Walker 4, C. Shipp 5, G. Gilbert (conductor) 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The address of Mr. E. E. Ferry, to whom subscriptions should be sent for the Hudson Memorial Fund, is 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, not Gosport as printed on page 375 of our last issue.

At a recent meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild a member came on a new cycle. This he carefully left inside the church. When he came down from the belfry it had disappeared, and the police up to date have not discovered either the thief or the cycle.

The Truro Diocesan Guild now numbers nearly 600 members, and there is a desire to learn change ringing, but the officials are still finding difficulty in providing teachers.

A feature appears in the balance-sheet of the Guild which is unusual in accounts of ringing associations. Two church collections are given to the funds. The Guild has a balance in hand of £85 3s. 6d.

It is rumoured that the peal of Stedman Cinques at Shrewsbury last January will be the last peal ringing in the twelve-bell tower for many years. We hope the rumour is unfounded.

Coventry bells were rung for the last time on Sunday, June 28th, 1885.

The peal of ten at Taunton, since augmented to twelve, were opened on June 25th, 1885. A peal of Stedman Caters, which was afterwards admitted to be false, was rung on that occasion.

The late Mr. Henry Dains was born on June 28th, 1837.

Forty years ago next Friday the first peal of Grand sire Cinques was rung 'in hand' at Birmingham. Perhaps St. Martin's Guild will celebrate the anniversary.

Royal Cumberland youths are expected to gather in force in London to-morrow, when the war memorial to fallen members will be dedicated at Shoreditch, together with a peal tablet recording the muffled peal rung on the occasion of the death of Queen Alexandra. The ceremony is at 3.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's, Holborn, Society hold their annual outing on Saturday, July 3rd. It is proposed to visit Beaconsfield, West Wycombe, Maidenhead, and Slough. A social at the latter town will take place (after ringing at St. Mary's at 7 p.m.), and some of the Berks and Bucks men will join them.

'When Is-a-Belle properly tuned?' asks our tame conundrum merchant. In this case he supplies the answer: 'When there is a Sound Beau of suitable calibre to produce the proper harmonies.'

Mr. Howard Freeborn (Achilles Club) won the 'Throwing-the-hammer' event in the A.A.A. Southern District Championships at Chatham on Saturday. His distance was 125ft. 8ins., which is 15ft. longer than the British championship standard.

Some good Grand sire Triples 'came over' the wireless from St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Sunday evening; but the most striking event that has yet happened, so far as bells and the B.B.C. are concerned, is in the programme for to-morrow, when a talk on bells is to be given to children by Mr. W. Roughton, at 6.15, accompanied by a practical demonstration by members of the College Youths on the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow.

The peal of Double Norwich Major, rung at Long Stanton, Cambs, and recorded in our last issue, was completed in 2 hrs. 40 mins., and not 2 hrs. 45 mins. as at first reported. It was thus the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

Another new Major method has been added to the records by the peal of New Gloucester Surprise rung at Edmonton last Saturday. The method was published in our columns on December 8th, 1911, and is only a slight alteration from the original Gloucester Surprise. Kent places in 5-6 are substituted for Oxford places in 3-4, and the alteration enables fourth's place hobs to be used, and all peals of Treble Bob run true to it.

Ringers who did not receive the issues of 'The Ringing World' for May 14th or 21st should send 3d. per copy to 'The Ringing World' office, when the missing numbers will be forwarded post free. The strike prevented many of our readers obtaining these two issues.

## HOYLANDSWAINE CUP CONTEST.

IN THE WINNING TEAM AT 81.

The third annual change-ringing contest for a silver cup, promoted by ringers and churchpeople of Hoylandswaine, took place on Saturday, June 12th, under the auspices of the Barnsley and District Association. Six companies entered, viz.: Cawthorne, Darfield, Felkirk, Sandal, Shelley, and Wath. Mr. J. Broadley, of Bradford Cathedral Company, the judge, gave his awards as under:—Cawthorne 151 faults, Shelley 160, Darfield 264, Sandal 313, Wath 333, Felkirk rang out, Cawthorne were therefore awarded the cup for one year, and six biscuit barrels as prizes. The company stood in following order: H. Crossland 1, E. Crossland 2, H. Crossland, jun., 3, A. Fish 4, G. Broadhead 5, J. Fish 6.

Much interest was taken in the various attempts by ringers and visitors. The presentations were made after tea by the Vicar. The winners received a great ovation, the treble ringer, Mr. H. Crossland, being 81 years of age, with sixty years' practice and experience. He is father to the third ringer. It is the second successive time that he has assisted his company to carry this trophy to Cawthorne.

The Barnsley and District Society take this opportunity of thanking all the kind people of Hoylandswaine who have voluntarily and generously maintained the contest, which has helped materially to attain the best and highest in the great art of change-ringing.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 378.)

### BELL FOUNDERS AND SIMPSON TUNING.

A member suggested that item No. 11 on the agenda should be discussed at the same time as the hon. secretary's motion, as it practically dealt with the same subject. This motion was as follows: 'That the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, at their annual meeting held at Painswick on April 5th, 1926, unanimously agree that historic bells should not be tuned by the Canon Simpson principle, even though it is necessary for them to be recast; but that the Canon Simpson principle may be used on modern bells only.'

The President said this was only a pious opinion by the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and he would have to rule it out of order altogether. If they wanted it discussed they must put it in the form of a resolution. The President said they had three of their members very intimately acquainted with this matter of bell tuning, he referred, of course, to the three founders. They might have considerable difference in speaking on the subject, and it was perhaps rather invidious to ask them, but he was perfectly certain that the Council would like to hear what they had to say on the matter.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, accepting the invitation of the president, was the next speaker, and, referring first of all to Coventry bells, which, he said, were not being destroyed but were being recast so as to have a long life and, he hoped, a musical one before them, said the bells were to be cast to weights which would enable them to be converted into a ringing peal at a later date if a proper tower for their installation should ever be provided. The bell founders now responsible for their restoration were only too thankful if any assistance which had been given in this matter by the Council had assisted to this end. The whole difficulty, as he explained in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago, was with regard to the tower, and the authorities turned down any idea of having the bells hung for ringing as they were thirty or forty years ago. Proceeding, Mr. Johnston said they kept hearing about the Simpson or new principle of tuning. There was nothing new under the sun, and he took it they meant by the new principle the red-tower and, he trusted, the improvement of the principle that was practised 300 and 400 years ago on the continent. He felt sure in the examples of particularly good bells in this country, especially in the eastern counties, they had the result of this work by men who were driven over here from one cause or another, and the effect of their knowledge in casting was felt in the places where they worked. Mr. Young had referred to the bells of St. Michael's, Southampton, as the first to give him a love of bell tones. The harmonics in most of these bells were very good, and they would never have been recast had it not been for their structural defects—there were holes in some of them into which one could get two fists. It was a good thing to ventilate the subject; the bell founders did not mind being shot at at all. Mr. Young referred to the question of the seventh, and said he was sure that in the old system the seventh was put into the bell or was a result of a natural sequence. He (the speaker) could disprove that. In No. 10 bell at Coventry the hum tone was one tone sharp, in No. 9 bell a quarter-tone sharp, and in No. 8 bell one semi-tone sharp. There was absolutely no sequence in their falsities. They were not sevenths at all, but anything that happened to come from bells designed in the old-fashioned way. Proceeding, Mr. Johnston remarked that Mr. Young said it was a pity to spend so much money in recasting bells, because it might be devoted to other diocesan purposes. He (Mr. Johnston) held that it was better to put six first-class peals of bells into a county in one year than dabble with twenty-four or thirty. The noise in the belfry where there were bells tuned on the five-tone principle, and to which people had objected, was caused by the absence of protection for the ringer from the bell tones. If they would have a proper double floor and take other precautions, or for preference put the ringers two rooms below the bells, he defied them to have any annoyance when the bells were ringing.

Mr. T. H. Beams: You get it outside as well as in.

Mr. Johnston: If you block up the louvres to the correct level I defy you to get any annoyance outside the tower. Continuing, Mr. Johnston said it was unfortunate that Mr. Young turned down the offer to have a correctly cast bell there for demonstration. He would have been prepared to send down a bell tuned on the old principle and another bell of similar proportions tuned accurately on the five-tone principle, so that Mr. Young might have given an illustration of both types of tuning. He had no doubt that with his friends, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hughes, they could have got over the difficulty of getting the bells up the marble staircase. Mr. Young also regretted that it was not possible to produce a harp for the purpose of demonstrating, but he would point out that certain of the witnesses at the Consistory Court objected strongly to the use of a piano for that purpose. With reference to the minor third as against the major third, there were no good old bells with the major third; they had the minor third. There was a difficulty, and founders realised that they had the minor third in, say a C bell, clashing with the E bell, but if they had a major third, this in one bell would clash with another bell in the same peal. They could not have it both ways, and as the minor third was a component note of the bell, and not actually the note of the bell itself, they did not get much clashing between the minor thirds of different notes. As an instance of the possibility of tuning an old peal, Mr. Johnston quoted the case of St. Maurice's, Winchester,

which underwent considerable tuning of the right kind to make them the improved peal they are at present. It so happened that the harmonics were so placed in these bells, and there was enough metal in them that, without hurting the bells, they were able to bring them into accord with one another. They had gone a long way since Canon Simpson's days, but they were indebted to him for drawing attention to the possibilities of the art and in taking a large part in inducing certain founders to improve on their work. He would like just to refute utterly the very strong aspersion thrown out by Mr. Young that it was all a question of business with the founders. He wanted ringers and the public to understand, and it was borne out almost weekly in the pages of 'The Ringing World,' that if a bell was a good one in the honest opinion of the founder, it was bad business for him to try to recommend it should be recast for the sake of putting a little more on the bill. That was not the way to build up a big business or a good reputation, and the man who knew his job did not do it (applause).

### CANON SIMPSON'S OPINION.

Mr. Pryce Taylor said the name of his grandfather had been closely connected with that of Canon Simpson in this question of bell tuning, and since the days, which he well remembered, when Canon Simpson, who was then Rector of Fittleworth, came to their foundry at Loughborough, considerable advances had been made. He (the speaker) had been brought up among bells, and his chief, indeed his sole interest was bells, and to give them, as ringers, the finest instruments it was possible to produce. He was proud of the name of Taylor and of these bells, and he was proud of the traditions of his grandfather and his father. Mr. Taylor went on to quote from a letter written by Canon Simpson after one of his visits when he heard a peal of eight that had been cast for Wellington. In that letter Canon Simpson spoke of the satisfaction and pleasure it gave him to witness the realisation of an ideal that had occupied no inconsiderable part of his time and attention for twenty years, and he thanked Mr. Taylor for having invited him to test scientifically this peal of bells, which he found simply perfect. Habit and prejudice, he added, were powerful hindrances, but no one who had once experienced the musical satisfaction of such a peal as that could be content with the incomplete tuning which had hitherto passed muster. Proceeding, Mr. Taylor referred to the fact that Mr. Gorham Rice, the great authority on the carillons of Belgium and Holland, gave every credit to Taylor of Loughborough as the first English founder to produce scientifically tuned bells. It would, he thought, be a pity if the Central Council could not endorse the work which they had initiated. With regard to Mr. Young's remark about the minor third, he thought Mr. Young was inconsistent when he picked out the seventh. He did not think Mr. Young could find a peal of bells in which that seventh was even throughout the peal. They had at the Loughborough foundry produced, in their experiments, a series of bells with that seventh, and they had also produced bells according to their latest ideas, and there was no doubt, if ringers heard them side by side, which they would select for their own tower. The minor third was a necessity in a bell, and any particularly good bell, whether old or new, would have that minor third in its composition.

Mr. A. A. Hughes said there was little left for him to say after all that they had heard. There could be no doubt that scientific tuning must in the future take the place of the old method of tuning.

Mr. E. Barnett said there was no denying the fact that many Simpson-tuned bells were preferable to the ones they displaced. First impressions were not always the best, and one's views often changed as time went on, but what he did find with Simpson tuning was that it made bells offensively noisy. The tone, generally speaking, was harsh and shrill, and did not possess that beautiful softness which they got in many of the bells by old founders which had been handed down to them. That, at any rate, was his experience.

### COUNCIL NOT QUALIFIED.

Mr. T. Faulkner said he had come to the conclusion that the Council as a body, was not qualified to pass a resolution on that subject. For instance, their president gave evidence at the inquiry at Coventry, and he admitted in the witness-box that he was not a musical man. How, therefore, could he vote for or against a resolution like the one before them?

The President: The president doesn't want to vote (laughter).

Mr. Faulkner said there were a great many members present who were in the same position. There were plenty of men who were excellent ringers but who were not musicians, and he ventured to say that the majority of the members that day were not qualified to say whether Simpson tuning was in the best interests of the Exercise or not; they had not the requisite knowledge. They might have opinions and like or dislike certain peals of bells, but they were not qualified by training, education or knowledge, to say whether Simpson tuning was in the interests of change ringing or not. He would, therefore, move an amendment that 'This Council as a body is not qualified to pass an opinion on the subject at present.'

The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded, and he did so, he said, partly because certain of his ringing friends in the Devon Guild had been rubbing into him their dislike of Simpson-tuned bells, and pointing out how superior Heavitree bells were to Simpson-tuned bells. As a matter of fact, Heavitree bells were Simpson-tuned (laughter).

The Rev. H. Law James said he was glad the whole question had come up. As a member of the Standing Committee he signed the

paper out of which grew the attempt to prevent the re-casting of Coventry bells. He read everything that appeared in the papers about it, and he was very well satisfied with what occurred and with the result. He had not been satisfied, however, in the first instance, because Coventry bells had such a tremendous reputation, but he came to the conclusion that it was definitely proved that they wanted re-casting. He thought it was well that the Council stepped in, and there would, perhaps, be other cases where the Council should step in in the future, and, from what Mr. Johnston had said, they might have to step in to support the bell-founders. There was no doubt many peals had been enormously improved by the Simpson-tuning principle. Reference had been made to the way in which the sound of some bells interfered with ringers in the ringing chamber. He was going to make a suggestion to the bell-founders. In future, when they gave an estimate for hanging a new peal of bells or re-hanging an old peal, they should include in their price provision for leaving the bells so that the ringers could hear every bell in the tower (hear, hear), and, further, they ought to include in their estimate the treatment of the tower so that those bells should be a pleasure to everyone round about and not a nuisance in the neighbouring houses. If the founders did not do it, nobody else would, and often the job was spoilt for the sake of a few odd pounds which could be put in the estimate and which nobody would notice (hear, hear). Mr. James deprecated the practice of putting any attachment on a bell to cause it to go on humming all the time, by lifting the clapper after it had struck. Some people, he said, had an idea that that was the proper thing. If they were going to ring one bell by itself, it might be an advantage to put something on the clapper to allow the bell to hum, but when they were ringing bells in peal they wanted each bell to speak with its full note and then stop, like a piano. Howling came from the sustained humming of the bells. They wanted one clear note, which wanted to be perfect in tone. If they had this, there would be no more complaints about howling (applause).

Mr. T. R. Dennis mentioned the case of St. Andrew's, Cambridge, where they were now unable to ring on account of the deafening noise outside the tower. The sound came down into the street in such volume that it was said to be a danger to traffic.

#### PLASTER CEILING ADVOCATED.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said Mr. James had advocated that founders should include in their estimates the cost of means of deadening the sound of the bells so that they were not a din in the ears of the ringers, and also that the sound of each bell should be deadened as quickly as possible. He thought this could be secured in a perfectly simple way by putting an ordinary household plaster ceiling in the ringing chamber.

Canon H. J. Elsee questioned the wording of the resolution, which was whether Simpson tuning was in the best interests of the Exercise. Surely, he said, it was not so much a matter for the Exercise as for the public outside. If it were put in that way, then he had no doubt at all that Simpson tuning was in the interests of those who listened to the bells. He had been a great lover of bells all his life, and he had listened to all sorts of bells, but he must say that he would rather listen to one of the modern peals than to any of the older bells that he knew. But having said that, he wanted to add that he thought it would be a great pity if all the older bells were melted down and re-tuned on modern principles. He would put out of consideration historic bells, for everyone was agreed there should be no question of re-casting mediæval or sixteenth-century bells. It would be pure vandalism to destroy anything of historic interest like that, but with regard to rings of the eighteenth century it would be a great pity if a clean sweep were made of all the examples of the bell-founders' art of that period which had come down to them. This did not apply to bells of a hundred years old or less, but on historic grounds they should retain their old bells where possible. There was, he continued, a good deal in what Mr. Young had said in regard to the point of view of the clergy. They had at times to consider the proportion between what they could ask for for luxuries—and, after all, bells were luxuries—and the vital things for the Church. He was thinking of the tremendous appeal being made for the work of the Church overseas—a world call. It would mean a vast appeal to all Churchmen to help in the work, which was absolutely vital at the present time. He was not sure that that being so he could press forward a big scheme to put bells into the very best condition if a lesser scheme would serve for all practical purposes fairly well. On the other hand they often found people ready to give to the re-casting or re-hanging of bells who would not be ready to give on the same scale for other branches of Church work, and in such a case there would be no reason why they should not have the best scheme they could get. But he wanted to support Mr. Young in what he said as to the need of thinking in proportion on what they spent on various objects. As to Simpson tuning, he thought a Simpson-tuned peal spoke for itself, and there could be no question whether it was superior to the old method or not.

Mr. Young briefly replied on one or two technical points which had been raised, and the amendment moved by Mr. Faulkner was then put and carried.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Friday, June 18th, after the induction of the Rev. C. Goodwin as Vicar of Apsley, 720 Grandisire Doubles: F. Tompkins 1, C. Munt 2, C. Henley (conductor) 3, A. Brinklow 4, J. Slopp 5, G. Dolt (first 720 as conductor) 6.

## NOMENCLATURE—SOME CONSIDERATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Another year has come and gone, and another Council meeting has been held, and once again, stalemated as regards nomenclature reform! One is tempted to ask, 'What has been wrong with the Nomenclature Committee? What is wrong with their proposals?' And, perhaps, even the question is justifiable. What is wrong with the Council, that not a single definite step forward has been taken?

Much has been said, and even more written already, by the 'big wigs' in this names controversy, so much, that one might well wonder if any more can be said to advantage in that quarter. But it would surely still be helpful if an expression of opinion came from some of those members of the Council who were afforded no opportunity of taking part in the debate on Whit-Tuesday, and if the rank and file of ringers, also, now had a say.

It has been hinted that the committee did not employ the right 'tactics' at the meeting. Such a suggestion, however, implies that by some sleight-of-hand the Council might have been jockeyed into doing what it would otherwise not have done; it, also, involves the implication that the procedure of the Council meeting was influenced in some sort of way to the avoidance of a full discussion of the subject. However, it is unnecessary to look round for any explanation other than the obvious one—that the Council, by a majority vote, preferred accepting an amendment to adopting the resolutions put before them. There is, however, this anomaly in their action, that the same Council which, by a majority two years ago, gave leave for the committee to work, should do no more than just dismiss the proposals offered. Reform was definitely mooted, yet it seems to have been expected that reform might be had without any real change being made.

One has further to recollect that the Council has never assumed legislative authority to impose any laws, or any particular policy, on the Exercise. It has not gone beyond its 'Rules and Decisions'; its constitution is not that of a miniature Parliament, and it has, in consequence, been cautious not to make any pronouncement it has not the power to enforce. Apart from all which, the 'front benchers' and the leading luminaries of the Council have not yet been converted to the cause of nomenclature reform.

Not the least of the difficulty, however, in the way of reform, has been that the Nomenclature Committee's proposals run counter to the ideas of the Methods Committee. Now, to give that committee its due, it is one of the most important committees of the Council, and there is no gainsaying that its members are experts at their job; their sphere of work is highly technical; they have not only the requisite knowledge; but, above all, that grip of the subject, without which no one could tackle such a task as method classification. The Council appreciates all this to the full, and recognises that the services of this committee are indispensable. But, having said so much, it is not evident why they should expect to have a hand also in naming the methods when classified; that is another job altogether, and one that does not necessarily come within the scope of their work. The Council has appeared inclined tacitly to admit their claim, while, on the other hand, the Nomenclature Committee has asked to have a voice in the matter.

Now, the Methods Committee is about to print, and publish, its collection of Major methods, the result of some years of labour; they have given names to all these methods; when once these new names are in print they are stereotyped, if not for all time, at least so nearly permanently, that any alteration would be exceedingly difficult. Hence the very natural request that these particular names (and any other names to be given to new methods in any C.C. publication) should not in future be printed, without having first been examined in detail, and approved by the Council, if need be, in session.

It may be argued there is a disparity between the two cases—the selection of a new name (by an individual author) and the changing of old names (Nomenclature Committee); there is admittedly a difference. But to bestow new names wholesale (Methods Committee) is likewise another matter entirely, not covered by existing rights, whatever they be. It should be known that among the names selected, which are already applied to well-known methods, are irreproachable so far as names go, is one of a Welsh town, unpronounceable by the average Englishman; there are, also, seven names selected, which are already applied to well-known methods, and which have in course of time become identified with those methods absolutely.

Another serious objection is the plentiful use of the word 'Bob,' which is thrown in here and there throughout the collection as an appendage to the other main name selected; e.g., 'Billingsgate\* Bob,' instead of 'Billingsgate\*'—pure and simple—a veritable blot on the collection. But that is not the worst. We have the cataloguing of a number of so-called 'Little' methods. 'Little' is a very poor-sounding little word, and one wonders by what authority (or perhaps it has been lack of authority) that such a term came into vogue at all. Thus we may now have 'Little Bob' as well as big bob. And thus, we arrive at the absurdity, and awkwardness, of such a combination as 'Little Bursley\* Bob'—or, should it be 'Bursley\* Little Bob'—the correct position of the objectionable adjective seems in

doubt. It reminds one of the 'bloomer' seen in a bootshop window, 'strong men's boots.'

And to come to the conclusion of the matter. Doubtless there will be some disappointment amongst those who desire nomenclature reform, that the matter is again apparently 'as you were.' We shall have to wait until there is, in course of time, a new Council. The associations, and those individual enthusiasts who want reform, must not only work for the desired changes, but also return representatives to the Council committed to vote that way; until such a time, but little as regards nomenclature reform, will be achieved.—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

Berchwood, Old Catton, Norwich,  
These names are not from the vocabulary of the Methods Committee, but have been taken at random by way of illustration.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

### NORTHERN BRANCH.

The adjourned annual meeting was held at Grimsby on Saturday, June 19th, and was fully well attended. Amongst the towers represented were Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby and Gainsborough, in addition to St. James' and St. Andrew's, Grimsby. There were also present the Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master) and Mr. J. T. Brown from the Elloe Deaneries Branch. Owing to inconvenient travelling facilities, and much to the regret of those present, the Lincoln and Sleaford districts were unrepresented. The bells of St. James' and St. Andrew's were available during the afternoon and evening. A short, but very impressive service, at which the Guild office was used, took place at St. Andrew's Church. The Vicar (Rev. T. Russel Warrilow) officiated, and gave a most appropriate address to those present. Mr. H. Rushby, one of the local ringers, presided at the organ. Subsequently an excellent tea was provided in St. Andrew's Hall, to which forty-seven sat down.

The business meeting followed. Mr. F. F. Linley (Northern Branch President) presiding, supported by the Rev. H. T. Parry (Grimsby District President), Mr. H. I. Mingay (Grimsby District secretary) and Mr. E. Dawber (Gainsborough).

The annual report and balance sheet for 1925 were passed, and the general secretary's report for that year was also adopted.

The whole of the officers were re-elected. Apologies for absence were announced from Canon Hicks, Messingham, also from Messrs. G. Chester, J. A. Freeman and J. Walden.

The following new members were elected: Major H. D. Marshall, T.D., D.L., J.P., G.C., of Pilham Hall, Mr. J. J. Stokes, Mr. F. G. Wileman and Mr. E. Dyson, all of Gainsborough, as honorary members; also Mr. G. Tyson (Coxhill), Messrs. G. Troop, P. Scrimshaw and L. Ayre, all of Willingham, as performing members.—Sleaford was selected as the place for the next annual meeting, the date to be arranged by the general secretary, in conjunction with the secretary of the Sleaford District.

Mr. Linley made reference to the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund, and expressed the hope that the members of the branch would do their best toward bringing this scheme to a successful issue. He also, later on, gave some interesting information respecting the Cathedral ringers in days gone by.

The Rev. H. Law James, in acknowledging a hearty welcome from the branch, said he was pleased to see such a good number of young members, and intimated that that was the best time for them to take up the art of change ringing.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for the use of the bells; the Rev. T. Russel Warrilow for his address; the acolyte who assisted at the service; Mr. H. Rushby for presiding at the organ; the caterers for the excellent tea provided; the general secretary for his report, and Mr. Linley for acting as chairman.—This concluded the business, after which further ringing took place.

The best thanks of the members are also due to Mr. Mingay and all those who assisted him in making the meeting such a success.

## HANDBELLS IN CHURCH SERVICE.

On Sunday afternoon, June 13th, a special service in connection with the Men's Brotherhood was held in Lawton Church, Cheshire. The bells were rung for the service, then six of the ringers went down from the belfry to the body of the church and rendered a handbell accompaniment for all the hymns. They also played a selection and the voluntary as the people were leaving church. The organist played the opening voluntary and accompanied two solos sung by Miss A. Bigby. Everyone expressed the opinion that it was one of the most delightful services they had been to.

The collection was for the War Memorial, which takes the form of a new porch. The address was given by the Rector, Rev. W. Harrison, and the subject was 'The Power of Music.'

The ringers would like to know if this has ever been done in a church before. The writer is of opinion that if more use were made of those dusty handbells seen hanging in many belfries, beginners would show a much keener interest in the Exercise than they do at present in many towers.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL AND MEETING.

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford on Saturday, June 12th. The weather was not all that could be desired, and delayed and also prevented a large number from attending. Nevertheless, thirty-seven members from local and kindred associations took part in the ringing, and attended the service and tea which followed. They came from Anston, Barlborough, Cuckney, Tickhill, Sutton-on-Trent, Hough-on-the-Hill, Treton, Doncaster, Arksey, Gainsborough, Misterton, Worksop, North Wheatley, East and West Retford, and Ordsall. At the service an appropriate and helpful address was given by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall. Mr. H. Blagg, one of the ringers, officiated on the harmonium.

Tea was well served at Cooke's Cafe, after which the business meeting took place, presided over by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, and supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) and others, including a number of lady ringers. Allusion was made to the decease of two members since the last meeting, viz., the president (the Bishop of Southwell) and the Rev. Berham Darby, of Richmond, Surrey, formerly of Harthill, who was hon. secretary of the association from 1895 to 1912, and an honorary member for twenty-nine years. A tribute was paid to both, and the ringers stood in silence for a few moments.

The hon. secretary read a letter from the present Lord Bishop of Southwell, who stated that he would be glad to accept the office of President of the Association as successor to Bishop Hoskins. His Lordship stated that his cousin, the late Sir A. P. Heywood, was very keen on change ringing, and occupied at one time the position of President of the Midland Counties Association and also of the Central Council. He regretted that it would not be possible for him to attend the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary read the annual report and financial statement, which were unanimously adopted. In the course of his report the hon. secretary was able to record progress, both numerically and financially, in this the 39th year of the association's existence. In the list of special performances, the Sutton-on-Trent ringers, which included two ladies, were the only band to ring a full peal of 5,040 changes during the year, this being the first peal ever rung on the new bells.

The East Retford Company had rung during the year eight quarter-peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples—some of the members ringing their first quarter-peal. Last, but not least, the St. James's Society, Anston, had again rung upwards of one hundred Minor extents, viz., 103 720's in 103 methods. They had met for practice weekly, and rung twice every Sunday for Divine service (with few exceptions) to achieve this wonderful record. Sickness amongst the ringing members, and also near the church, caused them to stop ringing for a time. What it was possible for the Anston ringers to achieve, other companies could do, with grit and ambition to reach a higher standard of ringing. In the matter of bell restoration, the Secretary reported that the six bells at Tuxford are to be re-cast, and a new iron frame put in, with arrangements made to hold two more bells in the tower to complete the octave. The Everton tower, once affiliated to the association, and which it is hoped very shortly to include in the ranks again, is also having the bells re-hung in a new frame, and thus two more rings of bells in North Notts will be in good order for the ringers of the association; and especially for the Tuxford ringers, who have laboured hard in the past to ring the bells at all. The list of new members has not been quite so large as last year: all towers but one are now affiliated. We are pleased to welcome the following as vice-presidents: Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall; Rev. F. W. J. Daniels, Rector of North Wheatley; Rev. A. Parkinson, Vicar of East Retford; Rev. P. E. Boswell, Rector of Harthill; and a number of probationary, performing, and unattached members. The membership roll contains the names of 17 vice-presidents, 217 probationary, performing, unattached and non-resident life members. The balance in bank and secretary's hands showed a sum of £29 5s. 10d., being a gain on the year's working of £2 0s. 10d.

The Rev. Alfred Parkinson, East Retford, was elected a vice-president; Mr. George Challans, of Shireoaks, a performing member; and Messrs. Sydney Mason and Cecil Lye, of North Wheatley, probationary members.

The officers were all re-elected, except the assistant hon. secretary, Mr. H. Weaver, who resigned on account of the claims of Saturday afternoon and Sunday work. Mr. H. Revill, of Tunnel Road, Ordsall, Retford, willingly consented to fill the vacancy.

Votes of thanks to the three incumbents for use of bells, to the Rev. Alfred Parkinson for arranging the service, and to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for his valuable address to the members in church and for presiding over tea and meeting, concluded the business.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

The next meeting will be held at Cuckney in July, and will be advertised as usual in 'The Ringing World.'

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Friday, June 11th, at the Parish Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: C. Smith 1, A. Saunders 2, F. Claydon 3, W. Arnold 4, W. Burgess (conductor) 5, D. Elliott 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells; also first of London by all, with the exception of W. Burgess.

**KING'S NORTON TO HAVE TEN BELLS.**

Things are moving forward at King's Norton. The popular ringing master, Mr. F. B. Yates, has offered to give two new trebles to the recently re-cast peal to make a ring of ten.

The Vicar has expressed his great pleasure in accepting them, and the Church Council, at their last meeting, enthusiastically passed a resolution requesting the Vicar and churchwardens to apply for the necessary faculty.

**DEVON GUILD.**

The quarterly meeting of the North-East Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Bradninch on Saturday, June 19th, and was blessed by glorious weather. About 45 members of the Guild were present, and were warmly welcomed by the Rev. H. Voden (curate-in-charge), in the absence of the Vicar, and the local band of ringers. Towers represented were Christow, Talaton, Sowton, Calverleigh, Chipstaple, Ken, Tiverton, Paignton, Thorverton, Silverton, Huntsham, Messrs. Shepherd and Laver from Exeter, the Rev. E. V. Cox from Exmouth, and Rev. E. S. Powell (President) from Holbeton. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire were brought round.

The local ringers were elected an associate band of the Guild, and arrangements will be made for their instruction in the art of change ringing.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Squire and many willing helpers.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A most successful annual festival was held at Hereford on May 24th, in spite of the fact that many were kept away by the want of railway facilities. After the service in the Cathedral, the members to the number of seventy-seven sat down to dinner in the beautiful Boothe Hall. The Bishop of Hereford presided, and in the course of his speech said that he valued very highly the work that the Guild was doing in the diocese.

Mr. W. Allen bore witness to the good work done by Mr. Edwards, both while he was Ringing Master and now that he was Master of the Guild. Mr. W. H. Fussell, a life-member, reminded the members that this was the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Guild.

Mr. A. W. Davis made excellent arrangements for motoring ringers to towers in the district.

A business meeting was held after the dinner.

**ST. ANDREW'S BELLS, PLYMOUTH.**

The fine peal of ten bells of St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, have recently been overhauled and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The work comprised rehanging the 10 bells in ball bearings, new rollers, additional holding-down bolts and dogs to main girders, new ropes, scraping and painting frame and fittings, new crown staples to some of the bells, and readjusting all the clappers.

At the opening trial, at which the president and many prominent members of the Devon Guild were present, all expressed themselves highly pleased with the 'go.'

Mr. Jesse Tyler, who was in charge of the work, is to be congratulated upon the result, particularly the even clapping of the bells, which is as near perfection as possible. All the bells clapper up right, a boy being able to clapper the tenor up as easily as the treble. This is remarkable, considering the tenor weighs 35 cwt. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have certainly completed a most satisfactory job in every respect.

**THE ANCIENT BELLS OF EYAM.**

AN APPEAL.  
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The little village of Eyam, in the Peak of Derbyshire, was visited by the Great Plague of London in 1655-6, when 300 out of its population of 360 fell victims to the disease. The people, by their heroic unselfishness in voluntarily isolating themselves, prevented the plague from spreading to the country round. At that time four bells hung in the church tower dating from 1618-28. They have just been taken down as unsafe, and are to be re-hung with the addition of two new ones given as memorials. The re-hanging, together with repairs to the tower roof and doors, will cost about £400, and the work is already in hand.

Perhaps the story of the brave men of Eyam, which finds a place in 'A Book of Golden Deeds,' may be an inducement to some of my brother ringers, who are lovers of the village and its history, to help us in preserving for future use our bells which rang in the days of the Plague.

Any donations entrusted to me will be very gratefully acknowledged and handed over to the Church Council.—Yours etc.,

(Rev.) W. PETER WRIGHT.

The Hall,  
Eyam, Derbyshire.

**EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Thursday evening, June 10th, 1926, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: E. Vale 1, G. Probert 2, T. Cooke 3, R. Cooke 4, G. Cooke (conductor) 5, T. Cooke, jun., 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor, who hails from Caerphilly.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**LONG SUTTON.**—On Sunday morning, June 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: C. Brumble 1, H. C. Watts 2, F. Lightning 3, S. Mumby 4, J. Smith 5, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 6.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, June 20th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,230 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. G. Locke 1, G. W. Prayne 2, J. A. Dart 3, R. C. Sadler (longest length of Major) 4, P. L. Miles 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, H. G. Miles 7, A. F. Harris 8.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service at St. George's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Dyas 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. E. Chapman 3, C. F. Winney 4, I. G. Emery 5, W. Smith 6, P. Spice 7, J. R. Gammon 8.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.**—On Sunday, June 13th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: R. Walker 1, W. Hughes (first as conductor, and first attempt) 2, J. Floyd 3, W. Shepherd 4, H. Gates 5, H. Golding 6.

**HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, June 13th, for morning service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins.: J. Cotterell 1, J. Hardcastle 2, W. Marsden 3, J. Broadley 4, S. Fielding 5, L. Wilkinson (conductor) 6. Nos. 1, 2 and 4 from Bradford, remainder local. Rung as a token of appreciation to Mr. J. Broadley, who was the adjudicator at a ringing contest the previous day on the bells of the above church.

**STAPLEHURST, KENT.**—At All Saints' Church, on June 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Thirkell 1, S. Driver 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, J. Downing 4, H. Baker 5, J. Head 6, B. Baker 7, T. E. Sone (conductor) 8.

**BENENDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday afternoon, June 13th, at St. George's Church, after children's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Thirkell 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. Lambert 3, J. Downing (conductor) 4, F. Burden 5, S. Driver 6, H. Baker 7, B. Goldsmith 8.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—At St. Mildred's Church, on Sunday, June 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Thirkell 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Downing 3, S. Driver 4, H. Baker 5, W. P. Tickner 6, C. Tribe 7, W. Wentian (conductor) 8.

**ROMFORD.**—On Sunday, June 6th, for evensong, at St. Edward's, 1,280 Double Norwich Major in 46 mins.: E. J. Butler 1, G. R. Eye (conductor) 2, W. Watson 3, F. Coster 4, H. Turner (first quarter with Bob bell) 5, E. Furbank 6, H. Dawkins 7, W. Leggett 8.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, June 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: G. Gilbert (conductor) 1, W. A. Cooke 2, W. Seager 3, W. Rayner 4, I. H. Champion 5, W. J. Walker 6, C. Belsey 7, L. Hales 8.

**WORKSOP.**—On Sunday, June 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: S. Jordan 1, Miss Taylor 2, H. Jordan 3, A. Johnson (conductor) 4, S. Walker 5, G. Hardwick 6, T. Wilson 7, S. Eastland 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of treble and tenor, and rung to welcome the first visit of the Bishop of Southwell to the Worksop Friary Church.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, June 6th, for evening service at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, 1,230 Kent Treble-Bob Major: H. Dyas 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, J. R. Gammon 3, T. Newman 4, L. Baybutt 5, G. Card 6, W. Rogers 7, W. N. Ashby 8.

**PENDLETON, LANCs.**—On Sunday, June 13th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Thomas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 1, W. E. Clarke 2, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 3, J. Winterbottom 4, T. H. Jones 5, H. Greenhalgh 6, S. Greenhalgh 7, W. Howard (first quarter-peal) 8.

**WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 13th, 1926, for anniversary services in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: S. James 1, A. Potter 2, John Denner 3, James Denner 4, W. Jones 5, J. Potter (conductor) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Burton 8. S. James hails from Swinton; 3, 4, 6 and tenor from Walkden; the rest belong to the local company.

**WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.**—On Sunday, June 13th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Bevan 1, T. Lock 2, R. Rex 3, N. Scott 4, J. Scott 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, June 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. J. Rivett (first quarter) 1, T. A. Easterby 2, E. J. Fannett 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, A. J. Bradley 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, June 13th, at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, for evensong, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Welbourne 1, Miss E. E. Hardestle 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, J. L. Watkins 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. W. Roberts 7, F. E. Collins (first quarter as conductor) 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes' on Sunday, June 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,277 changes) of Stedman Caters, composed by Frank Bennett: J. E. Davis 1, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 2, E. F. Pike 3, I. Emery 4, C. Doel 5, W. A. Alps 6, Mrs. F. Hairs 7, C. W. Grimwood 8, F. I. Hairs 9, F. W. Sargison 10.

**ZEALS, WILTS.**—On Whit-Sunday, after evensong, at St. Martin's, 720 Bob Minor: J. J. Parsons (first in the method) 1, H. S. Parsons (Market Lavington) 2, C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes) 3, E. J. Rowe (first in the method) 4, W. Shute (conductor) (Buckhorn, Weston) 5, L. Perret 6. Nos. 1, 4, and 6 are local men.

## NOTICES.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next general quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Belper (Derbyshire), on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Short service 4 p.m. Committee meeting 5 p.m. at the Cadena Cafe, Bridge St., where tea will be served at 5.30, followed by general meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting at Finchingfield on Saturday, June 26th. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped to have a large attendance. The village is very picturesque, and bells (8) are in excellent order. Those who intend to be present should intimate to W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., Frodsham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tichmarsh (8) on Saturday, June 26th. Service 4.15, tea and meeting to follow.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Felixkirk, near Thirsk, on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) will be available for ringing throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Carpenter's Arms (2s. 6d. each). Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting for combined practice will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, June 26th, at 5.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Collingham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells will be available from 2 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS** (Estab. 1623).—The Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells open at 9 a.m. A luncheon will be held at 1 o'clock, price 2s.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting is to be held at Brabourne, on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open at 2.30.—A. C. Kay, District Secretary.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch Spring meeting (postponed from May 15th) will be held at Tackley on Saturday, June 26th. Service in the Parish Church 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (President). Tea at Tackley Park, 4 p.m., at 1. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Tackley (6), Wootton (6), Woodstock (8), Rousham (6).—W. Evetts, Jun., Hon. Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, Oxon.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, June 26th. Ringing from 2.30 to tea time. St. John's after tea.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, June 26th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2.30, where bands will be made up for Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius' Churches (all 8 bells). Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute, Burlington Road, at 5.—George S. Taylor, Dis. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tattenhall on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock, service 4.30, followed by tea.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Allford.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 1st and 29th; St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 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.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be the second quarterly meeting, to be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 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.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Bath. Evensong in the Abbey 4 p.m. Tea at the Red House 4.45 p.m. Business meeting in the Abbey Church House immediately after tea. Bells available: The Abbey (10), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Saviour's (8), 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.; St. James' (8), 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 12 noon to 1 p.m., 6.15 to 8 p.m. (by arrangement); St. Michael's (8), 12 noon to 1 p.m., 6.35 to 8 p.m.; Corston (8), afternoon and evening; St. Mark's (6), 2.30 p.m. onwards; Bathford (6), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (both Kibworth and Countesthorpe being unavailable) on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Chapel-en-le-Frith, on Saturday, July 3rd. Important business.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. Will as many members try to attend as possible?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting, Saturday, July 3rd, at Bradfield (6 bells). Owing to geographical conditions, will intending visitors requiring tea please advise Mr. Chas. H. Gillott, Bradfield, by Thursday, July 1st? Buses from Malin Bridge tram terminus.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting and election of officers will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 29th? — R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 3rd. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in St. Thomas' Church 4 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Meetings and tea will be at St. Thomas' Parish Hall (Green Row Rooms). Those requiring tea please notify me by July 1st. Towers available: St. Thomas' (8), St. Mary's, Portsea (8), and Alverstoke (8). All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for branch president for the next two years.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Brington, Saturday July 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30, Service 4.15, Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 29th.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly business meeting, at which a good attendance is requested, will be held on Monday, July 5th, at 8.15 p.m., in the Parish House of St. Clement Danes'. Ringing during July as follows: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 5th, at 6.30, and the 19th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 13th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening: St. Mary's (10) and the Minster (10). Short service in St. Mary's at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church House, Tiger Lane. Business meeting immediately after.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LADIES GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all requiring tea notify me by Wednesday, July 7th? All ringers cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

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**EASTBOURNE.**—At St. Saviour's Church, on Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. W. Stokes 1, A. Gower 2, J. Sharp 3, F. G. Waymark 4, B. Hobbs 5, A. C. Pankhurst 6, E. Gower 7, F. Dalloway 8.—On Sunday, May 23rd, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. W. Stokes 1, J. Sharp 2, F. G. Waymark 3, A. C. Pankhurst 4, B. Hobbs 5, H. Smale 6, E. Gower 7, F. Dalloway 8.

**CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**—At the Parish Church on Saturday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. Parker 1, T. Wyatt 2, E. Goldstone 3, L. Moore 4, G. Yeo 5, N. Coombs 6, H. Knight (conductor) 7, H. Hawker 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. P. Putt, who took up his duties as curate on Sunday, June 6th. The ringers of the treble and tenor are members of the new band formed in September last when the new bells were dedicated.

**HESTON.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, May 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. C. Chaudler 1, W. Lewes 2, W. Emmett 3, E. Gladman 4, C. I. Edwards 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, A. Lewis 8.—On Sunday, May 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Collins 1, P. Rose 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, C. I. Edwards 5, W. Lewes 6, A. Harding 7, H. Godfrey (first quarter and first attempt) 8.

**FULHAM.**—On Sunday, May 30th, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Casters: H. Ellis (first quarter on tower bells) 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, C. W. Grimwood 5, A. Harding 6, H. Belcher 7, H. A. Polkard 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, J. W. Driver 10.

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### 'EDUCATING' THE PUBLIC.

The extraordinary ignorance of the majority of the public on matters relating to bells and ringing is perhaps not all the fault of the public. Hidden away in the belfry, heard but seldom seen, the ringer carries on his craft, perfectly content in his art, and indifferent to outside applause or interest. Indeed, there is sometimes a tendency to encourage an air of mystery, and we cannot therefore blame the public if they get some very ill-conceived ideas, not only as to what change ringing really is, but as to how it is done. Only last Saturday, in one of the leading London dailies, a writer describing the great scoring board at Lord's Cricket Ground, in anticipation of the Test match, explained its mechanism, which, it was stated, is operated by one man. 'But,' said the writer, in a graphic phrase, 'when a Carr, a Chapman or a Woolley gets going, and puts on twenty runs in an over, the operator has to jump about like a bell ringer engaged in a Grandsire Triple.' It would be interesting to know exactly what this writer imagines the actual practice of bell ringing involves. Presumably he thinks there is one ringer to eight bells, who jumps about the belfry pulling each rope in turn. Be that as it may, it is an admirable example of how little outsiders know of our craft.

We have often urged that greater opportunities should be made to educate the public in regard to the science of change ringing. We believe that a wider knowledge on the part of the public would give them a greater interest in the bell ringers' work. Not that it would ever remove the objections of that small minority who desire to see all church bells perpetually silenced, but it would enable people to realise that in ringing a peal, the men engaged are performing a feat which ranks for merit, both in its physical and mental application, far higher than many of the things for which others are acclaimed as popular heroes. To this end, therefore, we welcome the first talk on bells and bell ringing given last Saturday from the London Studio of the British Broadcasting Company, and illustrated by ringers at Bow Church. This talk was given mainly to young people, but their interest is of at least as great importance as that of older folk. Not only is it likely that imagination in them may be stirred, but one result of a series of these talks—and it is proposed that others shall follow—may be that young folks may come into the ranks of practical ringers. Even if it has no such ultimate effect, a better understanding of some mysteries and of the fascination that lie behind the art must lead to a greater appreciation of bell ringing. At the same time, the ringers themselves can do something by way of interesting the public, and one

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of the most important is to give them *good* ringing. Bad striking is a bad advertisement; good striking will win appreciation from listeners outside. A broadcast talk will educate the public, good ringing will retain their interest.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7
CHARLES W. R. GRINWOOD 3	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 9
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to I. Emery on his 55th birthday, the rest of the band wishing him most heartily 'Many happy returns.'

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLODWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

JAMES KNIGHT ... .. Treble	EDWIN B. SHAW ... .. 5
ALBERT CLEGG ... .. 2	SAMUEL STOTT ... .. 6
ABEL FIELDING ... .. 3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND ... 7
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 4	ISAAC SCHOFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE.

Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

Rung for the jubilee of the church and in commemoration of the first peal on the bells on June 14th, 1876.

OLVESTON, NEAR BRISTOL.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FRANCIS W. CANNINGS ... Treble	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... 5
JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 2	JESSE HALLET ... .. 6
FREDERICK C. RICH ... .. 3	CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 7
ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 4	HERBERT MERRETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

After the peal the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Walter H. Fisher, received the ringers, and the conductor thanked him for the use of the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5200 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. Treble	JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. 2	HORACE F. E. STOBES ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	EDWARD READER ... .. 7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 4	† JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First of Major. † 200th peal. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding day. Mr. Hibbins is from Cambridge, and Mr. Fidler from Norbury, Cheshire.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, June 21st, 1,312 Kent Treble Bob: \*A. Wiffen 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, G. Wiffen 3, B. Redgwell 4, C. H. Howard (conductor) 5, \*H. Reason 6, H. Redgwell 7, W. H. Hammond 8.  
\* First quarter-peal in the method.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Thursday, June 3rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the King's birthday: W. R. Curtis 1, L. Pullen 2, A. Webber 3, J. Garland 4, H. Baber 5, R. Middle 6, S. T. Withey (conductor) 7, A. Pearce 8. First touch by the local band of ringers.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.  
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.

*WILLIAM HURFORD ... .. Treble	EDWARD DARE ... .. 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 2	WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 6
SINCLAIR ADDICOTT ... .. 3	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 7
GEORGE COOKE ... .. 4	BRINLY ADDICOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

\* First peal. Rung as a wedding peal to the ringer of the tenor.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5
WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 6
HECTOR BIRD ... .. 3	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 7
HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 4	WALTER FARLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung on the thirty-second anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This is C. E. Perkins' 100th peal for this association.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

JOHN CARTER'S ONE-PART (No. 16). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 6
THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4	T. KELHAM DEACON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MADRICE SWINFIELD.

Rung to celebrate the Prince of Wales' thirty-second birthday.

RICKMANSWORTH.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOUSLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

†E. HOOKHAM ... .. Treble	*G. FOSTER ... .. 5
E. M. ATKINS ... .. 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN ... .. 6
T. STEPHENSON ... .. 3	*W. F. ELLIOTT ... .. 7
H. W. KIRTON ... .. 4	J. B. MARKS ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late Sir A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. \* First peal in the method. † First peal. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells. All except the conductor are members of the local band.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8050 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. Treble	†THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 2	JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 6
†DANIEL COOPER... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Mr. G. H. Daynes has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. \* First peal of Cambridge Major away from the treble. † First peal of Cambridge Major. ‡ Seventy-fifth peal.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.—For Sunday evening service at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. James Cooper, sen., 1, James Cooper, jun., 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimore 4, R. Darvill (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8000 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

MAURICE NORTHOVER... .. Treble	HENRY F. EWINS ... .. 5
ARTHUR BASHFORD ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BOLL ... .. 6
ALBERT J. ERREY... .. 3	GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 7
JAMES BATTERS ... .. 4	HENRY A. HOAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. Canon F. C. Davies, M.A., O.B.E., upon his having completed twenty-five years as Vicar of Reigate. On a corresponding Saturday, twenty-five years ago, Holt's Original was rung to welcome Canon Davies to the parish, Messrs. Ewins and G. F. Hoad (conductor) taking part.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... Treble	THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... .. 2	ROBERT LAUGHTON ... .. 6
GEORGE KIMBALL ... .. 3	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7
JOHN C. POLLARD ... .. 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT.

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

\* First peal in the method.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED A. LEESON ... .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
SAM TAYLOR... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD... .. 7
MRS. VIC. A. JARRETT R.E. 4	GEORGE GILBERT... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT

First peal in the method by all, and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of Mr. Dobbie, Mr. W. Spice, sen., very kindly stood out to allow Mr. Jarrett to ring.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 6
HARRY OVERTON... .. 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 4	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR PARSONS... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. CUSSE ... .. 5
WILFRED G. COOK ... .. 2	H. CHARLES BOND ... .. 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 3	JOHN HOPE... .. 7
GEORGE J. WINTER ... .. 4	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Gwendoline M. Bond (daughter of Mr. H. C. Bond) to Mr. Alfred H. New, which took place at the Parish Church earlier in the day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. BORNETT ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM HAWKINS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 4
*JOHN OWEN... .. 2	THOMAS CLARK ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORE... .. 3	WILLIAM WINDSOR ... Tenor

Conducted by T. CLARK.

\* First peal.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HYLTON F. H. TIDY... .. Treble	JAMES KNIGHT ... .. 4
*WILLIAM D. L. ASHDOWN 2	CHARLES W. CLINCH ... 5
PERCIVAL C. TIDY ... .. 3	LEONARD A. TIDY... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

\* First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the weddings of the ringers of the 4th and Tenor.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETERING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Being seven 720's in eight methods, viz.: Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

HARRY BAXTER ... .. Treble	MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... 4
MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD ... 2	MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 5
WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Miss KITTY MOORE.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on her twenty-first birthday. This is believed to be the first peal in eight Minor methods conducted by a lady, and was her first peal as conductor.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**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 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

WALLACE COUSINS ... .. Treble	JAMES H. RAPER... .. 4
EDWARD BARKER... .. 2	CLAUDE COUSINS... .. 5
ARTHUR WIGMORE ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. PRICE.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is returning to U.S.A. He wishes to thank all those who have made his holiday a success.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 24, 1926, in Two Hours & Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings.

*J. LEADBEATER ... .. Treble	†W. J. CHESTER ... .. 4
*T. HEATH ... .. 2	J. W. SHARP ... .. 5
*C. HINTON ... .. 3	*C. LAKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. WILFRED SHARP.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method on a working bell.

CASTOR, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNNEBURGH,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12 cwt. in G. (approx.)

*GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... Treble	WILLIAM TILLEY ... .. 4
MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 2	†HARRY GIBBARD... .. 5
WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 3	HORACE M. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

\* First peal. † First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2, also in honour of the coming of age of Miss K. Moore, of Weekley, a member of the above Guild.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
In seven different 720's Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

WILLIAM DENMAN, JUN. ... Treble	THOMAS ADAMS ... .. 4
KEITH HART ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
HARRY TORRELL ... .. 3	RICHARD STREDWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*RICHARD THOMAS ... .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... 4
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5
*DAVID HORNE ... .. 3	*GEORGE JORDAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal on Surprise on the bells, and first of Surprise Minor for the Guild.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Seven 720's; Tenor 12 cwt.

*T. BOND ... .. Treble	*W. MUSK ... .. 4
D. WHITING ... .. 2	D. LOCKWOOD ... .. 5
*A. BRUNNING ... .. 3	W. STEGGALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

\* First peal of Minor. Messrs. Bond and Musk were elected members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1010 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

*HARRY WALTERS ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM DRAKE ... .. 4
*GEORGE WILSON ... .. 2	THOMAS STIMPSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM SWAIN ... .. 3	HERBERT FRETWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS STIMPSON.

\* First peal.

WYMESWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one different callings of A. J. Pitman's Arrangement.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN A. PAYNE ... ..	Treble	† T. HARRY LEWIN ... ..	4
ERNEST F. PAYNE ... ..	2	GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... ..	5
ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ... ..	3	WALTER WRIGHT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. H. MANSFIELD.

\* First peal, and elected a member before starting. † First peal on a bob bell. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for use of bells and his kind hospitality after the peal.

BATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LARE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob.

CHARLES E. WEBB ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... ..	4
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... ..	2	THOMAS J. CLEMENTS ... ..	5
THOMAS B. NEWTON ... ..	3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Jennings.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Woodbine, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

HARRY W. HOWARD ... ..	Treble	THOMAS W. ARROWSMITH ... ..	4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... ..	2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... ..	5
HARRY PARKER ... ..	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal on the bells. First peal in five methods by all except the ringer of third.

5,040 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB

ROYAL (SPICED).

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Start Kent

234567890

— 426385079

— 642385079

— 264385079

— 428603957

— 248603957 —

Change to Oxford at this lead-end, when the treble comes into 1-2 and calling a bob, the lead-end being the second of 63452.

63452 M W H

54362 2 2

45263 2 2

53264 1 2

42365 1 1

35624 1 1 2

Change into Kent at the 3rd lead-end after 35624, when the treble comes into 1-2, and calling a bob, the lead-end being the second of 35426.

35426 M W H

54326 2

42635 1 2

24536 2

25346 1 2

23456 1 2

The above, containing 2,520 changes in each method, was rung at Beddington, June 9th, 1926, in 3 hours 7 minutes, conducted by Charles H. Kippin. It is the first peal of Spiced Royal rung on this plan.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

HOW TO OBTAIN THE STRIKE PERIOD ISSUES

As one of the effects of the strike in the newspaper distributing trade, many of our readers appear not to have received their copies of 'The Ringing World.'

For their information we would say that the only week for which there was no issue of the paper was May 7th. The issues of May 14th and 21st were published as usual, and should be obtainable through the newsagents.

Ringers who have not yet received 'The Ringing World' for these dates should send 3d. per copy to the EDITORIAL OFFICE, 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING, when the paper will be dispatched to them, post free.

Those who are unable to obtain 'The Ringing World' regularly and promptly through a newsagent can have it sent direct from our Woking Office for 4/- per quarter (including postage), prepaid.

FIRST BROADCAST LECTURE ON BELLS.

The interesting broadcast talk on bells and bell-ringing last Saturday brought the subject before a far larger audience than ever before had listened at one time to a lecture on this matter. From the London studio of the B.B.C. Mr. W. Roughton, of the College Youths, talked in a homely manner to young folks about the way in which bells were cast and rung, and his remarks were illustrated by examples of ringing at Bow Church, Cheapside, carried out under the direction of Mr. Herbert Langdon. The 'tapping,' chiming and ringing of bells were all illustrated. The co-operation between studio and belfry was perfectly arranged, and those who listened had a lucid, practical exposition of the subject, which took them as far as the ringing of bells in rounds.

Later there is to be another talk on change-ringing, and if in the meantime ringers find strangers making their way to the belfry and wanting to be shown the bell chamber and the bells in motion, they will know it is the result of Mr. Roughton's talk over the wireless, for he concluded with the suggestion that those who were interested should get in touch with their local church and find out about the ringers and their work.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the northern branch was held at the beautiful village of Kinver on Saturday, June 19th. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Cooper Slipper). Mr. W. Basterfield presided at the organ.

The business meeting which followed was held in the schools, the Rev. T. A. Cooper Slipper presiding. He was supported by Messrs. A. Hackett (ringing master of the branch), R. Matthews (ringing master of the association), A. E. Parsons, W. Short, T. J. Salter and A. J. Skelding (secretary of the branch).

Several new members were enrolled, and it was decided to hold the next meeting on the third Saturday in September at Wolverley.

Mr. T. J. Salter moved that a very hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Vicar of Kinver for arranging the service and presiding at the meeting, and also to Mr. Basterfield.

The following towers were well represented: Selly Oak, Smethwick, Rowley Regis, Netherton, Old Hill, Cradley, Harborne, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Wollaston, Lye, Stourbridge, Clent, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, and Kinver.

A DATE TOUCH.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, on Sunday, June 13th, a date touch of 1,926 changes of Minor was rung, consisting of 30 Original, 96 Violet, 360 London Scholars' Pleasure, 720 Duke of York, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Bramham 1, G. Lord 2, J. W. Champion 3, W. Ashworth 4, A. Panther (conductor) 5, A. Gill 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Panther.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Iltyd's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,318 changes) in 50 mins.: W. James 1, R. Evans 2, A. C. Jones 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, H. Wright 8.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 27 mins.: C. Ferriman 1, Miss M. M. Webb 2, H. Hovard 3, F. Anson 4, A. Hill (conductor) 5, F. Hill 6.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—For morning service, on Whit-Sunday, 720 Bob Minor: G. Bisset 1, Wm. Young 2, P. Brown 3, W. Young 4, J. Fear 5, T. Clark (conductor) 6.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## ELIJAH ROBERTS—THE GREATEST OF ALL PEAL TAPPERS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLOPE.

Elijah Roberts was born in Birmingham on May 23rd, 1807, when Thurston was eighteen years old. He began to take an interest in ringing at the early age of twelve, and became a skilled ringer, composer and conductor. His first peal was at Aston in 1821, one of Grandsire Triples, when he rang the second. This peal was conducted by Thomas Day, and was his first peal also. Day was afterwards one of the leading men in Birmingham, and a composer of much more than average ability. He is best known to-day as a composer of Treble Bob. His 16,608 was for long considered the extent possible in the method. It has been twice rung, first in the Kent variation at Mottram, conducted by Samuel Wood, and later in the Oxford variation at Debenham, conducted by James Motts.

In all, Roberts rang over a hundred tower bell peals, and we must always remember that fifty years ago a hundred peals took as much getting as five times that number to-day. I make this statement as to the number of Roberts' peals on the authority of Henry Johnson, who, of course, knew him intimately, but Jasper Snowdon was very sceptical on the point, and did not believe he had rung anything like that number. Among his peals were the following: February 1st, 1832, 5,104 Treble Bob Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, the first in the method; Sept. 23rd, 1833, 6,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, which he composed and conducted from the seventh; and July 6th, 1834, 6,282 Grandsire Caters at Aston, which he composed and conducted from the ninth. He seems to have started tapping changes from the very first, and his first peal in this way was in 1824, when he was sixteen years old. It consisted of a plain course of each of the following: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob Triples; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Caters; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal; Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob Cinques; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Maximus; and a plain course of Treble Bob Sixteen-in; the whole consisting of 5,186 changes in 3 hours and 27 minutes. This was and still remains a marvellous performance. Only ten years before, Thurston's three courses of Bob Major in 14 minutes had been hailed as 'the greatest performance in the art in the British Dominions.' What a difference between the two performances! I should imagine that even the tapping of a peal of London Surprise Major does not compare with this.

Three years later he tapped 5,040 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 3 hours and 40 minutes, and on April 9th 7,536 in the same method in 4 hours and 51 minutes. This was longer than any peal at that time rung in the method; but, of course, such comparisons have no value at all.

In 1833 he was living at the Union Tavern, Jamaica Row, Birmingham, and on June 30th in that year he performed a memorable feat. This was a peal of 5,016 Stedman Cinques, composed by himself and conducted by Henry Cooper. Roberts and Cooper were in a room by themselves, and in the adjoining room was a large num-

ber of ringers, who heard the peal from start to finish. Henry Johnson was one of these, and his testimony alone is sufficient to prove the truth of the performance.

In 1835 he left Birmingham, and afterwards went to Liverpool, where he was landlord of the Derby Arms, and there he accomplished two performances, which completely put in the shade everything that he had previously done himself, and everything that has since been done in tapping. The first, on March 23rd, 1837, was a completed peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 19,440 changes, which took 13 hours and 43 minutes, and a fortnight later 6,720 Kent Treble Bob Sixteen-in in 6 hours, 28 minutes. This last was not a complete peal. He started for 33,600 changes (think of it!) but after six courses he probably found the strain too great, and stopped at the part end.

Here is a letter written by himself, in which he describes his tapping performances:—

'The 19,440 of the Treble Bob Maximus I rung in Liverpool on the 23rd of March, 1837. I commenced at 19 minutes before Four in the morning and finished at 24 minutes past Five in the afternoon. I am sorry that no amateur heard it. The neighbours said they thought I should never give in, for they heard the bells ringing hours before they got up and almost until bed time again. The peal of Treble Bob on 16 bells, if you can call it one (for the bells did not come round) I rung about a fortnight after the 19,440 in Liverpool, and is called exactly the same as the first six courses of the 19,000, and consisted of 6,720 changes, the course end where I stopt being 1 4 5 6 2 3 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16. I was 6 hours and 28 minutes doing it. Now, my ambition was to have rung all the 30 courses, which would be 33,600 changes, and at the same rate I should have been five times 6 hours and 28 minutes, or 32 hours and 20 minutes, so I abandoned the idea; but I have rung every change by one course at a time. As you request me to send you all the particulars, I have rung the greatest number of Treble Bob Maximus and Treble Bob Cinques in the world. There has only been one peal of Treble Bob Cinques rung, and that was at St. Martin's, Birmingham. You and I assisted in it. The peal of Treble Bob Cinques I rang contained 6,424 changes, and is the same peal as the 7,536 of Treble Bob Maximus. I was 3 hours and 48 minutes. The first peal I rung on the handbells was about 20 years ago, for I don't know the precise date, but it was published in one of the Birmingham newspapers. The number of changes was between 5 and 6 thousand, and was composed of nothing but Plain courses, viz., Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Treble Bob Triples, Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters, Treble Bob Caters, Grandsire Royal, Plain Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Cinques, Treble Bob Cinques, Grandsire Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Maximus. Also one, and the last course was Treble Bob Sixteen, for I don't know what other name to give it. Now, this may not be considered of much note, but I assure you that to ring three different methods and on different number of bells; and as soon as one plain course is rung and the bells come round to strike immediately into another from 8 bells into 16 is no joke.'

We can well believe his last statement. You will notice that, writing from memory, he omits to mention the course of Major he rang, and also the Stedman on all the odd numbers.

**CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

The annual meeting was held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, when members attended from Tadcaster, Darlington (St. John's), Middlesbrough, Wath, Stockton-on-Tees, Saltburn, and the local company. Service was arranged for noon, but had to be put off as no ringers could get there in time on account of the railway strike having interfered with the train service. Lunch at Twiddle's Cafe was presided over by the Rev. Canon Brown, Vicar of Northallerton, in the absence of the president (the Rev. A. Simpson), who was under the doctor at that time.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. C. Pollard, and after the loyal toast had been honoured a letter was read from the president, tendering his resignation on account of his being unable to attend the meetings regularly. It was, however, decided to ask Mr. Simpson to carry on for another year.

The secretary's report and balance-sheet were read and approved.

The motion, of which the president had given notice, to alter the date of the annual meeting to September instead of Whit-Monday, was proceeded with.

The Sunday service sheets sent in were very creditable, and the officers hope that there will be more sheets sent in at the end of another year. Saltburn-by-the-Sea took first place, and Skelton-in-Cleveland, where there is a very promising young band, were second. Several new members were elected.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, and votes of thanks passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the use of the bells, also to the retiring officers for their services during the past year. The following towers were selected for meetings during the year:—September 4th, Carlton-in-Cleveland; Easter Monday, 1927, Stockton-on-Tees; annual meeting, 1927, Thirsk.

**CHORLEY'S SWAYING TOWER.**

Owing to the considerable movement of the tower there has been little ringing done since the war on the bells of St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, Chorley, Lancs, but on Sunday, June 20th, the bells were rung on the occasion of the R.C. Sunday School's procession. Touches of Grandsire and 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung, the following taking part: A. Blogg, H. Lucas, E. Coxhead, W. Blackledge, J. Watkinson, J. H. Gartside, F. Rigby, W. Sharples and G. Hewitt.

The bells are a good toned peal by Warner, with tenor over 18 cwt. in E, and it is hoped that they may be shortly re-hung at a lower level in the tower, and thus render the latter safer when ringing takes place.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS VISIT  
BEDFORDSHIRE TOWERS.**

On Saturday, June 5th, the Irtlingborough ringers, their wives and friends, had their annual outing. A start was made about 7 a.m. by charabanc, and after calling at Finedon, Wellingborough, and Wollaston for other ringing friends, the party settled down very comfortably for the run to Woburn, where they arrived about 9.5, and were met by Mr. Cyril Herbert. Some of the visitors soon had the delightful peal of eight going to various methods, while others inspected the beautiful church and strolled through the park to see the rhododendrons, now in all their beauty. After spending an hour and a half in this pleasant spot, the bells being kept going the whole of the time, another move was made to Dunstable, and here they were welcomed by Mr. A. E. Sharman, and finding another fine eight they soon had them raised. Some of the party were rather 'windy' about climbing the ladder to the ringing chamber, although some of the ladies bravely did so. Another way, however, being found, most of the ringing members eventually found their way up to have a pull, and touches in several methods were successfully brought round. The journey was then continued to Luton, the headquarters for the afternoon. They received a hearty welcome from Mr. A. King, and after an excellent dinner went to the beautiful Parish Church, and had the pleasure of hearing a short recital on the magnificent organ. Three pieces were played—a 'Prelude and fugue,' a 'Pastorale,' and the ever-welcome 'Hallelujah Chorus'—a treat which was heartily appreciated. Then the bells were set going to various methods for about an hour and a half, after which there was an adjournment for tea. A course of Grandsire Caters and selections were then rung on the handbells, to the great delight of the company present, and the return journey was commenced about 7 p.m. The methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise. There was some very good ringing; in fact, both at Woburn and Dunstable every touch and course attempted was successfully brought round, and at Luton only two attempts came to grief, one of these being due to a misunderstanding, a false start being made.

The best thanks of the party are due to the clergy of the three churches for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Cyril Herbert and Mr. A. E. Sharman, and last, but not least, to Mr. A. King for his kindness in making the necessary catering arrangements, also for his arranging with the organist for the musical treat which was so thoroughly enjoyed.

**STAPLEHURST, KENT.**—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: B. Thirkell 1, H. Baker 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, T. Pope 4, L. Honess (Wingham) 5, J. Head 6, B. Baker 7, T. E. Sone (conductor) 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Frederick W. Thornton, of Greenwich, writes: 'The first "Frederick" peal was one of Stedman Triples, rung for the Middlesex County Association at the Church of All Saints, Poplar, London, E., on Saturday, October 17th, 1903.' This was conducted by Mr. Thornton. The claim for the Rolvenden peal has been withdrawn.

In our last issue we recorded a 720 London Surprise Minor rung at Bures, Suffolk, as the first in the method on the bells. An extent in this method was, however, rung here by the Leytonstone company during their annual outing on June 24th, 1922.

The late Canon Simpson's widow has been much interested in the Central Council's discussion on Simpson tuning and a pamphlet issued by the honorary secretary on 'Hell Tones.'

The first peal on the ten bells at All Saints', Poplar, which have this year been re-cast and re-hung, was rung on July 3rd, 1923, in celebration of the consecration of the church.

The anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original is on Wednesday next. It was on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, that John Holt himself called the peal from manuscript at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.

James Barham's last peal was rung at Leeds, Kent, on July 8th, 1817. He was then ninety-one years of age. In course of time this record may go, for while there's life there's hope for that other James—he of England.

The friends of Mr. Bernard W. Witchell, of 58, New Street, Erdington, will be sorry to hear that he is now in the General Hospital, Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham, to undergo an internal operation.

By a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at West Grinstead, on Saturday, Messrs. F. Bennett and Keith Hart completed the Cambridge circuit, having now rung peals in this method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Apparently bell-ringing is not Mr. James George's only forte. A garden party is held annually at 'St. Helena,' Gravely Hill, Erdington, the residence of Councillor R. R. Gelling, in connection with Bishop Ryder's church, Birmingham. Both in 1924 and 1925 Mr. J. George won a first prize. On Wednesday in last week he won two first prizes—one for 'ping-pong,' the other for 'quoits.' In 1911 he knocked out sixty-three players, and won the record prize in the bowling alley at the Rugby Conservative Club.

## A JUBILEE PEAL.

In connection with the jubilee of St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on June 19th, as recorded elsewhere. It was also the jubilee of the first peal on the bells, which was rung on June 14th, 1876. This was John Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, and the ringers were: Joseph Wilkinson (conductor) treble, James Platt 2nd, John Whittaker 3rd, William Kenworthy 4th, William Ashworth 5th, George Ashworth 6th, Samuel Woodcock 7th, and Abraham Weeder tenor.

## TINY PARISH APPEALS FOR BELL FUND.

The Vicar and churchwardens of All Saints' Church, Tilsforth, Leighton Buzzard, a small parish of about 140 inhabitants, comprising four farms and the Vicarage, which has been let for years to Col. Fenwick (the Vicar having charge of two parishes, Stanbridge and Tilsforth), have issued the following appeal for the Bell Fund:—

The belfry of this ancient church is in a complete state of decay. The bells, a peal of five, all cast in 1776 by Emerton, of Wootton (Beds), are cracked and out of tune and need re-casting. The oak frame supporting the bells, probably of pre-Reformation date, will have to be entirely renewed.

Before these repairs can be effected and the bells once again peal over the countryside, £350 will have to be raised. The parish, a poor one, while doing all in its power to contribute itself, is compelled to appeal for help outside, and invites your kind sympathy and support.

W. ST. JOHN LINDARS, Vicar.

MARTYN FENWICK, / Churchwardens.  
WILLIAM BUNKER, /

## ISLEWORTH BELLS FUND.

In connection with the scheme initiated by the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for augmenting the ring of eight at Isleworth to a peal of ten, special collections were made on Sunday week. Three quarter-peals were rung for the services—the first time this has been done at Isleworth.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service: E. V. Beadle 1, W. H. Hollier 2, T. Beadle 3, A. Harding 4, E. F. Cole 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, A. Sheard 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. H. Hollier 1, J. A. Trollope 2, W. H. Wood 3, H. Bungay 4, R. Thompson 5, A. Harding 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.—After evening service, 1,378 Bob Major: T. Beadle 1, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 2, W. H. Wood 3, H. Bungay 4, R. Thompson 5, W. H. Hollier 6, A. Harding 7, J. R. Mackman 8.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 394.)

### RINGERS ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

The Rev. H. Law Jones moved the following resolution:—For as much as the church towers of England contain a large number of valuable old bells, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers requests the Diocesan Advisory Committees of the various dioceses to co-opt some members having knowledge of the archaeology, tuning and proper hanging of bells, to form a special sub-committee to advise them, when necessary, on all questions relating to the tuning, recasting or re-hanging of bells, in order that bells may not needlessly be re-cast, and that re-hanging shall be carried out in a proper manner.

He said they would remember some years ago the Council passed a resolution somewhat similar to this, and, as far as he knew, very little came of it. In his own diocese the Dean pointed out to him the reason why the original proposal was fruitless. It was that advisory committees could hardly put a change ringer on their own body as a permanent member, because the committee had to deal with all sorts of things besides bells, and the ringer might be totally incompetent to deal with anything else.

Mr. Rupert Richardson seconded.

The Rev. H. Drake said he thought they would all be agreed about this. He would like to say the reason why he held up his hand against the amendment which the Council had just carried (relating to Simpson tuning) was that they as a Council were in the habit of making out they could not do things they ought to do and which they had a duty to do. He did not think they should have passed a resolution in the words adopted. Their work as a Council of ringers for the whole of England was to lay down certain lines on which other people could act. They could not expect advisory committees to know anything about the technical uses of bells, or to know much about the periods when, from an historic point of view bells became worthless. These were matters on which the Council should lay down lines; there was no one else could do it if they didn't. He thought the Council should go on and lay down lines as to when they thought bells were so old that they ought not to be broken up, and also lay down lines on which bells should be hung so that they were no nuisance to ringers or, what was more important, to the people outside the tower.

Mr. C. H. Howard said he was acting on the Advisory Committee in the Chelmsford Diocese, and had been able to do some useful work. At first he was received by some with suspicion, but he found they were now only too ready to co-operate and to listen to any suggestions that came from a society of change ringers. His committee had been exceedingly kind, and had listened to his suggestions, and he believed they had now scrapped the idea of a professional man coming down to the tower to inspect the bells; instead they asked him to do it for them. Mr. Howard spoke of the danger of 'clocking' bells, and suggested the Council should do all they could to get rural Deans to find out from all incumbents whether this practice was allowed. A lot of beautiful old bells had been destroyed by 'clocking.'

Mr. C. Mee said this had been done in Suffolk.

Mr. F. Wilford said in the Peterborough diocese the authorities at first were a little shy of taking anyone who was a ringer on the committee, but, as with their friends in Essex, these little difficulties were soon got over, and the committee were now very thankful for the information which some of the ringers could give them.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said it was not always necessary that an advisory committee should co-opt someone who had a knowledge of bells, if they had someone to refer to. In the Oxford Diocese he was not on the Advisory Committee, but he was now referred to in every single case; if a tower contemplated having anything done, he was sent for and reported. On the question of bell-tuning, he did not consider he was learned in the subject, but he did know something about it; he knew, in fact, how little he did know, and he always left the point open for the people of the church concerned. His reports came before the Advisory Committee and were considered, and the chairman had told him that he was in a far stronger position than if he were on the committee.

The President pointed out that the matter was before the Council last year, when a letter was sent to the secretary of every diocesan conference, calling attention to the fact that it was absolutely necessary that someone acquainted with ringing and ringing matters should be placed on the Advisory Committee, pointing out that in several dioceses that had been done, and asking that it might be done in all. There was no harm in hammering at the matter again.

The motion was put and carried nem. con.

### RAILWAY TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

The following motion was proposed by Mr. E. Guise: That the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association earnestly requests the Central Council to continue to press the Railway Clearing Board for cheaper travelling facilities to be granted to ringers. He said, when the association took the matter up last year with the local superintendent at Bristol they were able to convince him that cheaper travelling facilities for ringers were as essential as they were for golfers. They pointed out to him that it was difficult to get a party of twelve ringers from one station when, perhaps, there were only five or six, or even eight bells, in the town or village. He clearly saw their point of view, and promised to lend them all his help.

Mr. E. Bishop, who seconded, said the matter was one of vital interest to ringers, and it would be very much appreciated if they could get the concession. They would have to go cautiously to work, and what they wanted was someone with influence in the railway world to be interested in it, so that he could put their views before the Railway Clearing House. It had been suggested that a committee should be appointed to consider the matter and bring it forward at an opportune time. The present was, perhaps, not an opportune time, but they ought to be ready to put the scheme forward at the right moment.

The President said that this matter had been brought forward again and again. Many years ago a deputation went to the Clearing House and they were turned down. The question had been brought up again since, but with no better result. He was perfectly certain of this, they must get into touch with one of the magnates of the railway world if anything was to be done. As Mr. Bishop lived at Swindon he was probably acquainted with someone connected with the railway whom he could 'sound' on the matter.

The Hon. Secretary said that last year he had an interview with a prominent railway official, and they discussed some of the difficulties, one of which was the question of identifying the bona-fide ringer going out for practice or peal-ringing. The companies wanted to see that they were not being cheated, but he thought they could get over that difficulty by the production of identity cards. The official whom he saw thought the companies would be inclined to consider the matter again if the difficulties that presented themselves could be overcome, and that they might raise the matter again in, say, twelve months' time. He presumed it would be the Council's wish that he (the secretary) should take the matter up again?

Mr. James George said he did not think the Council were going the right way to work. If they saw or communicated with the general managers they would do better.

Mr. T. E. Beams said thirty years ago this privilege used to be granted on the South Coast Railway. The members had to produce a printed voucher issued by the secretaries, filled in with the ringer's own name. This had to be presented at the booking-office. The Council were only trying to revive what was once a custom on some railways.

Mr. H. E. Pyle said on the Great Eastern Railway they used to have to produce the previous year's subscription receipt to prove membership.

It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the president and hon. secretary to take whatever action might be necessary.

### 'BELLRINGERS' SUNDAY' IMPRACTICABLE.

Mr. T. E. Taffender proposed 'That the Council consider the question of the institution of a "Bellringers' Sunday" by means of an annual service throughout the country, or otherwise, and make recommendations.' This matter had, he said, been given to him by the London County Association to bring forward, in the hope that the Council might be able to draw up a scheme that could be made universal. He was aware that most associations had services at their annual or branch meetings, but the idea behind the resolution was to have services throughout the country on the same Sunday, such as was the case in regard to Hospital Sunday and Territorial Sunday. If such a day could be fixed, ringers would make it their duty to attend in a body, and, if possible, get a ringing parson to give the address.

Mr. A. D. Barker, who seconded, said he believed the proposal originated from a suggestion made by the Vicar of St. Clement Danes.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said when he saw the motion on the agenda it almost gave him a little shiver. He did not suppose the lay members of the Council, including the proposer and seconder, had any idea of the way in which the poor parson was requested to have a Sunday for this, a Sunday for that, and a Sunday for the other thing. If they were to take them all up, he doubted if there would be a Sunday left. He rather gathered from what the proposer said, however, that what was in his mind was to have a big service in one big place in each diocese. That, of course, would be quite another thing, but if they had a Sunday for the purpose all over England, where were they going to get their ringing parsons as preachers? A service in some great central place was one thing; a universal Sunday throughout the country was another, and he could not say that he was heart and soul with the proposer.

Mr. T. H. Beams said there were great difficulties in the way of having services throughout England on one Sunday; it could be worked better if it could be a recommendation that every Guild should have a service on one Sunday in the year. That was a more practical proposition and might be possible. Each Guild could arrange such a service or series of services. They might have a central service, as Mr. Davies suggested, but individual services, he thought, were impossible, even in a diocesan manner.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said in many parishes in the North there was already a 'Ringers' Sunday,' when the collection was given to the Ringers' Fund, and special mention was made in the sermons of their services, and very often a ringing parson was got to preach to the ordinary congregation. He thought, therefore, it would be better worked as a matter for each parish than centrally.

(To be continued.)

### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. MEMORIAL SERVICE AT SHOREDITCH.

The coal strike cast its reflection on the attendance at this service on Saturday, inasmuch as the absence of cheap excursions from the provinces, and an irregular train service, prevented many who had intended being present from making the journey. Nevertheless, a good congregation was present, including a fair number of parishioners who take more than a little interest in their fine peal of bells. From 2.30 till the time of the service, Stedman Cinques pealed forth from the tower, previous to which many of the ringers had had a pull on the famed peal at Bethnal Green.

The service opened with the hymn, 'Soldiers of Christ, arise,' followed by prayers and a lesson from Ecc. xlv. 1-15, read by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes'. During the singing of 'Ten thousand times ten thousand' the congregation, followed the choir and clergy into the porch under the tower, on the north wall of which the tablets have been placed, the war memorial (of white Sicilian marble on a green marble background) in the centre, and the marbetta peal tablet, recording a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques rung to the memory of Queen Alexandra and the victims of the submarine M1 disaster, on its right.

The congregation having taken up position as far as possible to obtain a view of the dedication, Mr. J. D. Matthews (master of the society) asked the Vicar of Shoreditch to accept the tablets from the society and dedicate them. The Rev. F. E. Bird, in a few well-chosen words, expressed his pleasure in complying with the request, and pulled aside the Union Jacks, exposing the tablets to the view of all.

The usual dedicatory prayers were said, followed by an interval of silence. Then came the impressive rendering of 'The Last Post' by buglers of the Boy Scouts, succeeded by the 'Reveille.'

The choir and congregation having returned to the church, 'O God, our Help in ages past,' was sung, and then the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, well known for his interest in ringing, gave a most appropriate and impressive address.

The concluding hymn, 'The saints of God,' and the Blessing were followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The memorial tablet is of exceptionally neat design, being headed by a bell. The wording is simple:

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.  
The Great War, 1914-1918.

Dell, C.  
Dewey, H. J.  
Lee, W. C.  
Stubbs, B. C.  
Warner, A.

R.I.P.

It is the work of Messrs. Hoare, of Shooter's Hill, and all present were exceedingly pleased with it. The peal tablet is black marbette with gold lettering.

Ringings took place at the various towers mentioned in the programmes, and in the evening a large company assembled at the Bedford Head, Maiden Lane, and spent a pleasant evening chatting over times gone and times to come.

### PRINCE OF WALES' MESSAGE TO M.C.A. CONGRATULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Belper, near Derby, on Saturday last, and good use was made during the afternoon of the new peal of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., all the Standard and several Surprise methods being rung, although the striking left much to be desired. A short service was held in this fine church, at which the Rev. W. Greenwood officiated, and at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Cooper, R.D.) gave an inspiring address.

A committee meeting was held in the Cadena Cafe, and was followed by a substantial meat tea, at which some fifty members from many places sat down. The general meeting followed, the president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., being in the chair. He was supported by Mrs. Chambers, the Revs. J. A. Cooper, R.D., and W. Greenwood, Mr. Salter, and the churchwarden.

The new members elected included 6 honorary, 2 life, and 15 ringing.

Mr. Pryce Taylor then gave a brief but interesting account of what transpired at the Central Council meeting at Ipswich on Whit-Tuesday.

The President announced that the new Rules had been printed and issued to each local honorary secretary for distribution. The committee had also granted the £10 10s. promised to Creswell, Derbyshire, towards their new tower and bells, now that the work is progressing favourably.

The Honorary Secretary read out the following letter he had received that morning from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.—The Private Secretary is desired by the Prince of Wales to ask Mr. Morris to convey to the members of the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers his sincere appreciation of their good wishes on the occasion of his birthday. His Royal Highness was interested to hear of the peal rung at St. Mary's Church, Coleorton, on Wednesday last.

Heartly votes of thanks to the clergy and local committee were proposed by W. E. White, seconded by J. H. Swinfield, thus bringing a successful and delightful meeting to a close.

### SALOP GUILD.

#### PROPOSED RE-ORGANISATION ON COUNTY BASIS.

A special meeting of the Salop Guild was held at St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, on June 24th. The Venerable Archdeacon Lambert, of the Salop Archdeaconry, presided, and others present were the Rev. Preb. C. R. Crowe (Coalbrookdale), Major E. R. Trevor Corbett, Mr. E. W. Rodenhurst, ringers from St. Chad's and other towers in the archdeaconry and county, and the Rev. F. Tennison (honorary secretary and treasurer).

The Chairman explained that the object of calling the meeting was to try and revive the activity of the Guild throughout the archdeaconry and county. It was, he said, most desirable that the work done by the Guild should receive every help, encouragement and support.

After carefully discussing the existing rules, it was suggested that the Guild in future should be known as the Salop Guild, leaving out the word 'archidiaconal,' especially to allow the Guild to extend over the whole of the county of Salop. It was also proposed that the Bishops of Hereford and Lichfield should remain patrons, and that the Venerable Archdeacon of Ludlow be a president.

A public meeting, at which all ringers will be welcome, will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, July 24th. The twelve bells will be available from 3 o'clock, and a service will be held in the church during the afternoon and evening.

A general meeting will be held in St. Chad's Vestry at 5.30, with the Venerable Archdeacon Lambert in the chair. It is desirable that all interested should try and attend—honorary, life and ordinary members.

The Secretary reported that St. Mary's spire was completely restored, also that efforts were being made to have the peal of ten rung for service on Sunday, June 27th. The ringing chamber had been thoroughly cleaned, whitened and painted out; the bells had been overhauled and bearings cleaned, etc.

After the meeting, the visitors met at St. Chad's for a real good practice on handbells. Salop ringers are asked to keep open Saturday, July 24th, and are invited to attend the meeting, further particulars of which will be advertised in 'The Ringing World' of July 16th and 23rd.

After a committee meeting of the Guild, the following touches were rung on handbells at St. Chad's Church: A course of Grandsire Caters, 209 Grandsire Triples, 168 Stedman Triples, 144 Kent and 144 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

### ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY. CATHEDRAL BELLS DENIED TO MEMBERS.

Upwards of eighty members and friends attended the annual meeting, held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 19th, in beautiful weather. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening. Unfortunately, the Cathedral bells were not available. Tea was provided at Lloyd's restaurant, after which the general meeting was held, when Mr. J. Perry was voted to the chair.

The report and balance-sheet were read and accepted, the latter showing a satisfactory balance on the right side.

The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected except the ringing master, to which position Mr. C. Wallater was unanimously elected. The following places were selected for the forthcoming meetings:—September, Pensnett; January, Darlaston; April, Bloxwich; June (annual), Lichfield. The suggestion to arrange cycle runs to out-of-the-way places was not supported. The usual vote of thanks terminated the meeting.

The committee's report was as follows: Since the last annual gathering at Lichfield, meetings have been held at Kingswinford, Wednesbury, and Stafford, and they have all been well attended. We are sorry to meet again at Lichfield under the cloud of being forbidden to ring the Cathedral bells. We gratefully acknowledge the kind welcome we receive wherever we go in the archdeaconry, and regret that the one exception should be the mother church of the diocese. A ring of eight bells has been installed at Pensnett, and they have a promising band of young ringers, whom we hope very soon to welcome into the society. The number of peals rung during the year was twenty-seven, the same as last year. A peal of Stedman Triples should have been included in last year's list, which unfortunately was overlooked, but is counted in with the following:—Grandsire Doubles, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 14; Stedman Cinques, 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Maximus, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; total 28.

Who is the oldest member of our Society? According to the books there are three who have been members since the first day of the society, June 30th, 1885, namely, F. J. Cope and J. Key, of Lichfield, and Reuben Hall (unattached). It is interesting to note that on that same day Roland Cartwright, Wm. Rock Small and Tom Horton also joined. For aggregate years of membership, Tamworth comes easily first. Their six senior members have an average of more than 38 years' service, namely, 40, 39, 39, 38, 37, 36, followed by two more who have been members for 31 and 29 years respectively. The sum of £2 12s. was collected from various towers and sent to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. We regret to record the loss, through death, of Thomas Taylor, of All Saints', West Bromwich, and Frederick Clayton, of Coleshill (life member). R.I.P.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DISTRICT AT FINCHINGFIELD.**

One of the most successful meetings of the northern district was held on Saturday last at Finchingfield, under ideal conditions. The weather was perfect, and the village is one of the prettiest in Essex. Built upon the slope of a hill, it is crowned by the magnificent old Parish Church, with its massive tower and Norman doorway dating from 1170, its fine screens (that at the chancel dated fifteenth century, and at the south-east aisle of the fourteenth century) and its ancient font of 1376.

There was an attendance of about forty ringers, representing the following parishes, viz.: Assington, Bardfield, Braintree, Dunmow, Earl's Colne, Feering, Felstead, Finchingfield, Greenstead Green, Great Henny, Rayne, Sudbury, Springfield, Sible Hedingham, Stebbing, Wethersfield, Yeldham, and the visitors received a very hearty welcome from the Vicar and Mrs. Jordan.

The usual Ringers' Office was said in the church by the Vicar, and a most instructive and interesting address given by Mr. A. W. Ruggles Brise, of Spain's Hall, Finchingfield, upon the history of bells and their uses. He also gave the ringers a very hearty welcome to the parish.

After the service the ringers (amongst whom was Miss Wicks, of Wethersfield) sat down to tea generously provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Jordan. The usual business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. F. Claydon, district master, supported by the Vicar, Mr. C. H. Howard, master of the association, Mr. W. Keeble, Mr. D. Elliott, and the district secretary.

The Secretary thanked the meeting for their kind message of sympathy with him in his illness which was passed at the Kelvedon meeting.

Two members (including Miss Wicks) and three probationary members were elected.

The next meeting is to be held at Great Yeldham, subject to the approval of the authorities.

A vote of thanks was passed, upon the proposition of Mr. C. H. Howard, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and holding the service, to the organist for his assistance, to Mr. A. W. Ruggles Brise for his instructive address, to the Vicar and Mrs. Jordan for providing the tea, and to the other ladies who assisted. The Vicar replied that it had been a great pleasure to him to have the meeting at Finchingfield.

At the invitation of the Vicar the company adjourned to inspect and admire the beautiful Vicarage garden, where some well struck touches of Grandsire Caters were rung upon the handbells.

Gradually most of the ringers drifted back to the tower, where touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise. Some of the ringers upon their way home rang at Great Bardfield and Wethersfield.

**TWENTY-ONE TOWERS REPRESENTED AT DISTRICT MEETING.**

On Saturday last the members of the north-eastern division of the Essex Association held a very successful meeting at Ardeigh. A service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Grubbe. Afterwards, by the kind invitation of Mr. R. W. Neuth, fifty-three members sat down to tea in the Neuth Hall. A short business meeting followed, at which four new members were elected. The Harwich company entertained the party with some fine tune ringing on their musical handbells.

The Rev. Gledhill, of Kirby, invited a company to his church for the opening of the new ring of eight bells on Sunday, July 25th, which offer was readily accepted.

It was resolved that the mid-September meeting be held at Langham. It was also proposed that an effort be made to get a joint meeting with the Suffolk Association on that date.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Neuth for his kindness, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his services. No fewer than twenty-one towers were represented at the meeting.

**LADIES' GUILD.**

The seventh annual meeting of the southern district was held at Worpleston on Saturday, June 19th. Various methods were rung during the afternoon, but unfortunately the service had to be postponed owing to the indisposition of the Rector. The members, however, enjoyed a welcome tea in the delightful grounds of the Rectory.

Mrs. Bruce was voted to the chair for the business meeting. Miss Hazell and Miss Futler, of Bucklebury, and Miss Evelyn Brown, of Worpleston, were elected ringing members, and Mrs. J. J. Jones, of Guildford, a life member.

The secretary was asked to continue in office, and the committee was elected as follows: Miss B. Mills, Mrs. Whittington, Miss Avenell and Mrs. Melville.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and Mrs. Bruce for their generous hospitality. The belfry was again visited, and bells kept going until 9 o'clock.

**GREAT YARMOUTH.**—On Wednesday, June 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A King 1, W. Harwood 2, W. Arnett 3, D. Hayward 4, H. Wright 5, W. Lee 6, E. Kett (first quarter as conductor) 7, H. Jermy 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, whose son, Raymond Ronald, was being christened while the bells were ringing the quarter-peal.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****A JOINT MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association at Whiston on Saturday, June 19th, was admirably supported by the various societies in the southern area, including the Sheffield and District, Barnsley and District, and Doncaster and District Societies, and an attendance of nearly sixty was considered very satisfactory, considering the conditions prevailing at the present time in the district. Visitors were present from Conisborough, Tickhill, St. Marie's, Cathedral and All Saints' (Sheffield), Ecclesfield, Bolsover, Rotherham, Arksey, Killamarsh, Doncaster, Pontefract, Handsworth, South Anston, Halifax, Leeds and Bradford, and it was a great pleasure to see the honorary secretary and honorary treasurer of the Yorkshire Association present. The bells, a very nice peal of eight, with tenor of 14 cwt., were kept going from 2.30 up to 5 o'clock, when tea was provided in the Village Institute—a building of which the villagers are very proud, and rightly so, for a more convenient and beautiful place for the purpose would be difficult to imagine. Would that there was such a place in every village in the country.

Touching reference was made by the vice-president (Mr. F. Willey) to the great loss the society had lately sustained by the deaths of three of the members, Messrs: Smithson (All Saints', Sheffield), Sarel (St. Marie's), and Hill (Penistone), and the company showed respect by standing in silence for a minute.

The Rector of Whiston (the Rev. A. G. Alton) was voted to the chair for the business meeting, and was supported by Mr. Willey and Mr. A. Craven (president of the Sheffield District Society). Mr. C. D. Potter (honorary secretary of the Barnsley and District Society) sent an apology for his non-attendance, as he was in Scotland on holiday. It was decided, owing to the annual dinner of the association being held in Sheffield in September, to defer the next quarterly meeting to October 16th at Conisborough.

Mr. G. Lewis, as the originator of the joint meeting, thanked all for their attendance, and hoped that, as it had been such a great success, they would consider the desirability of making the June meeting an annual joint one.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens and the ladies were heartily carried, and replied to by the Rector.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION****PLEASANT MEETING AT STANMORE.**

In ideal weather some forty members and friends attended a north and east district meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Stanmore on Saturday, June 19th. Soon after 3.30 the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples, which was quickly followed by Stedman, Bob Major, Bristol Surprise, etc. A short service was held, at which the ringers were addressed by the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett). Tea was served in the Institute, and the usual business meeting followed. The president, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., took the chair, being supported by the Rev. C. S. Durham, Vicar of Harrow Weald, Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), Messrs. Hughes, Hill, Goodship, etc. Four members were admitted, including the Vicar of Harrow Weald as an honorary member.

A short report of the Central Council meeting was given by the president.

The arrangements for the next meeting were left to the honorary secretary, who announced that it was hoped to hold an Essex and Middlesex joint meeting at Waltham Abbey early in August.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Stanmore for his address at the service and for the use of the bells. It was regretted that a prior engagement caused his absence from the meeting. Thanks were also given to the Vicar of Harrow Weald for permitting his bells to be rung; also to Messrs. Hill and Hughes for arrangements so ably made for the meeting.

Several members took full advantage of an invitation to use the lovely Rectory garden, handbells on the lawn and boating on the lake being pleasant features. Others made their way to Harrow Weald, where they were welcomed by Mr. Goodship, and assisted the 'locals' in touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, and also took part in Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

**REVIVAL OF 'RINGING DAY' AT LONG MELFORD**

On Saturday, May 29th, a 'ringing day' was held at Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford, when upwards of thirty ringers assembled. The towers represented were Sudbury, Lavenham, Glemsford, Cavenish, Stanstead, Polstead, Coruad, Assington, Henny, Foxearth and Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, and Fulbourn, Cambs. During the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods were rung:—Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise, Cambridge coming to grief.

An excellent tea was served at the Scutcher's Arms, to which most of the assembly sat down. Mr. W. R. J. Poulson proposed, in very pleasant terms, a hearty vote of thanks to Host Bixby for the splendid tea provided, to which the latter responded.

This most pleasant gathering was the outcome of a suggestion previously voiced by Mr. A. Symonds, Lavenham, in which he asked for the revival of the old 'ringing day,' which had been in former years held on the local fair-day.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Burton-on-Trent district of the above association held a most successful meeting at Netherseale on Saturday, June 19th. Thirty members from Burton, Ashby, Derby, Alvaston, Anstey, Long Eaton, Overseale and Netherseale attended, and two new ringing members and one new honorary member were elected.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. E. Worthington), who was assisted by the Rev. A. E. Merryweather. The Vicar of St. Helen's, Ashby-de-la-Zouch (the Rev. Basil C. F. Andrews) gave a brief address, and at the meeting which took place after tea extended a hearty invitation to the district to hold a similar meeting at Ashby.

The offer was gladly accepted, the date being fixed for Saturday, September 4th.

The Rector was thanked cordially for the excellent tea, the motion being carried with applause.

During the afternoon and evening numerous touches in various methods were rung on the eight bells, which were lowered about 7.30, after a most enjoyable meeting.

### SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To The Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are three printer's errors in my article in last week's 'Ringing World.'

After 'show the true nature of the system,' read:—

'Write down 1 2 3 4 5 a b c d e . . . . +.'

You printed 'etc.' instead of +. I wrote +, and it is important in writing out the methods on a number of bells to always keep + for the tenor.

Then there are two errors in the section following 'etc.'

Read: 'Until the treble crosses the tenor in the middle,' when you will find that in the first of these two rows 1 is to 2 and the lead as 1 is to 3 and the back in the second; 1 is to 4 and the lead in the first as 1 is to 5 and the back in the second, etc.

Let me supplement this:—

16 bells	. . . . 4 2 . 1 + 3 . 5 . . . .	1-2 and lead.
	. . . . 2 + 1 . 3 5 . . . .	1-3 and back.
14 bells	. . . . 2 . 5 + 1 4 3 . . . .	1 to 5 and lead.
	. . . . 2 5 1 + 4 . 3 . . . .	1 to 4 and back.

You can add two bells in front and two behind to either of these, and so on, four at a time, to any extent, and 1 2 3 4 5 + will always come in this order, so that when the treble comes up behind we always get:

+	. . . . . 4 5 2 3 1
+	. . . . . 5 4 3 2 1

Supplement to Maximus rules:—Long dodging: Double dodge 1-2, single dodge 1-2 and 3-4, 5-pull 5-6, single dodge 11-12 up and down, 5-pull 9-10, dodge treble 5-6, single dodge 1-2, 5-pull 1-2, single dodge 3-4, cross treble middle, single dodge 9-10, 5-pull 11-12, single dodge 11-12, dodge treble 7-8, 5-pull 3-4, single dodge 1-2 down and up, dodge treble 3-4, 5-pull 7-8, single dodge 9-10 and 10-11, double dodge 11-12.

Note.—Always two single dodges between the 5-pull dodges.

After long dodging add place 1st from the front.

Dodge 5-6;

odd place 6th's.

Dodge 5-6;

5th's, 10th's, 9th's, 10th's.

Dodge treble 9-10;

9th's, 10th's.

Single dodge 9-10 and 7-8;

5th's and 6th's,

and work with treble in front. Then odd place last as above in reverse order, and the same from the back, reading 7th's for 4th's, 8th's for 5th's, 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's for 10th's, etc.

H. LAW JAMES.

To The Editor.

Sir,—I am glad to take the opportunity of supporting the conclusion reached by Mr. Baker that Slipway's Royal is not a true extension of Superlative Surprise Major. As we have reached our decisions along quite different roads, there is the greater likelihood that we are not mistaken in our opinion.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

Hobeton Vicarage.

### 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.

**WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—For Sunday evening service (Wake Sunday), on June 27th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: N. Underwood 1, A. Underwood 2, J. A. Walton 3, S. W. West 4, H. Partridge 5, J. Rawson 6, W. Fern (conductor) 7, W. Burton 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers and their ages range from 16 for the ringer of the treble, to 73 for the ringer of the 5th. It was the first attempt by the ringers of the treble and 3rd. Two of the ringers are ex-churchwardens, three are sidesmen, and five are at present, or have been, members of the choir.

**BRIGHTON.**—On Sunday, June 27th, for evening, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,296 changes) in 54 mins.: P. A. Coard 1, R. Dawe, jun. (longest length with an inside bell in any method) 2, R. Hoather 3, G. Ades 4, J. Jay 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, H. Stalham 7, R. J. Dawe 8.

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday afternoon, June 20th, in connection with the Magna Charta celebrations at Runnymede, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: E. Bueley 1, E. Goater 2, H. Worsfold 3, E. Gosling 4, W. E. Butler 5, F. Nye 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, and A. Cross 8.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.**—At the Church of St. James, Sutton, on Sunday evening, June 20th, for Divine service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, the first extent on the bells since they were re-cast and re-hung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough: E. Dixon (first 720 of Minor) 1, E. Grimshaw 2, T. Taylor (conductor) 3, W. Wood 4, J. W. L. Slack 5, J. Manifold 6.

**FOLKESTONE, KENT.**—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: J. Coppins 1, N. E. Hope (East Grimstead) 2, G. Cullum 3, E. Bridges 4, L. Binfield (conductor) 5, A. Binfield 6, T. Farley 7, T. Anderson and Mrs. M. Philpott 8 (tenor 25 cwt.).

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, June 20th, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Eagles 1, H. J. Saunders 2, R. H. Stevens 3, S. A. Baker 4, R. H. Birch 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, June 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260): H. C. Castle 1, J. Garrett 2, G. Swaffer 3, C. W. Everett (conductor) 4, E. W. Powell 5, P. Page 6, T. Tabrett 7, J. Parsons 8.

**HOUNSLOW.**—On Sunday, June 20th, for morning service, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: C. J. Tricker, jun., 1, F. G. Goddard 2, F. Hawthorne 3, J. Milner 4, W. Ellingham 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. F. Adcock and H. Gash, churchwarden and vergier at the above church.

**AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes): Wm. Rought 1, John Moy 2, B. Rought 3, W. Duncan (conductor) 4, Jacob Moy 5, J. Godfrey 6, W. Miller 7, W. Medler 8.

**HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, May 23rd, for morning service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins.: G. Chappell 1, F. Broadhead 2, W. Chappell 3, W. E. Robinson 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brookes (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. George Hill, who was interred at the above church on the Monday previous, and who had been ringer and conductor at this church for about twenty years.

**BATH.**—For morning service, at St. Saviour's Church, on April 18th, a quarter-peal, from Holt's Original, was rung by the following: H. Merrett 1, \*Mrs. Broom 2, A. Prince 3, H. Taylor 4, G. Jones 5, J. Hallett 6, C. W. Bell 7, \*Reg. Perry 8.—On May 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (from second part of Holt's Original): \*A. Bull 1, J. Taylor 2, J. Hallett 3, T. Grant 4, A. Prince 5, H. Taylor 6, C. W. Bell 7, H. Merrett 8.—On May 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal from the third part of Holt's Original: H. Merrett 1, Mrs. Broom 2, J. W. Bell 3, Theo. Grant 4, J. Hallett 5, A. Prince 6, C. W. Bell 7, William Cook 8. \*Longest length.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be the second quarterly meeting, to be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 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.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Bath. Evensong in the Abbey 4 p.m. Tea at the Red House 4.45 p.m. Business meeting in the Abbey Church House immediately after tea. Bells available: The Abbey (10), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Saviour's (8), 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.; St. James' (8), 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 12 noon to 1 p.m., 6.15 to 8 p.m. (by arrangement); St. Michael's (8), 12 noon to 1 p.m., 6.35 to 8 p.m.; Corston (8), afternoon and evening; St. Mark's (6), 2.30 p.m. onwards; Bathford (6), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (both Kibworth and Countesthorpe being unavailable) on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. Will as many members try to attend as possible?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting, Saturday, July 3rd, at Bradfield (6 bells). Buses from Malin Bridge tram terminus.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting and election of officers will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 3rd. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in St. Thomas' Church 4 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Meetings and tea will be at St. Thomas' Parish Hall (Green Row Rooms). Towers available: St. Thomas' (8), St. Mary's, Portsea (8), and Alverstoke (8). All ringers and friends heartily welcome. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for branch president for the next two years.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening: St. Mary's (10) and the Minster (10). Short service in St. Mary's at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church House, Tiger Lane. Business meeting immediately after.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LADIES GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all requiring tea notify me by Wednesday, July 7th? All ringers cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Samlesbury Church on Saturday, July 10th. Tea, at about 1s. 6d. a head, will be provided for those who notify Mr. J. Bailey, Roach Bridge, Samlesbury, not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, July 10th, when a tea and fête will be held in the Vicarage grounds at the same time. Bells available from 2 p.m. A good attendance desired.—H. Tyson, Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary, Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, July 10th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Permission has been obtained to view the grounds of the Castle. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 6th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—There will be a meeting at Stone on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notices of attendance must be sent not later than July 5th to Mr. A. Rowley, 88, Church Street, Stone. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting will be held at Cuckney (five miles from Mansfield) on July 10th. Bells ready early and visitors welcome. Good bus service. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., at the Church Institute at reasonable price, for those who notify Mr. William Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield, not later than July 7th.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Long Eaton (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Business meeting in the vestry 5 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual summer meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, July 10th. The fine peal of bells (8) will be available at 2.30 p.m., when it is hoped a good number will be present. Tea arrangements will be announced during the afternoon.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Langleybury (Hunton Bridge).—Saturday, July 10th. Bell open 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5.30 at King's Head. Number for tea by July 7th.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. A committee meeting will be held at 4 p.m. to consider matters concerning proposed contest for shield. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price; application to be made to Mr. H. Crossland, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Secretary.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at All Saints', Isleworth. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 14th? Everyone cordially welcome.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Pheasant Street, Chelsea.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Langdon Hills (6 bells) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible, as number has to be given for tea?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Prior on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

**WITHERLEY.**—Hinckley District, M.C.A.—Thanksgiving service for complete restoration of church and spire (which were struck by lightning some two or three years ago), 3 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21st. The bells (5) have been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.

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#### WEDDING BELLS.

At the Parish Church of All Saints, High Wycombe, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Gibson and Mr. Anderson, on June 23rd, two excellent quarter-peals were rung on the bells: 1,260 Stedman Triples in 51 minutes: S. Hayes (conductor) 1, S. Goodchild 2, R. Coles 3, G. Hinton 4, E. R. Coles 5, C. A. Smith 6, J. W. Wilkins 7, and F. Plumridge 8; 1,265 Stedman Caters in 53 minutes: F. Hayes 1, R. Coles 2, G. Hinton 3, E. R. Coles 4, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 5, E. Markham 6, F. Boxell 7, C. A. Smith 8, S. Goodchild 9, and F. Plumridge 10. The ringing was excellent throughout, and many expressions to that effect were made by the general public, a large number of whom congregated outside the church both before and after the ceremony.

At St. Luke's Church, Bromley, Kent, on June 24th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Lyddiard, one of the local band, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, G. Durling 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, I. G. Shade 4, T. Groombridge 5, F. E. Collins 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, E. Mounter 8.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
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A meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, June 19th, when the local members turned up in full force. It would have been very pleasing if the same could be said of the other members of the district, as it was only about half a dozen of these attended, and had it not happened that Mr. and Mrs. E. A. G. Allen and Mr. S. T. Jarrett from Frindsbury, who had motored up to pay a visit to the Vicar of Lamberhurst (who was formerly Vicar of Frindsbury), the meeting would have been rather flat.

The usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar, and the organist (Mr. H. Burrows) presided at the organ. Mr. C. E. Noakes (churchwarden) was also present. Tea was partaken of at the Chequers Hotel, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. Noakes and Mr. H. Burrows.

Mr. C. E. Noakes was elected an honorary life member, and the district secretary, Mr. W. Latter, proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting, to Mr. Noakes for attending, to Mr. H. Burrows for his services at the organ, and to Mr. A. Relfe for making the arrangements. This was seconded by Mr. E. Woodage and carried.

The Vicar, in reply, said that he was very glad that the members had held a meeting at Lamberhurst so soon after the bells had been restored, and he hoped that the time was not far distant when they would add two trebles to complete the octave. He had been Vicar at two churches where there were bells, and he was much struck with the keenness of the ringers, and it would be a good thing if others were as keen in other recreations. He welcomed three of his old parishioners from Frindsbury, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Allen, as he had the pleasure of officiating at their wedding.—Mr. Noakes and Mr. Burrows also replied, the former expressing his pleasure that they had elected him a member of the association.—Mr. Relfe (local secretary), in reply, expressed his deep regret that there were not more members of the district present. He thought that the eight-bell ringers ought to support the six-bell towers when meetings were arranged at these bellries. It was very disheartening to both the district and local secretaries when meetings were arranged that so few took the trouble to attend.

The District Secretary echoed Mr. Relfe's remarks. It was not expected, he said, that members could come from one end of the district to the other, but he thought that the members of the towers in the neighbourhood of the meeting should make an effort to attend, whether it was a six or an eight-bell tower. He complimented the Lamberhurst band on their accomplishing a peal of seven 720's of Surprise Minor in so short a time after the restoration of the bells. This was the first time this had been done by an entirely local band in the district, and they had also shown their skill in ringing short touches in four Surprise spliced methods.

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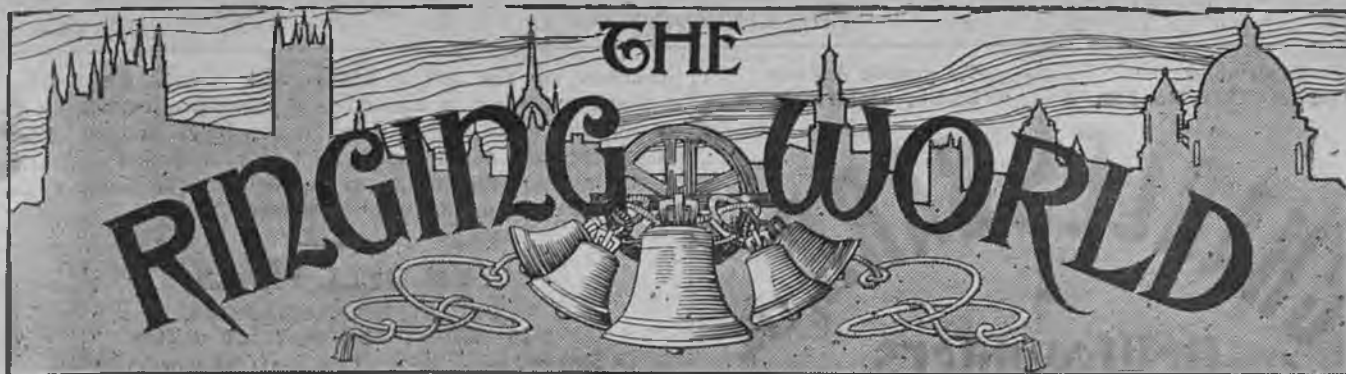
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The problem of how to increase the interest of the average member is ever present with all the associations, but not all of them seriously set out to consider the best means of solving it. It is refreshing, therefore, to find this question put down for consideration at a meeting of a large association like the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which held its annual festival at Portsmouth on Saturday. The subject found its way on to the agenda through the initiative of the Hon. Secretary, who fully realises that the success of the organisation depends upon the keenness of the individual member, and, with youthful enthusiasm, is anxious to see the work and aims of the Guild furthered by every possible means. Strangely, however—it may have been through lack of warning that the subject was to be debated—few members had come prepared with suggestions, and the most pointed proposals, which by no means met with full approval, came from an absentee member. The result of such discussion as took place was a request to the committee of the Guild to consider the whole question and present a report at the next annual meeting.

This is a satisfactory step, and, in the present position of the Winchester Guild, probably a necessary one, for the diocese will shortly be divided into three, and the future of the Guild, as it at present exists, is uncertain. There are many things to be taken into consideration if any special scheme of propaganda or instructional work is to be undertaken, but the essential point is that this important matter is not to be shelved after having been somewhat casually talked over. The committee may be expected to form some concrete proposals, for in the Winchester Guild, as in other associations, there is still scope for a great deal of useful work. There has as yet been no remedy found for curing the lethargy of the apathetic, and in everything that is undertaken for the encouragement of ringers the old proverb, aptly quoted by one speaker at Portsmouth, that you may lead a horse to the water but cannot make him drink, forces itself upon the pioneers.

The question is nevertheless an important one for all associations. Their future depends not only on maintaining the interest of present ringers, but on securing the interest of those who are to come into the Exercise in the future. Merely to sit down and wait for ringers to show an interest in the association is fatal to progress. It should be the constant business of all our associations to find ways and means of interesting the ringers of their particular areas not only in the organisation itself, but, by progressive stages, in the higher

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branches of the art. There will always be a few enthusiasts, what is wanted is a more progressive spirit among the main body. How it can be developed is the task which the associations must face, and as a first step in this matter, that taken by the Winchester Guild is one which may commend itself to others.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 1	WILLIAM GOODMAN ... .. 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 2	REUBEN HALL ... .. 7
SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 8
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... .. 9
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 5	GILBERT GUEST ... .. 10

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon Phelps, R.D., Vicar of Dudley and president of the above Guild.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, LOWER THAMES STREET

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 1	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... .. 2	*JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	*JAMES GEORGE ... .. 8
CHARLES H. KIPPEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 10

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. This was J. George's 900th peal.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 24, 1926, in Three Hours & Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET, MARYLEBONE, W.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5856 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY DYAS ... .. 1	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 7
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 8

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BEDDINGTON.)

On Tuesday, June 29, 1926, 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 20½ cwt, in E flat.

*PERCY G. LANE (aged 19) Treble 1	FRANK E. DARBY ... (20) 5
FRANK JENNINGS ... (16) 2	†GEORGE JENNINGS (20) 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT (17) 3	JOHN F. GALYER ... (16) 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN (20) 4	LEONARD BANCE ... (17) Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. GALYER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Stephen Godin (26), a member of the above society, who was buried the previous day. \* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples inside. The conductor's twenty-fifth peal. All the above, who are Sunday service ringers at the above church, are under twenty-one years of age.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6924 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 5
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... .. 7
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

\* First peal of Surprise.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6924 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. TREOBALD ... Treble	*HARRY TURNER ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	*ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 7
*FRANCIS W. COSTER ... .. 4	WILLIAM LEGGETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6448 CHANGES;

JOHN CARTER'S SIX-PART (No. 60). Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... Treble	JOHN P. TARLTON ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 6
ISAAC HUFTON ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
CHARLES DRAFER ... .. 4	HENRY HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFIELD.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10624 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER T. BENNETT ... Treble	ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... .. 5
*WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	*ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6
JOHN CLARK ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
*ROBERT E. SEMMERS ... .. 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6448 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM MANKLOW ... Treble	JACK AMOS ... .. 5
GEORGE POUND ... .. 2	JAMES LEONARD ... .. 6
FRED. LEESON ... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7
GEORGE NEWMAN ... .. 4	JOHN DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal by the ringer of the treble.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	*JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5
*JOHN HAYES ... .. 2	*JOHN W. DAVIES ... .. 6
*GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 7
*ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

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

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6048 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE W. PARK ... Treble	WILLIAM H. PARTER ... .. 5
*ROWLAND PARK ... .. 2	NORMAN PARK ... .. 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 7
WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... .. 4	ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the tenor, whose birthday occurred two days previously.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6924 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 1/2 cwt.

CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 7
*FRED PRICE ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. RISEWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal in the method.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6924 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

KENNETH PATTENDEN ... Treble	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 5
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 2	FRANK PATTENDEN ... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Wenban was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6048 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19 1/2 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... Treble	HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 6
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	*STEPHEN BOULDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN J. MAWBY ... Treble	*JOHN KING ... .. 5
*HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 2	GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 6
*JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 3	ALFRED H. MARTIN ... .. 7
JAMES T. WARD ... .. 4	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSIOW. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the conductor's fifty-eighth birthday.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, June 24th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Marshall 1, Miss E. M. Burnett 2, R. Martin 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Edwards.

**MISSING PAPERS.**

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**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

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

J. W. WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART (No. 2). Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3	MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... .. 4	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. E. Rowley, of Higham-on-the-Hill, and was his first peal of Stedman.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, July 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT ELLIS ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 5
BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 6
*REG. V. JOHNSON ... .. 3	GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 7
JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 4	OLIVER SHIPPETS... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SHIPPETS.

\* First peal.

**HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.****THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD... .. Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5
WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 2	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 6
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.****YARNTON, OXON.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(WITNEY & WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours & Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 25 cwt.

*GEORGE CHARLETT ... .. Treble	FRANK TOPPREY ... .. 4
*ALBERT E. AXTELL ... .. 2	HARRY P. FLOYD... .. 5
*GEORGE H. COX... .. 3	ALBERT H. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. P. FLOYD.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the longest peal on the bells, which date back from 1820. Ringers of 4 and tenor come from Kidlington. The rest are service ringers at St. Bartholomew's Church.

**PILTON, SOMERSET.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, 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 with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK HARLEY ... .. Treble	*THOMAS E. MOGG ... .. 4
†RAYMOND J. WEBB ... .. 2	FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... .. 5
SIDNEY J. HILLARD ... .. 3	*FREDERICK J. TALBOT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal. † First peal inside.

**STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, June 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT T. BREWER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... .. 4
JOHN BOURNE ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
GEORGE R. HANKS ... .. 3	JAMES RANDLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILLIAMS.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.****THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, June 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

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

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH C. DEAN ... .. Treble	JAMES MARR... .. 4
THOMAS WISE ... .. 2	ISAAC BENNETT ... .. 5
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

**MERSTHAM, SURREY.****THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, June 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

RAYMOND BALL... .. Treble	JAMES BATTERS... .. 4
*CLIFFORD HILTON ... .. 2	†JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 5
HERBERT WOOD... .. 3	†THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. Quickest peal on the bells.

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

On Thursday, July 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

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

Being 14 six-scores Stedman, 8 Plain Bob, 10 St. Dunstan's, 10 Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROWLAND BARROW ... .. Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 3
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 4
	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the Rev. Lewis H. Pearson, Vicar, who was accidentally killed by motor whilst going to officiate at service at Keyham on Sunday evening, June 27th. He was interred this day.

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

*HARRY F. PERRY ... .. Treble	HARRY TURNER... .. 4
†JOHN C. FURLONG ... .. 2	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT ... .. 5
*JACK W. LEGGETT ... .. 3	*FRANK EVERITT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

The ringers of the treble and tenor were elected members of the Essex Association prior to commencing the peal. \* First peal. † First peal inside.

**NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.**  
**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Being twenty-one different callings of A. J. Pitman's Arrangement.

Tenor 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

RICHARD W. COOK ... .. 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 4
G. WILLIAM HOLLIS... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
* JAMES E. PARTRIDGE... .. 3	ALFRED TALEOT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1926, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

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

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

FRED HODGSON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	JOHN AMELER ... .. 7-8

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.  
 Attested by STANLEY H. ROBINSON.

First handbell peal in the method by the ringer of 1-2.

**WEEK-END IN EAST ANGLIA.**

St. John-the-Baptist's Association, Lcytonstone, again visited the eastern counties for their annual outing, Halesworth being the headquarters. They arrived on Saturday, June 19th, in time for breakfast, and 9 a.m. saw them seated in a charabanc ready for the two-days' exertions. At Cratfield (the first place on the list) 720 Beverley Surprise Minor was rung on the good peal of six. Laxfield was next visited, and 720 Cambridge tapped off. Next on the list was Wilby, where 720 each of Surfleet and Norwich was rung before returning to Halesworth for dinner.

After a good meal in the old Suffolk style, a move was made to Wenhamston, 720 Ipswich being rung before paying a visit to Southwold, where, on a handy ring of eight, Stedman, Cambridge, and Double Norwich were rung. After tea there was a trip to Wrentham, where 720 London Surprise was rung (strictly non-conducted). A visit was then paid to the ancient ruins of Covehithe, where on a good old peal of five Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. A few minutes were spent on the cliffs near the church, and it was then time to return to headquarters, where handbell ringing, etc., brought supper and bed.

On Sunday two good touches of Stedman Triples were rung for the 8 a.m. service at Halesworth, where the bells hang in the unusual order of 1 7 6 3 4 5 2 8. Breakfast over, the pilot quickly had the party on the move again, arrangements having been made for a trip to Bungay, where Stedman and Treble Bob Major were rung before going on to Beccles to ring on the grand peal of ten for the eleven o'clock service.

Here Stedman Caters and three leads of Kent Treble Bob were rung. On the way back a call was made at the old ruins of Mettingham Castle. This is the scene connected with the story of the Christmas bells of Bellingham, published in 'The Bell News' about the year 1904. The visitors were greatly indebted to the head gardener for showing them round this interesting place. After dinner was the final trip of the tour, this time to Chediston, where a 720 (Spliced) Beverley Durham and Surfleet Surprise was rung; thence to Wissett, where 720 Ipswich was brought round. Touches were also rung at all the places visited to give everybody a chance to ring at all the towers.

The company wish to tender their best thanks to all the clergy for so readily granting permission to ring, to the Suffolk ringers who met them and had the bells ready for use, and, last but not least, to their pilot, Mr. F. C. Lambert, who kindly made the arrangements and gave them such a very enjoyable time in East Anglia. The weather being perfect throughout the trip added pleasure to the outing.

**ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY'S LONG EXCURSION.**

The annual outing of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, took place on Saturday, June 12th, and proved most successful and enjoyable. Starting about 6 a.m. aboard Mr. Mayhew's charabanc 'Marguerite,' Hadleigh and Sudbury were soon passed, as was Pentlow, from whose tower forty-five churches can be seen on a clear day. Through Cavendish (the family name of the Duke of Devonshire), breakfast at Clare and a ring on the fine peal of eight. Forward Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques on the twelve at Saffron Walden were well executed, and then the party passed through Hempstead, the birthplace of Dick Turpin on September 21st, 1703, and also of Dr. Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood. Hempstead tower fell down in January, 1882. On to Thaxted, where

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.

A large number of ringers assembled at the little village of Tackley, Oxon, on Saturday afternoon, June 26th, on the occasion of the spring meeting (postponed owing to the General Strike) of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. These occasions are always interesting, and a most enjoyable time was spent by those present. Representatives from the following towers attended:—Tackley, Steeple Aston, Witney, Freeland, Rousham, Woodstock, Yarnton, Kidlington, Appleton, Wootton, Oxford, Ducklington, Stanton Harcourt, Bladon, Standlake and Bicester. The clergy present were the Revs. F. R. Marriott, T. Lovett, A. C. R. Freeborn (president), G. Ward-Jackson, and E. J. Lee (Rector of Tackley), with Messrs. W. Evetts, jun. (honorary secretary), and John Monk.

The fine peal of bells at the church, which was an old church in 1100, heralded the arrival of the visitors, and the proceedings opened with an impressive service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. J. Lee, who has just returned from missionary work, and was only inducted as Rector of Tackley on Thursday, the 24th. In his address the Rector said one of the greatest pleasures in coming to England was to hear the beautiful chimings of the bells, for out in the West Indies, where he had been, church bells were practically unknown, and he missed them very much, especially on Sunday mornings. Upon his arrival at Tackley he was more than pleased to learn what a splendid ring of bells they had. He had known cases of men who, although they rang church bells, never took any part in divine worship, but he hoped that those present treated religion far more seriously and recognised bell-ringing as one small way in which to serve God.

After a stroll round the charming grounds of Tackley Park, the company assembled at tea, which was followed by the quarterly business meeting, at which the Rev. F. R. Marriott presided. He gave them a cordial welcome, and expressed his interest in bell-ringing from the outside, as he was not a ringer himself.

Mr. Evetts (honorary secretary and treasurer), in his financial statement, said that they had £30 17s. 7d. in the bank, and there were still a few contributions for this year to come in. He appealed to the members to pay their subscriptions early in each year.

The names of the following were confirmed as honorary members of the branch:—The Revs. F. S. K. Gregson, J. H. Pearson, G. B. Vaux, Canon Carroll, Ward-Jackson, and Messrs. J. F. Mason, W. Evetts, T. D. Hughes, A. E. Bradshaw, and Frank Gray. The following new towers were also accepted:—Lower Heyford, Standlake, Rousham, and Steeple Aston.

The absence of the master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the Guild secretary and treasurer (Messrs. R. T. Hibbert and A. J. Wright) was much regretted by all, and especially by the new branch secretary and treasurer, it being his first meeting in which he held the dual office.

The Vicar of Standlake extended a hearty invitation to the branch to visit his parish for the next meeting in October, and this was accepted with thanks.

A hearty vote of thanks to Squire Evetts for the use of a green-house in the spacious grounds for tea, and also to the ladies who so excellently waited on the visitors, was proposed by the Rector and carried unanimously with applause.

Afterwards several bands of ringers visited the tower and rang touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles and Boh Minor, while others tapped off on handbells, lent by the branch secretary, several touches of Triples.

About 7 p.m. the visitors left and visited Wootton and Bladon churches, where ringing was carried on for about an hour. All expressed themselves as having had a very good time.

**RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT.**

It is with much sympathy and deep concern that the secretary of the Witney and Woodstock branch has to inform the members of the resignation of the president, Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn. A letter received by the secretary on June 29th expressed a wish that he should be relieved of further duty towards the branch and also of his responsibility to the general Guild, owing to failing health. The secretary feels sure that all members will read this with profound sorrow, that their president, for so many years—i.e. since the branch was formed about twenty-five years ago—has found it too much for him to carry on any longer. He has been a very staunch member of the Guild in the various offices he has held, and all wish him 'Farewell,' and extend to him great gratitude for the untiring support he has given to the branch, and the cheerful way in which he has filled the office of president.

(Continued from previous Column.)

there are eight bells and a spire 181ft. high, then to Dunmow, of Fitch of Bacon fame. Next a pull on the grand eight at Great Waltham. By this time each of the company had an 'aching void,' but mine host and hostess of the Bell Hotel, Chelmsford, effected a speedy and satisfactory cure. It was a pleasure both to ring and listen to the twelve splendid bells at Chelmsford. The final ring was at St. Peter's, Colchester, and the trip home with just one more enlivening call brought the 17 hours' excursion to an end. The society wish to thank all the incumbents, steeplekeepers and others for their kindness, which added so much to the enjoyment and smooth running of the outing.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**  
**MORE ABOUT ELIJAH ROBERTS.**  
 By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It was thought very remarkable that, though Roberts was such a prodigy at tapping, as a double-handed ringer he was nothing out of the ordinary. Mr. Snowdon seems to think that this was because he had no opportunity of doing much in this way. He seems to have thought that Roberts tapped his peals in the same way that we ring one in the tower or two 'in hand,' that is by following the work of the individual bells. He says: 'Roberts used to tap the changes and follow each bell through its varying course during thousands of changes. Of course, it may be said that with the heavy bells working in a certain relation to each other the mental difficulty of ringing a long peal in such a method as Treble Bob does not increase in the same ratio as the number of bells increases.' When you are dealing with a genius it is impossible to say what is and what is not impossible, but I am inclined to think that it would be absolutely impossible to tap peals by following the work of the individual bells. The thing is only conceivable if we suppose it was done by transposition. But probably Roberts himself could not say exactly how he did it; only that he could do it, and that he did do it. The fact that he was no particular master of double hand ringing seems to me to prove that he did use transposition, and I imagine all tappers do the same.

The composition of the 19,000 of Maximus and the 6,720 of Treble Bob Sixteen-in was Reeves' 13,800 of Treble Bob Royal, the extent with the tenors together.

Roberts was by trade a brass foundry, a skilful mechanic and a maker of clocks. Apparently he abandoned his trade and became an innkeeper. After he left the Union Tavern he was guard on the 'Erin-go-Bragh' stage coach, which ran between Birmingham and Chester and Liverpool. His skill as a performer on the keyed bugle got him this appointment, for, of course, the guard with his bugle was a very necessary feature of the old stage coaches. Then, when the 'Erin-go-Bragh' ceased through the competition of the new railways he owned and drove a coach, the 'Adelaide,' between Derby and Newcastle-under-Lyne. This coach he is said to have driven for eight years without missing a single journey, and during that time he covered nearly 100,000 miles. The Midland Railway ultimately purchased the coaching business, and the 'Adelaide' ceased running on September 18th, 1848.

When he left Birmingham Roberts, for a time, held the Duke of York Inn at Eccles; afterwards he moved to the Derby Arms, Whitechapel, Liverpool, where, as we have seen, he tapped his two last and greatest performances. And here it was that he ended his own life on January 26th, 1865, in the fifty-eighth year of his age.

Any particular reasons for his suicide are not, I think, known. There is no suggestion of financial loss, or failing health, or family bereavement. In a case like this one naturally thinks of Pope's famous line: 'Great genius is to madness near allied.'

Certain it is that a man who can do such amazing things as Roberts did must have a brain abnormally developed in one particular direction. That inevitably means a want of mental balance and a personality which is outside ordinary standards and conditions. The men of the greatest of all genius, the Shakespeares, Miltons,

Newtons and such like have been men of great mental balance and sanity. But there have been many men whose extraordinary abilities in one particular way have been accompanied by very unequally balanced brains; and among such madness and suicide is not rare. We can look on such feats as those of Roberts with wonder and admiration, but I do not think we can wish them to be repeated.

I will conclude this sketch with a short account of Roberts by Henry Johnson: 'In the manly and scientific art of change ringing Elijah Roberts is the most accomplished and unparalleled change ringer upon the handbells the world has hitherto produced. Mr. Roberts has repeatedly challenged, and is still open to ring changes with any man in the world. He is now residing at the Derby Arms, Whitechapel, Liverpool. He commenced the study and composition of changes when about twelve years of age. In the year 1824 (then in his seventeenth year) he rang his first peal which consisted of courses in various methods commencing with changes on seven bells, namely, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Triples; changes on eight bells: Grandsire Major, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob Major; changes on nine bells: Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Caters; changes on ten bells: Grandsire Royal, Plain Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal; changes on eleven bells: Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Cinques, Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Cinques; changes on twelve bells: Grandsire Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Maximus, and finishing with a course of Double Treble Bob Major on sixteen bells, the whole containing 5,186 changes, in 3 hours and 27 minutes; rung at Birmingham. His next peal was rung on October 14th, 1827, comprising 5,040 changes of Treble Bob Maximus with the Kent variation in 3 hours and 22 minutes; rung at Birmingham. His third peal was rung on the 9th April, 1830, consisting of 7,536 changes of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, occupying 4 hours and 51 minutes; rung at Birmingham. His next performance was rung on the 30th of June, 1833, being an intricate peal of that much admired and musical method, Stedman Cinques, with the bells in the tittums and every musical position, comprising 5,016 changes; rung at Birmingham. His next peal was rung at Liverpool on the 23rd of March, 1837, comprising 19,440 changes of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, being the full extent with the large bells at home, occupying him thirteen hours and forty-three minutes. Thus Mr. Roberts has solely and unassisted surpassed by many thousands of changes the longest peals that have ever been rung on twelve bells by any twelve men in the world. Besides ringing the above peals, Mr. Elijah Roberts has composed, conducted and rung upwards of 100 peals on eight, ten and twelve bells in various churches in the United Kingdom.'

**MR. JOSIAH MORRIS'S 200 PEALS.**

With the peal of Bob Major at Loughborough, on June 22nd, Mr. Josiah Morris, of Leicester, completed his second century as follows:—  
 Doubles, one and four methods, 2; Minor, Plain Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, three methods 1; Triples, Grandsire 37, Plain Bob 2, Stedman 14; Major, Grandsire 2, Plain Bob 30 (a), Little Bob 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Kent Treble Bob 22 (b), Spliced Treble Bob 2 (c), Double Norwich 23 (d), Superlative Surprise 7, Cambridge Surprise 2, Bristol Surprise 1; Caters, Grandsire 16 (e), Stedman 16; Royal, Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 4, Cambridge Surprise 2; Cinques, Grandsire 2, Stedman 4; Maximus, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2; total 200. (a) Includes 7,488 Northants record; (b) 10,176 and 10,912 M.C.A. record; (c) 9,120 record; (d) 11,008 and 17,104 record; (e) 7,001 M.C.A. record. Eight peals were on handbells.

**NEW RING OF BELLS AT TUXFORD.  
A COMPLETE RESTORATION.**

For many years the condition of the old ring of five bells at Tuxford, Notts, which had been augmented by a new treble in 1893, was very bad owing to the swaying of the old frame and timbers. The rehanging of the bells, however, had to be postponed for some time owing to much needed repairs and alterations to the church having had first attention by the church authorities. But this having been done, the Vicar, churchwardens, ringers and Church Council, by dint of hard work and assiduous perseverance, succeeded in enlisting the sympathy of the town at large in the scheme to restore the bells. When Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were called in, it was discovered that the 4th bell was cracked, and it was thereupon decided to recast the 4th, and rehang the whole peal. The efforts of the church authorities were so warmly responded to that the bell found soon warranted them to entrust the work to Messrs. Taylor and Co., and in having the whole of the six bells recast, adding to the tenor another 1½ cwt. of metal to make a bell of 11½ cwt., suitable for a ring of eight at a later period. Provision has been made in the tower to carry the two extra bells to complete the octave. The tuning of the bells is on the new harmonic principle; all the old inscriptions on the bells have been retained, and the old framework, beams and fittings have been replaced by a modern example of bell framework, the whole construction being absolutely rigid, enabling the bells to be rung with the utmost ease. The bells now hang in an iron frame, supported on main steel girders, firmly grouted into the tower walls, thus binding the walls together and being a source of strength to the structure. Everything is new throughout and of the most improved style, including metal headstocks, independent crown staple points for the clappers, which are fitted with lubricators. The bells run on ball bearings, totally enclosed and dustproof, which require lubrication only about once in every ten years or so. When the octave is complete, the ring of eight bells will be quite equal, if not superior, to any in the county of Notts. The beautiful 'go,' combined with the excellence and sweetness in tone, reflects the greatest credit on the Loughborough firm.

The dedication of the new bells took place on Wednesday, June 30th, and was performed by Archdeacon Hocking, of Newark, supported by the Rev. Walter Smith (Vicar of Tuxford) and the Rev. J. C. Crosse (Vicar of East Markham).

The opening ringing was done by the local ringers, who raised the bells in peal and rang a course of Bob Minor, after which the Tuxford ringers very generously handed over the ropes to the honorary secretary of the North Notts Association, who with a chosen band rang the first 720 changes of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells: H. Haigh (conductor) 1, T. Bartholomew 2, Miss Grace Burchnall 3, Miss Kathleen Burchnall 4, E. Dulingwater 5, L. Pierrepont 6.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**

**BRISTOL BRANCH SUMMER MEETING.**

In glorious weather the Bristol branch held its monthly meeting at Dyrham on Saturday, June 26th. Members and friends to the number of fifty-three were present from Bristol (St. James', St. Michael's, St. Nicholas', St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, St. Thomas', St. Peter's, and Redcliffe), Almondsbury, Dyrham, Mangotsfield, Marshfield, Warmley, Westbury-on-Trym, Stoke Bishop, and visitors from Bath. Arriving in all kinds of motors, the Bristol party (thirty in number) in particular had an enjoyable ride; nineteen were packed in one lorry, but all arrived merry and bright. The bells were available early in the afternoon, and the ladies rang a touch on their own account.

A short service was held in the beautiful little church, at which sixty-seven were present. It was conducted by the Rector, who, after the service, gave the members a very interesting talk on the church, explaining its history. This was followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Blathwayt) on the spacious lawn and a short business meeting. Miss E. Sumsion (Bristol), and Messrs. H. Lamble (Bristol), F. J. Beazer, F. Beazer, C. Jukes and R. Swift (Marshfield) were elected performing members.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Harding to the Rector for his great kindness to them that day, and especially in providing tea for such a large number. The Rector, in rising to respond, was given a cordial reception, and said how pleased he was to have them there that day, and hoped they would pay another visit.—Votes of thanks were also passed to the organist and the ladies for waiting at the tables.

The beautiful estate and Manor House were thrown open to the members, and were much admired, the Rector and head gardener acting as guides. Many fine trees were passed, the lake and the scene from the hillside forming a picture of remarkable beauty. Reluctant to leave this Gloucester beauty spot, the company parted from their kind host. Some of the members stayed for ringing till after 9 p.m., everyone voting it was a delightful meeting. The Bristol contingent reached home in their 'lorry' coach after some run, quite safe and sound.

**CHICHESTER.**—On Sunday, July 4th, at the Cathedral, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Falconer 1, P. H. Doick 2, A. D. Rowe 3, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 4, W. E. Ticehurst 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. Heffer 7, C. Button 8. First quarter peal in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 7, and rung as a birthday compliment to A. D. Rowe.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Respecting our correspondent's note re handbells used in a church service, Mr. E. Morris writes that during carol service at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, Christmas, 1919, several hymns and carols were rung, and the concluding 'voluntary' was a 'rise and fall' on a peal of twelve handbells.

Wireless listeners heard 'splashes' of the ringing in the peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster, which we recorded last week. Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Eye, Suffolk, writes: 'I heard the bells quite distinctly at seven o'clock, between the "tuning-in" note and the quarter chimes of the clock, and also between the quarters and the hour struck on Big Ben at 7 p.m. It was a very still evening. On one previous fine evening, some weeks ago, I heard the tenor being raised, but I did not then know what bell it was.'

Here is a coincidence worth recording. On Wednesday, August 8th, 1911 (which, by the way, was the hottest day registered at Greenwich for a hundred years), a band of the Kent County Association rang the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells at New Romney, and then went on to Rye (and those who biked over Romney Marsh will never forget it), and rang the first peal of Stedman there. On Saturday, a company reversed the order and accomplished the same feat. But it wasn't quite so hot.

We are glad to learn that the rumour that peal-ringing at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was at an end for some years to come is wide of the mark. Rumour was ever a lying jade.

The work of restoring, at a cost of several thousand pounds, the fine spire of St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, has just been completed, and the beautiful peal of ten bells, with a tenor of 2½ cwt., were rung for the first time on Sunday, June 27th.

On July 9th, 1800, William Sottanfall, one of the foremost composers of his day, was born at Sowerby, Yorks.

John Holt took part in a peal of 6,000 Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 9th, 1749.

A 5,000 'New Treble Bob' was rung at Leeds on July 16th, 1830.

We regret that pressure on our space compels us to hold over an article, by Mr. George Baker, on 'Round Blocks,' and their relation to the extension of methods, also the reports of several outings, and letters to the Editor. These will appear in due course.

## ANCIENT BELLS RETUNED.

### WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM PEAL RESTORED.

The parish of Whitchurch Canonicorum, situated in the famous Marshwood Vale, was seen at its best on Monday, June 21st, when the Bishop of Sherborne visited it for the purpose of re-dedicating the tower and bells.

The church itself, dedicated to SS. Wite and Candida, is an epitome of architecture from late Saxon to early Perpendicular times, while in addition to its varied details it contains the famous shrine of St. Wite. The tower is a remarkably good specimen of early fourteenth century work, and contains eight bells. The stone-work has been renovated and the tower tied and re-roofed, while in addition the bells have had a most thorough overhauling.

The history of the bells is interesting. The present fourth is an undated bell, having a Latin inscription in Old English lettering, and is undoubtedly the oldest of the ring. The sixth and seventh bear the date 1603, the fifth 1641, and the tenor 1669. These constituted the peal of five till the year 1904; but in 1892 attention to them had been given by hanging them in a new frame with pits for eight. This frame, however, was fixed on the old bearing beams. In 1904 a treble was added to make six, while in 1912 two trebles were added to make the octave. But these additions were not musically a success, so that by no stretch of imagination could it be called a peal, but rather a collection. When examining the stone-work of the tower last year, with a view to restoration, it was discovered that the beams carrying the bell frame were not only loose but in a sad state of decay, so much so that it was deemed advisable not to ring the bells.

The Parochial Church Council immediately took steps to raise sufficient money, not only to restore the tower, but also to have the bells made safe and ringable.

This latter work consisted of taking down the bells, hoisting the frame from the old beams and removing these, substituting for them four massive iron girders anchored to the walls, re-setting the frame and cross-tying it, and re-hanging the bells in new bearings.

While the work in the tower was being done, the eight bells took a journey to London, where in the ancient Whitechapel foundry they received such careful attention from a tuner that no one who heard them previously would recognise them as the same bells. That such a poor peal could be so improved without recasting is indeed a matter of satisfaction to all concerned.

No one who heard them on Monday but had a word of praise for work that had been so successfully carried out.

## PEAL 'LAPPING.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Apropos of Mr. Trollope's chatty articles on 'Peal lapping,' it would be interesting to have the opinion of some of your readers as to who they consider to be the greatest exponent of these wonderful performances.—Yours, etc.,

H. DEW.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 409.)

Continuing the discussion on the proposed 'Bellringers' Sunday,' Mr. T. R. Dennis said he thought the time had arrived when associations should seriously consider the question of propaganda work amongst the lay public. As associations he did not think they did enough. Ringers' services might have the effect of awakening the general interest of the public in ringing matters.

Mr. E. W. Elwell said he rather objected to the suggestion that church services should be used to promote interest in the ringers. It was the ringer's duty to make every Sunday his Sunday, and to turn up at his church and not have just one Sunday in the year, making it appear as if he did not go to church on any other Sunday.

Mr. J. Hunt said he did not think any useful purpose would be served by a 'Ringers' Sunday.' Nearly all the associations held quarterly and annual meetings, when they had their church services, and he could not see why, for instance, they should drag all the men of the Bath and Wells Association to Taunton for a service on one Sunday in the year. It was not workable.

Mr. W. A. Cave suggested as an amendment that they should have a 'Bellringers' Saturday.' Dinners were being held during the autumn and winter season at Birmingham, London, Bristol and Sheffield, and he would like to see inaugurated a Saturday afternoon when they might all meet in a social way somewhere on the banks of the Thames, or some place like that.

The president pointed out that this was not an amendment to the resolution, which he then put to the meeting. It was negatived by a large majority.

The resolution of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, deprecating the Simpson tuning of historic bells, was ruled out of order by the president, as it was not put in the form of a motion.

This concluded the formal resolutions on the agenda, but one or two matters were referred to under the heading of 'other business.'

Replying to Mr. F. Wilford, the president said a member of the Council was elected for the full session of three years, but if he died or was laid aside by illness, it was lawful for an association to elect another in his place for the remainder of the term.

### PEAL UMPIRES.

Mr. T. Faulkner raised the question of whether it was in order for the umpire of a record peal to open the sealed copy of the figures of the composition before the peal was rung. He thought it would be absolutely necessary for him to see the figures in order to check them.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said no one except the secretary of the society whose record was to be challenged should have a copy of the figures, and he should keep them in the sealed envelope and return them to the conductor with the seal unbroken if the peal was not rung. If the conductor sent them to anyone else he ran the risk of what might be done with the figures.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said he sent the sealed figures of the peal attempted at Leeds to Mr. Langdon, who was coming to umpire the peal, and to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. It was a great surprise to him when he had a letter from Mr. Langdon to say that he was going to open the figures. He (the speaker) was always under the impression that the figures should not be opened until the peal had been rung. He held that the umpire should come and take down the figures and, after the peal, open the sealed envelope and compare them with the composition. It did not much matter in connection with a peal of Stedman Caters, but if it were a long peal in some other method composers might not like their figures handed about, and the band might also object to others seeing them.

Mr. Beams: If he has not got the figures before him, what is there to umpire? We are not all Withers.

Mr. Pulling said if the umpire was to have the figures before him, the Council should alter their rules.

The President said the rules provided for sending the sealed figures to the secretary and no one else.

Mr. G. R. Pye: There is no rule of the Council that you must have an umpire.

The President: No rule at all.

Mr. Pulling: The association can send an umpire.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: He is not called an umpire.

Mr. W. A. Cave: The rule says that a competent representative of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.

The matter then dropped.

### APPEALS AND THANKS.

The Rev. H. Law James said they were collecting funds to add four trebles to the bells at Lincoln Cathedral in memory of the members of the Lincoln Guild who fell during the war. They had got within £90 of the amount they wanted, and he would be glad to receive subscriptions from any non-resident life members, of whom they had many scattered all over the country, and whom he did not know how to get at.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he was the incumbent of a country parish of under a hundred inhabitants. He was hoping to be able to get the five bells at his church made into eight, and he hoped members of the Council would assist him by taking collecting cards.

The Council accepted the offer of the honorary secretary to send

to absent members of the Council and to the secretaries of the various affiliated Guilds and associations a copy of the booklet he had prepared on Coventry bells, which is to be completed by the addition of the report of the proceedings in the Consistory Court.

Before separating, the president expressed the Council's sense of appreciation of all that had been done by members of the Suffolk Association for their reception and convenience. They had made excellent arrangements for the Council's comfort and for that meeting. They must not forget that they came there primarily for the transaction of business, but there were certain creature comforts which the Suffolk Guild had looked after, and they very much appreciated it (applause).

Canon H. J. Elsee said that as that was the last meeting of the present Council they could not break up without thanking the president for the way in which he had conducted their business. They could not have had a better chairman (hear, hear). Though they would meet, some of them, as a new Council next year, he hoped it would be many years before they thought of suggesting another chairman than Canon Coleridge (applause).

Canon Coleridge briefly replied, and the proceedings then terminated. Afterwards the Council, with members of the Suffolk Guild, were entertained to tea by the Guild and in the evening, after ringing at various Ipswich churches, there was a social gathering at the headquarters, at which an enjoyable musical programme was carried out.

## METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

### COMPLETION OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1926.

In the course of the debate on Nomenclature at the Ipswich C.C. meeting, reference was made to (a) two corrections required in the text of the resolutions (page 219 'R.W.' April 2nd); and to (b) the final list of Method names recommended for alteration. As these details were not reached in the course of the debate, it is desirable that the proposals of the committee, complete and final, should appear in print. These corrections and additions are as follows:—

(A) 1. For Dartford (Resolution 7) (proposed new name for 'Daffodil') read 'Darwen.'

2. For the figures '28' (Resolution 9), Castle and Abbeys Series, read '33.' In other words, the list of names from which it is proposed to omit the word 'Castle' and 'Abbey' is to be amplified by the following five names:—

Evesham.  
Tewkesbury.  
Waltham.  
Carnarvon.  
Fotheringay.

(B) Unsuitable names, second and final instalment:—

Old Name.	Class.	Remarks.	Suggested New Name.
ABBEEVILLE	4th Place Delight Minor (5)	Abbeyville is neither English nor correct French spelling.	ABBEYDORE
ANNABLE'S	Surprise Minor (27)	Standardise like Stedman.	ANNABLE
BACUP	Surprise Minor (19)	A case of an awkward topographical name.	MANCHESTER
BODEDONE	3rd Place Delight (40)	" "	BOLNEY
CUNECASTRE	Surprise Minor (17)	" "	CHELMSFORD
GROVE	4th Place Delight (34)	" "	GROSVENOR
HORSMONDEN	Plain Minor (17)	" "	HORSHAM
PUDSEY	Surprise Major	" "	BRADFORD
TAXAL	4th Place Delight Minor (15)	" "	CREDITON
TROWELL	T.B. Minor (25)	" "	BRIDGFORD
WATH	3rd Place Delight Minor (11)	" "	WILTON

Although an 'amendment' was carried at the Council meeting in place of the resolutions, yet that amendment did not claim to take the place of the report, which latter is thus apparently still before the Council, and not yet accepted nor rejected.

G. P. BURTON,

Convener of Nomenclature Committee.

## A LANCASHIRE PEAL RESTORED.

The bells at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, are to re-opened to-morrow (Saturday), at three o'clock, by Canon H. J. Elsee, of St. George's, Bolton, president of the Lancashire Association, and will be available for ringing after the service.

These bells have been cleaned, retuned and rehung on the latest principle by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The iron framework is supported on steel girders, and the bells are in ball bearings.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

#### COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER MEANS OF FURTHERING THE WORK.

About 120 members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild attended the annual meeting at Portsmouth on Saturday, all the districts from the Isle of Wight to Surrey being represented. In the absence of the vice-president (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), who everyone regretted to hear was ill, the Master (Mr. G. Williams) presided over the business meeting held in St. Thomas' parish room.

Arising out of the minutes, the question of the suggested free issue of certificates to members was referred to. The honorary secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) said the committee had considered the matter, and had decided that the price should be sixpence as hitherto. To issue them free might cause confusion as to who was entitled to them and who was not.

In writing to the honorary secretary from Lyndhurst Hospital, regretting his absence from the meeting, the vice-president said, with regard to one item on the agenda inviting suggestions as to how the work and aims of the Guild might be furthered, he firmly believed that the work and aims of the Guild would never be fully realised until the clergy whose churches possessed rings of bells took a more active and deeper interest in the welfare of their ringers. The members would remember he had appealed in the 'Diocesan Chronicle' for more interest in their work, but without success. He knew the members welcomed the clergy in the belfry, and he thought many a young curate could find time to learn to ring if he would only realise what an interesting art it was, and what a fine bit of service for Christ's Church. Thirty years ago he remembered at least a dozen clergy who rang, some more, some less, and although he would not exaggerate their office or position unduly, he did honestly feel that incumbents had a great influence at their disposal which their very position gave them, to use for the best advantage of the men who ring and call the faithful to worship. As to the future of the Guild, when the new dioceses were created, he saw no need for hurry, and they would do well to act with mature judgment. There was no reason why a committee (ad hoc) should not be elected consisting of members from the three areas. This committee might be empowered to collect information and ascertain the wishes of the members and report of the next annual meeting. The vice-president concluded with an expression of sorrow for his absence from the meeting, and best wishes to his many old friends and for the Guild's continued prosperity.

On the motion of the Master it was resolved to write a letter of sympathy to the vice-president, expressing deep regret for his illness, and the hope that he might have a speedy restoration to health.

The balance sheet and report were adopted, and the officers were re-elected en bloc as follows:—President, the Bishop of Winchester; vice-president, Rev. C. E. Matthews; master, Mr. George Williams; honorary secretary, Mr. George Pullinger; honorary treasurer, Rev. N. C. Woods; recorder of peals, Mr. F. W. Rogers; auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

#### SUGGESTION TO INCREASE INTEREST IN CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The representatives on the Central Council were re-elected as follows:—The vice-president, the master, Mr. A. H. Pulling, and Mr. H. Barton.

Mr. Williams gave a lengthy report of the proceedings at the Council meeting at Ipswich, and Mr. Pulling said he did not think the Council would be a real success until they could get the Exercise as a whole to take more interest in it. At present the representatives went to the meetings without any idea of what their own members really wanted. He thought it would be an advantage if the agenda of Council could be talked over at the meetings throughout the Guild, so that the representatives could get to know the wishes of the members. At present the Council had not got the weight of the Exercise behind them, and that was where the weakness lay.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. Williams and Mr. Pulling for attending the Ipswich meeting, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies added a few comments on the Council's proceedings. The debates, he considered, were on a high level all through. Although he had not the honour of representing that Guild, but was a member of the Council in another capacity, he was perfectly sure the Guild had done right in re-electing their representatives, as they could not find better men to serve them than those who now represented them.

The honorary secretary, returning to Mr. Pulling's point, said the difficulty of getting Central Council matters discussed at the annual district meetings was that these meetings were held six months before the Council meeting. If the Central Council agenda could be out earlier, the associations would have more opportunity of discussing it. He suggested that if ringers or bands objected to any matters which appeared in the agenda, they should communicate either with him or the representatives.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said the difficulty the associations were up against was the Standing Orders of the Council itself, which required only one month's notice to be given of any proposal for the consideration of the Council. It would, he considered, create more interest in the Council's proceedings if associations had the opportunity of considering questions which were to come before the Council; but this opportunity could only be obtained by an alteration of the Standing Orders. To enable the matter to be proceeded with, he proposed

that the Guild's representatives place on the agenda for the next Council meeting a motion to amend the Standing Orders in order that the Council's agenda may be published at least three months before the meeting, to give Guilds and associations the opportunity of discussing it. He pointed out that within the three months prior to the Council meeting many associations held their annual meetings, and where they were divided into districts the districts themselves would hold at least one meeting.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said a similar suggestion had occurred to him. He had thought the publication should be before Easter in each year, as many associations held their annual meeting on Easter Monday.

Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester) thought three months was the better period, and the motion, on being put, was carried unanimously.

Messrs. V. Godwin and A. Walters were elected probationary members of Bishopstoke tower.

#### THE WORK OF THE GUILD.

The next item on the agenda was: 'Suggestions (if any) as to how the work and aims of the Guild can be furthered.' The honorary secretary said he had put this on the agenda, because, as he moved about the Guild, he sometimes heard grumbles and received inquiries as to why this, that or the other was not done. He had, he said, received a letter from Mr. E. C. Elliott, of Lymington, with regard to his (the secretary's) report which had been printed in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Elliott said: 'One suggestion made is "that a conductor for a peal can be provided on application." What benefit will this be to the band? What is most wanted is instructors to get the band up to the peal-ringing stage; by that time the conductor will usually have developed with the band.'

'Do the officers of the Guild know what is going on in all the towers of the diocese? If not, they should know, and until they know this their knowledge of the ringing ability of the diocese is valueless. I maintain that the officers of the Guild should so arrange matters that they should see that all towers where progress is not being made should be assisted, but the knowledge referred to above is first essential.'

'In Lymington (and probably this is true of many other towers) it would make one's head ache to think of the last visit (if any) of any officer of the Guild, and one is forced to the conclusion that the only towers visited by officers of the Guild are those where a good band exists, so that the officers can enjoy themselves and ring peals for their own glorification. This sort of thing will not advance change-ringing. What is wanted is to give help to those towers who are handicapped either by numbers or lack of teaching.'

Mr. Elliott went on to acknowledge the assistance received at Lymington from Christchurch and Mr. G. Preston particularly, and to suggest that the officers of the Guild do something more practical than make suggestions in the annual report. He made the following suggestions:—

1. That every tower in the diocese should be periodically visited on their practice nights to see what work is being done, if any help is needed, what sort of a conductor is in charge, the number of ringers and (or) learners on the roll.
2. That a record of these visits should be made and passed on to the Council and comparisons made yearly as to progress or otherwise.
3. That such visiting officers should have a book in which to make a report, and which should be signed by the officer and ringer in charge of the tower.
4. That some effort should be made to train ringers to become conductors and qualification certificates given.
5. That, in addition to the secretary's report, the master should also make a report on the ringing of the diocese.
6. That the president should be informed as to the amount of help (or otherwise) given by the clergy, where there are towers, to their ringers.

Mr. H. J. Chaffey suggested that the letter be allowed to lie on the table. He said they could take a horse to the water, but they could not make him drink. Their officials might go round to the towers, but generally, if it were known that a good change-ringer was coming, some of the band stopped away. There were ringers who went round to towers every week to try and help, but when it came to a district meeting or combined practice, where members of those bands could learn something, they did not trouble to attend. It was all very well to put blame on to the Guild's officials. The gentleman who wrote the letter should have come to that meeting and said what he had got to say.

The Master concurred with Mr. Chaffey that if it were known that a visit was to be paid to a tower, some of the band usually stopped away, so that they were short of enough ringers to do any good. The committee had considered this letter, and had decided that he and the secretary should reply to it.

The question of a report that had been made on the condition of Shanklin bells was raised by Mr. J. Bruce Williamson, but after some discussion it was considered advisable that, as the report was made by the Rev. C. E. Matthews as a member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee and not as an official of the Guild, and as the incumbent was against anything being done, no steps could advantageously be taken at present.

There was some discussion with regard to the rules governing district meetings, and Mr. Whittington made the suggestion that greater

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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. THE WAR MEMORIAL.

Postponed in May on account of the strike, the annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Trowbridge on June 19th, and was attended by ringers from all parts of the counties of Wilts and Dorset. The day's proceedings opened with a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. S. Weatherhead), assisted by the Rev. Canon E. P. Knubley (Vicar of Steeple Ashton). The special form of service was used, and the lesson was read by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, honorary assistant secretary.

Canon Knubley was the preacher, taking as his text, 'Let brotherly love continue' (Ephesians xiii, 1). As ringers, he said, they were members of a brotherhood, and they should be guided by the same principles as those of the great Christian brotherhood.

The closing hymn was 'Angel voices ever singing,' during the singing of which a collection was taken for the Ringers' Memorial Fund.

Subsequently the members, to the number of about 120, assembled for luncheon at St. James' Hall, where an excellent repast had been prepared by Trowbridge ladies, assisted by office-bearers of the church.

The Rector of Trowbridge presided, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Knubley, Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna, Gillingham (honorary secretary and treasurer, who had just returned from his work in Cyprus), Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, of Beechingsstoke (a former master of the Guild), Rev. C. C. Cox, Wimborne, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Mr. E. Perkins Garlick (people's warden of the Parish Church), Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes branch), Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge (representative on Central Council), etc.

Following the repast, the Rector extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. Three years ago, a few months before he came to Trowbridge, he was told there was a big gathering of ringers in the town on the occasion of the completion of a peal of ten bells, the first in the county of Wilts. Trowbridge thought a great deal of itself because of its peal of ten. Personally, he was aware that attempts at ringing peals did not always succeed. He lived quite close to the church, and knew when a peal was in progress (laughter). It began, perhaps, at six o'clock, and he thought to himself that it would be over somewhere after seven. It might so happen that at ten minutes past seven there came a silence, an ominous silence (laughter). He often wondered to himself whether under such circumstances there was an ominous silence in the ringing chamber, or what was being said (renewed laughter). However, it was a great pleasure to welcome the ringers of the diocese to Trowbridge, and he hoped they would have an enjoyable time. He added that Trowbridge was not satisfied yet, and if any tower in the county secured a peal of ten they were out to get twelve (applause).

### THE GUILD WAR MEMORIAL.

The report of the association secretary (already published in these columns) and the accounts were adopted.

Mr. Beams gave a report on the position of the Guild War Memorial Fund, instituted to commemorate the fifty-eight ringers of the diocese who fell in the Great War. The total received from the Wiltshire section of the diocese was £18 14s. 3d., out of a total re-

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interest could be created by splitting the districts into smaller areas. He said he was very much in favour of forming an independent Guild for the Guildford diocese when it was divided from the Winchester diocese. This was not because he wanted to part with the Winchester Diocesan Guild, but he thought if they had smaller diocesan Guilds and smaller districts, they could work more intensively.

The Master said that the carving out of more districts from existing districts was proposed in 1914 by the committee, but it fell through owing to the war.

After some further general discussion, a motion was passed that the committee should consider the question as to how the work and aims of the Guild can be furthered, and should present a report to the next annual meeting.

### THE DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

The Master said that at the committee meeting that morning it was resolved to form a special committee, consisting of the district secretaries, with the vice-president, the master and the honorary secretary, to consider the position of the Guild in connection with the division of the diocese.

The Master, on behalf of the committee, then presented a framed photograph of the officers of the Guild to the honorary secretary as a slight appreciation of his services, and, Mr. Pullinger having acknowledged the gift, the business terminated with a vote of thanks to the master for presiding and to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the respective peals of bells.

The members afterwards attended service at St. Thomas' Church, where the Rev. C. D. P. Davies preached an inspiring sermon, as a ringer to ringers, his text being, 'Whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it, or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it' (1. Cor. xii, 26).

Subsequently a large party sat down to tea together at St. Thomas' Parish Room. During the day there was ringing at St. Thomas' Church (which is to be the pro-cathedral of the new Portsmouth diocese), St. Mary's, Portsea, and Alverstoke. The methods ranged from Grand sire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise.

ceived, together with Dorset, of £75 8s. 3d. After allowing for the cost of the appeal, the net balance in the bank was £71 6s. 10d. He regretted that the amount was not £100, and it was for the meeting to decide whether the fund should be kept open or closed. The provision of the screen, a portion of which formed the ringers' memorial, was not yet completed, but was being extended. It was thought at first that the Guild would have been able to raise £200, which was considered as their quota. But out of the 114 towers only 54 had subscribed. He added that whether the ringers paid their share or not the work would be paid for.

Rev. C. C. Cox said it was incumbent upon the Guild to meet their obligations in this matter, and to pay for what was a very worthy and handsome memorial. At the beginning all were very enthusiastic about it, and they quite thought they would raise £200. He would like to see every member of the Guild subscribe, and, as the inscription had already been erected, it was incumbent they should do so, and he therefore moved that the fund be kept open and a further appeal issued.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes) seconded, and this was agreed to. **SECRETARY'S EASTERN RINGING EXPERIENCES.**

The Rev. R. H. Gundry (Shroton Rectory, Blandford), was unanimously re-elected master.—A letter apologising for absence was read, and in it the desire was expressed that he should retire from office.—The members, however, were unanimous in their decision that he should remain.—The Rev. F. L. Edwards was also re-appointed honorary secretary and treasurer, and paid tribute to the able assistance the Guild had received from Mr. Beams during his absence.

Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Trowbridge for conducting the church service and for presiding. He was greatly surprised to find that a new Rector had come since his last visit, on which occasion he had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. P. A. Nash. From what he had seen there was no need for the reformation of the clergy in that district (hear, hear). In Trowbridge they had a Rector who was interested in, and appreciated, the music of the bells, one who, because of the geographical position, had the full benefit of them (laughter). He also desired to thank Canon Knubley for his address, also the organist (Mr. A. E. Howell) for the sympathetic manner in which he accompanied the singing of the male voices; also the incumbents of the various churches whose towers were open that day to the Guild. Explaining that in response to an urgent appeal from the diocese of Jerusalem he had been doing temporary duty as chaplain in Cyprus, he said he had only had three opportunities of ringing while away. On two of them he rang on a peal of three bells in a monastery church with monks, and on the third at Florence Cathedral, where there were also only three bells. The hanging of the bells at the latter was such that so heavy was the going that he thought he was ringing the tenor, whereas it was the treble (laughter).

Canon Knubley replied, and urged the importance of the appeal for the War Memorial Fund being pushed forward in every tower in the diocese.

Mr. Beams voiced thanks to the ladies who had provided the lunch, especially mentioning the name of Mrs. Cooper, and also the gentlemen who had assisted. He thanked, too, the members of the local branch, who had made his work of arranging the festival all the lighter.

Mr. Heginbotham seconded, and this was carried with enthusiasm. The visitors then made their way to the various towers. Unfortunately, ringing was not possible at Warminster owing to illness, and the ringers of Melksham sent an apology for not being at home to greet them because they were taking their annual holiday.

## BELL RESTORATION AT EALING.

### PART OF £3,000 SCHEME AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The parishioners of St. Mary's, Ealing, have undertaken the restoration of the bells, organ and the fabric in general. The bells are to be re-tuned and re-hung in an iron frame, with new fittings throughout. The estimate of a well-known firm has been accepted, and the work will be put in hand within the next few months. The sum of money required for the whole scheme is £3,000.

A garden sale was held in the grounds of Ealing Vicarage on Friday and Saturday last. This resulted in a substantial sum being added to the fund, and, incidentally, takes the total past the first £1,000. On Friday evening, the following ringers rang courses of Grand sire Caters, Bob Major, etc., on handbells, viz.: J. A. Trollope, F. Corke, A. H. Fulwell, A. M. Stacey, and F. W. Goodfellow. During Saturday afternoon a course of Grand sire Caters on Mr. J. K. Mackman's fine handbells brought forth the usual expressions of appreciation. The ringers on this occasion were: J. R. Mackman, H. Mackman, H. Belcher, A. H. Fulwell, and F. W. Goodfellow.

Although the bells have been going indifferently for several years, it is a commendable fact that the ringers have headed the list of Sunday service quarter-peals rung in towers affiliated to the Middlesex Association for the last three or four years. The majority of the band were taught their ringing in this tower, and it is satisfactory to know that their enthusiasm will cost them fewer wet shirts than has been the case in the past.

Anybody who would care to subscribe to this worthy object should send their donations to Fred. W. Goodfellow, 121, Standard Road, Hounslow, Middlesex.

**NINE HUNDRED PEALS.**

**MR. JAMES GEORGE'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.**

In the space of less than two years Mr. James George—of England—has added another one hundred peals to his record, and brought his total to 900. This was completed on Saturday last, when he made a new departure by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and it is safe to say that no other ringer has rung his first peal on ten bells in this method at the age of seventy-two. Mr. George's many performances on heavy bells—he delights in picking out the 'big uns' and slogging where there's man's work to be done—are well known to all readers of this journal, and have long been accepted as evidence of his perpetual youth, physically at all events. Now we have testimony of his mental vigour and alertness, for Cambridge Royal, even in these days, is not everybody's job.

Mr. George has spent just half his life in ringing, for he did not begin until he was thirty-six years of age, and the older he gets the more he does. Nearly all the big jobs there are to do he has done, and our readers will find a list of some of his memorable achievements between the ages of sixty-eight and seventy-one in our issue of August 29th, 1924. To these we would add one or two of the things he has accomplished since he passed his seventy-second birthday. He has turned in Bow tenor (53 cwt.) to Treble Bob Maximus, and it is worth noting that no man over the age of fifty-six has done this, so Mr. George has got a start of sixteen years over the oldest of them. He has rung Canterbury Cathedral tenor (30 cwt.) to Treble Bob Maximus, and St. Luke's, Derby (tenor 30 cwt.), to Double Norwich Major.

And he is seventy-two! We wonder whether it is the ringing or the ping-pong, of which he appears to be local champion, that keeps him thus fit. He is still looking for more worlds to conquer. There are not many left, but he has designs on them all. In the meantime our readers will be interested in the following list of his 900 peals, which have been rung in 328 different towers, and 42 different counties, in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales:—

	Tower Bells Rung.	Hand-bells Conducted.	Hand-bells Rung.
Bob Minor	1		
Grandsire Triples	65	14	6
Grandsire Doubles	2		
Stedman Triples	182	4	4
Union Triples			1
Bob Triples	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples	2		
Grandsire Major	2		
Bob Major	35 (A)	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	50 (B)		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	44 (C)		
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	75		
Cambridge Surprise Major	21		
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1		
Bristol Surprise Major	4		
London Surprise Major	9		
Grandsire Caters	32 (D)		1
Stedman Caters	131		13
Grandsire Royal	1		
Aston Royal	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	40 (E)		
Bob Royal	10		
Little Bob Royal	1		
Forward Royal	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1		
Grandsire Cinques	5		
Stedman Cinques	121		16
Bob Maximus	1		
Grandsire Maximus	1		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	16 (F)		
Forward Maximus	1		
	859	19	41

(A) including 6000. (B) including 6336. (C) including 6720. (D) including 6011 and 8009. (E) including 6080 and 7280. (F) including 6000 and 12,240 Record.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

In honour of the wedding of Mr. N. E. Hope, an old and esteemed bell ringer, at East Grinstead, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Lambert 1, W. Mills 2, T. M. Potter 3, F. G. Willey 4, G. Hewitt 5, J. Wren 6, T. Tullett (conductor) 7, S. W. Chesson 8. In the evening, another touch of 700 changes in the same method was rung by P. S. Barton 1, G. Lambert 2, F. G. Willey 3, G. F. Tizzard 4, G. Hewitt 5, J. Wren 6, T. Tullett (conductor) 7, S. W. Chesson 8.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**KENSINGTON.**—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service at St. Mary Abbots', 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: E. G. Locke 1, W. E. Garrard 2, F. G. Symonds 3, A. Cutmore 4, W. E. Judd 5, H. G. Miles (conductor) 6, H. Belcher 7, Dr. Flaxman 8, H. A. Folkard 9, A. F. Harris 10.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, July 4th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, for evensong, 1,155 Stedman Caters: Miss E. E. Hardestale 1, E. F. Pike 2, J. L. Watkins 3, T. G. Bannister 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, Miss E. E. Chapman 6, J. C. Doel 7, F. E. Collins 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, F. W. H. Sergison 10.

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—On Sunday, July 4th, at St. Faith's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: B. Clark 1, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 2, G. W. Fletcher 3, W. Monk 4, R. J. Hasted 5, M. Marshall 6, R. Hasted 7, S. Parsons 8. Ringers of 2 and 3 are from London, and the 7th from Farnham.—For evening service, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 48 mins.: M. Marshall 1, B. Clarke 2, W. Monk 3, H. J. Tucker (Chichester) 4, J. H. Blake (Chichester) 5, R. J. Hasted 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, S. Parsons 8.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Brooks', in 53 mins.: Mrs. H. Baker 1, H. Baker 2, A. C. Kay 3, C. Tribe 4, K. Patten 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, H. C. Castle 7, A. Battin 8.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, W. Spice 3, W. E. Spice 4, G. H. Spice 5, J. S. Webb 6, E. H. Spice (composer and conductor) 7, G. Wilkins 8.

**ERITH, KENT.**—On Sunday afternoon, July 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for special local hospital service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Simms 1, F. J. Cullum, sen., 2, J. S. Morton 3, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 4, S. Stagg 5, L. J. Cullum 6, E. J. Ilett 7, O. Robinson 8.—Also for evening service the same day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: F. Simms 1, J. S. Morton 2, F. J. Cullum, sen., 3, E. J. Ilett 4, L. J. Cullum 5, S. Stagg 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8.

**SWINTON, MANCHESTER.**—On July 4th, at St. Peter's Church, for the 'sermons' evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: D. Clarke 1, S. Crossley 2, H. Wallwork 3, D. Hindley 4, J. Lingard (conductor) 5, W. Collier 6, S. James 7, R. Potter 8. Ringers of 3, 4 and 5 from Pendlebury.

**STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.**—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Large 1, A. Hicks 2, E. Large 3, G. Large 4, E. Davis 5, T. Bond 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 27th, for evensong, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Bob Major (composed by James George) in 43 mins.: A. H. Beanish (conductor) 1, Miss D. E. Lewis 2, P. A. Aldham (Hinckley) 3, C. E. Rayson 4, J. Draycott (first quarter-peal inside) 5, H. Wright 6, J. F. Clarke, sen., 7, J. E. Moreton 8.

**WINCHESTER.**—For evening service at St. Maurice's Church, on Sunday, June 20th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Vokes 1, G. Noice 2, A. Goulding 3, C. Russell 4, R. Paine (first 720 as conductor) 5, M. Hawkins 6.

**PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.**—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service at St. Augustine's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Burcombe 1, C. O. Hobbs 2, D. Thomas 3, E. Coombes (first 720 in the method) 4, S. Dawe (conductor) 5, W. Bolton 6.

**WANSTEAD, ESSEX.**—At Christ Church, 720 Plain Bob: J. Petty 1, J. Marks 2, A. Reeve 3, C. Petty 4, E. Plummer 5, C. R. Mars (conductor), 6. Rung for the official visit of the Lord Mayor to the morning service.

**EDUCATING THE PUBLIC.**

**RINGING DEMONSTRATION TO MEMBERS OF SELBORNE SOCIETY.**

Many influential members of the well-known Selborne Society, including Mrs. E. M. Richardson-Rice, member of Council in charge, and the honorary secretary, Mr. Wilfred M. Webb, paid a visit to the village of Iver, Bucks, on Saturday, when they were met by the Vicar, who explained the interesting features of the church.

By the kind permission of the Vicar, a demonstration of change-ringing was arranged by some members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the company had an opportunity of viewing the bells when in motion (there is good standing room on a staging in a safe position), and afterwards to watch the manipulation of the ropes in the ringing chamber.

All points were practically and clearly explained by Mr. Wm. Lawrence (Ealing), who had assistance in the ringing of Miss Phyllis Moss (of Uxbridge), Mr. Geo. H. Guttridge (Iver Heath), and others. The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Minor.

Several of the ladies and gentlemen asked many questions, and this was a good sign that interest was taken in the proceedings, and one lady in particular was with difficulty restrained from making an attempt to ring one of the bells.

Mr. Friend Sykes entertained all to tea on the lawn at Richings Park, afterwards taking the members for a ramble around his fine wooded park.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 29th; St. Magnus' on the 22nd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 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 District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening: St. Mary's (10) and the Minster (10). Short service in St. Mary's at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church House, Tiger Lane. Business meeting immediately after.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LADIES GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers cordially invited. — Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Samlesbury Church on Saturday, July 10th. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary, Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, July 10th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Permission has been obtained to view the grounds of the Castle. —F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.** — Next meeting will be held at Cuckney (five miles from Mansfield) on July 10th. Bells ready early and visitors welcome. Good bus service. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., at the Church Institute at reasonable price.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Long Eaton (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Business meeting in the vestry 5 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec. 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The annual summer meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, July 10th. The fine peal of bells (8) will be available at 2.30 p.m., when it is hoped a good number will be present. Tea arrangements will be announced during the afternoon.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pilton, near Shepton Mallet, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 14, Victoria Grove, Shepton Mallet.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.** — Langleybury (Hunton Bridge). — Saturday, July 10th. Bells open 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5.30 at King's Head.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. A committee meeting will be held at 4 p.m. to consider matters concerning proposed contest for shield. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price; application to be made to Mr. H. Crossland, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Secretary.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.** — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 17th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea has been arranged at the "Denbigh Arms," to be followed by general meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. — J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Paulton on July 17th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, July 17th. 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 July 10th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Netheravon on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Arrangements are being made for ringing at Fittleton (6), Enford (6) and Upavon (6) in the evening. —F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hunton on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, after service. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 14th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Braunston on Saturday July 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Rd., Daventry.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, July 17th, 1926. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Langdon Hills (6 bells) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible, as number has to be given for tea?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Prior on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. — James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**WITHERLEY.**—Hinckley District, M.C.A.—Thanksgiving service for complete restoration of church and spire (which were struck by lightning some two or three years ago), 3 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21st. The bells (5) have been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Annual Festival, 1926.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 24th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. Applications for same, accompanied by remittance, to be made to general secretary by Wednesday, July 21st. Ringing as usual at college towers and city churches. The railway companies can give no definite promise of cheap fares at present, but may be able to make some concession by July 24th.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.** — Saxmundham District. — A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 24th. Bells of the Parish Church are available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, free. Will all who wish to be present please let me know by Thursday, the 22nd inst? All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Little Comberton on Saturday, July 24th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Lowndes). Notification to be sent me not later than the previous Tuesday. Bells (6) available; also Great Comberton (6) at 7.30 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Prestwick, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 21st.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.** — The summer meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 24th. The bells (8) are available. Tea at the Central Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Those coming to tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 20th. — E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided by the generosity of a friend of the local ringers, only to those who notify me before Tuesday, July 20th. Half-fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE CHURCH BELL RINGERS.**—A meeting of all those interested in Church Bell Ringing in the County of Salop and others will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 24th. Bells at St. Chad's (12), St. Mary's (10) and other towers in the town will be available during the afternoon and evening. At 5.30, in the Vestry of St. Chad's Church, a general meeting will be held. The Ven. Archdeacon Lambart, of Salop, will take the chair. All ringers will be most welcome. A cheap tea will be provided for those who let the secretary know before Thursday, the 22nd.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Stonham Aspell on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (10) available at 2.30. Details later.—Rev. H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise me not later than Wednesday, July 28th.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—On and after July 9th the address of Mr. F. Wilford will be 31, Wood Street, Northampton.

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**GRIMSBY DISTRICT MEETINGS.**

A Grimsby district meeting was held at Barrow-on-Humber on Saturday, July 3rd, when members attended from Bigby, Ulceby, Burton-on-Stather, Grimsby, and the local band. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent address from I. Cor. xii. 12.

Tea was served in the Vicar's room, when nineteen members sat down, including the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry), the Rev. G. H. Newton (Vicar of Ulceby), and the Vicar of Barrow.

At the meeting which followed, with the president in the chair, the Vicar of Barrow (the Rev. L. S. Officer) was elected an honorary member of the Northern Branch. Mr. W. E. Broughton, of Goxhill, was elected as a performing member.—The secretary read a letter re Stallingborough bells.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his excellent address; also to the caterers for the excellent tea, and to Mr. H. E. Dannett for his untiring efforts in the cause of change-ringing, and for the arrangements he had made for the meeting, was heartily carried.

Members then adjourned to the tower for more ringing.

At a meeting held at Ulceby on June 12th, members attended from Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Grimsby, and the local tower. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. T. Mann, of Burton-on-Stather.—The president, as one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, explained to the members why he did not attend at the Central Council meeting.—The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 8s.—Votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and further ringing was then indulged in.

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### INTEREST IN THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The difficulty of getting ringers in many towers to take an interest in anything outside their own belfry, or even in it for that matter, has been the subject of constant comment. It is, as pointed out in this column last week, one of the problems with which all the associations are confronted, and if men cannot be induced to interest themselves in the things that concern their own association or guild, how much more difficult is it to create any widespread interest in a body like the Central Council, which is a step further distant from the orbit in which the individual ringer revolves? Yet the Council will never completely or even adequately fulfil its purpose unless the whole body of the Exercise takes a real interest in its operations, and the associations themselves are ready to participate actively in the work of the Council.

One obstacle to this was pointed out at the meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The business which is to come before the Council at any meeting is not known until a week or two before the meeting takes place, with the result that the associations generally are unable to consider any of the questions that are down for discussion, and to pass on their views through their accredited representatives. When, for any reason, the business of the Council is known beforehand, there is ample proof that ringers are ready to interest themselves in it. There were two instances prior to the last meeting. One was the adjourned report of the Nomenclature Committee, which many associations discussed and expressed opinions upon, and the other was the warmly debated subject of Simpson tuning, which the Honorary Secretary brought to a head by giving notice of his motion twelve months in advance, and which created almost unbroken interest and discussion among ringers throughout the year. This is proof that some ringers, at any rate, given the opportunity, can be interested in Council topics.

The question raised at the Winchester Guild meeting was how this opportunity could best be afforded as a regular part of the procedure, and a proposal was made that the Council should be induced so to alter their Standing Orders that the agenda should be published three months instead of three weeks before the meeting. There seems to be little objection to such a course, but to give the associations full opportunity of considering proposals it means that committee reports ought also to be published well in advance. It has been a noticeable failure on the part of some of the committees of the Council in the past that they are really unprepared with any actual report. An impromptu verbal statement is all that is often forthcoming—indeed, at Ipswich there was more than

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one instance in which the members of a committee did not themselves know who was to report or what was to be said. It ought to be a rule that each committee's report should be in print before the meeting, and if the committees could bestir themselves to complete their work so that these reports could be published round about the time the agenda appeared the Exercise might then be able to raise some little interest. As at present arranged the Exercise knows nothing until it is too late to express any views, and when the question has been one on which the Council has been desirous of getting an opinion it has meant an inevitable delay of at least a year.

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GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 8
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 9
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

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THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

SAMUEL WOOD ... .. Treble	*FRED ALTHORP ... .. 6
*JAMES CARTER ... .. 2	†ALBERT GORRINGE ... .. 7
*MARY ELIZABETH THORP... 3	JOSEPH MELLOR... .. 8
*WILLIAM DYSON ... .. 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 9
*SYDNEY MARSHALL ... .. 5	ALBERT ADAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Royal. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Adams, who has died in Australia; also as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. R. C. Hutton, M.A., Rector of Ashton from 1909 to 1918, who died in Italy. Samuel Wood's 100th peal on the bells.

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R. J. BEER... .. 4	J. O. POOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. A. T. Westcott for standing in at the last moment, owing to the indisposition of Mr. E. W. Marsh, honorary secretary South-West Branch of Devonshire Guild, who had arranged to conduct the peal, and to Mr. C. R. Lilley for conducting.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5164 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
JOHN HOYLE ... .. 2	GEORGE COOK ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

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

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. COOPER... .. 5
HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... .. 6
JAMES MARSHALL ... .. 3	*WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 7
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD }... Tenor

Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells since being rebung by Mr. Jas. E. Groves, Handsworth. At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar and Mrs. Chevington kindly entertained the band to tea on the Vicarage lawn, the ringers heartily thanking them for their kind hospitality.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN T. DAVIES ... .. Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 5
EDWARD HORTIN ... .. 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 6
BERT H. POUNTNEY ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7
SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. REED... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Vaughan, J.P., of Willenhall, who up to the time of his death was a trustee in connection with the above church, and the oldest member of the congregation.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

*BRINLY ADDICOTT ... .. Treble	PERCY JONES... .. 5
GEORGE COOKE ... .. 2	ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 6
HAROLD CASELL ... .. 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER ... .. 7
WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 4	SINCLAIR ADDICOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

\* First peal away from tenor. Rung for the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Addicott, father and mother of the above brothers, which was celebrated on July 2nd.

BATH.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, TWERTON,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... .. Treble	GILBERT G. HARDING... .. 5
GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 6
HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 3	THOMAS F. KING... .. 7
THEODORE GRANT ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by THOMAS F. KING

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. SIMMONS ... Treble	ALBERT BRADLEY... .. 5
FRANCIS FRASER ... .. 2	JIM HURRELL ... .. 6
ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON } Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of John Oswald Jobson (late churchwarden of St. John's) to Dorothea Rebecca Gilbee.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR AND DOUBLE OXFORD (SPICED),  
5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN BODLES ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.  
This is the first time these two methods have been rung spliced. The peal contains 2,544 of each method.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

*ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 4	FRED H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First in the method. † First in the method inside, and his 100th peal. Specially rung to mark the 'official' engagement of the ringers of 3rd and 4th.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Treble	*HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 5
*MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2	FRANK BOREHAM ... .. 6
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

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

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and One-and-a-Half Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 5
REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2	FRED LAMBETH ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
RICHARD PAINE ... .. 4	GEORGE GRANT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The ringer of the 6th hails from Chippenham, Wilts, and was elected a member previous to starting. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER FENDALL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 5
PERCY HACKETT ... .. 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 6
JOHN PRICE ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 4	GILBERT GUEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. John and Bertram Price, father and son. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. Price at their residence after the peal, and a vote of thanks was passed to them for their hospitality.

**MISSING PAPERS.**

Ringers who have not yet received 'The Ringing World' for May 14th or 21st should send 3d. per copy to the EDITORIAL OFFICE, 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING, when the paper will be dispatched to them, post free.

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**CHATHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.  
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Treble	PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM... .. 5
*JACK KIDD, JUN... .. 2	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 3	CHARLES E. NORRIS ... .. 7
CHARLES WINSER ... .. 4	ALFRED H. HAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal.

**DORCHESTER, OXON.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

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

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.  
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

PERCY DYKE... .. Treble	WILLIAM STONE ... .. 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. WOODWARDS 6
RICHARD DAVIES... .. 3	WILLIAM HUTTON ... .. 7
JACK JUDGE ... .. 4	CHARLES SPICER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,*  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. Treble	JAS. H. RIDING ... .. 5
THOS BUTLER ... .. 2	GEO. R. JONES ... .. 6
ROBT. SPERRING ... .. 3	THOS. R. BUTLER ... .. 7
JOHN HAYES... .. 4	WILLIAM JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SAM JONES, JUN.

The conductor's 100th peal.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven-and-a-Half Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
WALTER ARNOLD... .. 2	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty-Eight Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY TURNER ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5
ALFRED PYE... .. 2	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. THOBALD ... .. 7
WILLIAM MILLER... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Butler.

**HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

*On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

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

DEKTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BERRAM W. RANDES ... Treble	ERNEST W. BRADSMORE ... 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	*JOSEPH CAULE ... .. 6
JOHN H. DEAN ... .. 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDES... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	*THOMAS ALLDREAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal and first attempt by the ringer of the treble, who had not previously rung a 504 in the method.

**STAPLEHURST, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. MANKLOW ... Treble	HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 2	*JOHN A. DOWNING ... .. 6
MRS. HARRY BAKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
*SIDNEY C. DRIVER ... .. 4	*WILLIAM G. TURK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal. Messrs. Driver and Downing (Hastings) were elected non-resident members previous to starting, and it was their first attempt to ring a peal.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, July 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 5
*MISS IRENE HASTIE ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	ALFRED CHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples, and elected a member of the association before starting.

**BEENHAM, BERKS.**—On Saturday, June 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. A. Hearl 4, H. W. L. Wells 5, H. W. Bishop 6. All are members of Swindon Parish Church Guild, and the above was rung after attending the summer meeting of the Newbury branch of the Oxford Guild at Bucklebury.

**PORTISHEAD.**—On June 29th, the Festival of St. Peter (the Patronal Saint of the Parish Church, Portishead), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss Alice Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, Miss G. Broad 4, E. Goldstone 5, H. Orchard 6, J. Nisbet 7, J. Thomas 8.

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**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 16 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANK C. PREECE ... .. Treble	KENNETH SOUTHALL... .. 4
JAMES H. PREECE ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
*CHARLES W. PREECE ... .. 3	*GEORGE PERKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. H. Cave-Moyle, who took up his duties on the above date.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of York Surprise, Duke of York Treble Bob, London Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL ... .. Treble	HARRY ARGENT ... .. 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... .. 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 5
JOHN BURLES ... .. 3	GEORGE MORROW... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Birthday peal for Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. First peal in seven Surprise and Treble Bob methods by all the band. First local College Youths peal in this district, all the band being Sunday service ringers at the above tower.

WOOTTON, NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARYER,

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

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings.

*HORACE PARKER ... .. Treble	*ALFRED PICKFORD ... .. 3
GEORGE PARKER ... .. 2	HARRY CLARK ... .. 4
THOMAS WISE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Comprising the following 720's, viz.:—Double and Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... .. Treble	MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN... .. 4
*MISS KIRBY MOORE ... .. 2	*HARRY BAXTER ... .. 5
WALTER T. WILSON... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal in nine methods.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT 395, MEANWOOD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

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

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by H. STANLEY ROBINSON.

The conductor's fiftieth peal. The composition, which has only 4, 5, 6 in 6th's place and the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, in the least possible number of changes, is now rung for the first time.

The following three peals were rung during a week's holiday spent by G. H. Cross in Hertfordshire, and he desires, through the medium of 'The Ringing World' to thank his ringing friends for their many kindnesses.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 27, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST J. NEWELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
*HERBERT E. DAY ... .. 2	AUGUSTUS V. GOOD ... .. 6
*ERNEST W. DAY... .. 3	*GEORGE CROFT ... .. 7
*LEONARD FIDLER ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARNAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to Lord Lytton.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF BOULE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
WALTER AYRE ... .. 2	FREDK. W. ELLIOTT ... .. 6
*STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 7
CHARLES LEMAN ... .. 4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN ... Treble	*FREDK. W. ELLIOTT ... .. 5
HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
*THOMAS STEPHENSON ... .. 3	*BENJAMIN MARKS ... .. 7
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method.

**PRITTLEWELL MEN IN KENT.**

A most enjoyable day was spent by the Prittlewell band on Saturday, July 3rd, when they paid a visit to Kent, that happy hunting-ground of Prittlewell ringers, where the bells, the scenery, and the welcome are always superlative, and, on this occasion, the weather too. Starting from Southend by the 6.31 a.m. train to Gravesend, the company, some eighteen strong, gathered at the Clock Tower to await the charabanc, which arrived more than punctually, and at 7.55 the journey to Maidstone commenced, the county town being reached somewhat before the appointed hour. A pleasant time was spent by most of the party admiring the beautiful church, while others supplemented their apparent inadequate breakfasts. However, the sound of the bells being raised all to the church, and touches of Stedman Gaters and Bob were rung, though unfortunately, a plain course of Cambridge all did not materialise. Ashford was the next stop, and an hour was pleasantly passed in the belfry ringing Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major, and almost a course of London. By now, even those who had indulged in two breakfasts were sorely in need of food, while the others were ravenous, so hasty trucks were made to the Saracen's Head, where luncheon had been bespoken. Everyone did justice to an admirable meal, and, feeling as the famous tiger of Riga must have felt, the party set out for Wye. The bells here were much admired, and touches of Double Norwich and Stedman were thoroughly enjoyed, both by the actual performers and the critical listeners outside. The next stop—a short one—was at Ospringe, where in the peculiar-looking church Double Norwich, Stedman and Cambridge were rung. From Ospringe to Sittingbourne was the next move, and here a plentiful tea had been prepared and was much appreciated. The belfry was then visited, and about an hour's ringing obtained, in which Double Norwich and Stedman were brought home, but the London still proved unattainable.

After a pleasant interlude the last stage of the journey was undertaken, and Gravesend was reached just after 9 p.m. As the last train for Southend did not leave till 10.55, the majority agreed that they had better make a day of it, so they forgathered in the British Tar, whose hostess is well known amongst the Cumberland youths, and a delightful hour was passed in an inner room. (Ringers passing this way should make a note of this—they may be assured of a real hearty welcome.) The time for departure from this pleasant retreat came all too soon, and tired but happy the company embarked for Southend. The day was enjoyed to the full by all. The weather was grand, and everywhere the welcome was splendid. The Prittlewell ringers wish to express their appreciation and thanks to all concerned who helped them to spend such a happy day S. W. C.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## A PROBLEM IN COMPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

For very many years the great question in composition was: Is it possible to get a peal of Grandsire Triples with common bobs only? On the face of it, there seemed no reason why it should not be done. The 'In-and-out-of-Course' of the changes offered no obstacle, as it does in Grandsire Caters. In Caters every row of the plain course is in-course, and as a bob does not alter the nature of the rows, obviously all the out of course rows (one half of the total) cannot be had unless you have some special call which does alter the nature of the rows. In Triples the hand strokes are out of course, the back strokes are in-course; and there is no row which cannot be brought up by ordinary bobs. Why, then, should not they all be brought up in one block?

Nearly two hundred years ago John Holt, in his Original, got all except three leads, and less than fifty years ago composers were still trying to get the lot. It was held, and rightly held, that because no man had done it was no reason why no man should ever do it. Dr. Carpenter pointed out that the number of ways in which you can mix up plain leads and bobbed leads in a 5,040 is stupendous; and surely, he said, out of that number one, and perhaps many, would give the desired result. Then came two men who settled the question. First, Mr. Davies proved that a peal of Grandsire Triples is not possible under certain limited conditions—the conditions under which Holt was working when he produced his Ten Part. And then Mr. W. H. Thompson proved that it is not possible under any conditions at all. Mr. Thompson was not a ringer, and he did not approach the problem from a ringer's point of view. He was a mathematician, and he dealt with it as a problem of mathematics. He was the first man who showed ringers that there are far more efficient ways of dealing with problems of composition than the old method of experiment, of trial and failure, and trial again, until you get success or drop the problem as beyond you.

He published his results in a pamphlet called 'A Note on Grandsire Triples showing that the construction of a peal of Grandsire Triples by means of plain leads and common bob leads only is impossible.' The date is 1886. This pamphlet is rather rare now, and I daresay few of the younger ringers have seen it. An account of it and an explanation of its arguments are included in Mr. Davies' edition of Snowdon's 'Grandsire.' But I have no doubt that that part of the book is unknown to most people. Ordinary ringers are frightened by these explanations of mathematical problems. They seem unable to use the required amount of concentrated thought to follow the arguments. And so, though everybody is content to take it on authority that you cannot have a peal of Grandsire Triples with common bobs, only few know why it is so.

Mr. Thompson was able to complete his proof by establishing a law which we call the 'Law of the Q Sets.' This is a universal law of composition, and must be understood by any one who wants to take an intelligent interest in the science of ringing. It is quite a simple law, but the simple things are usually those which are most difficult to explain and to understand. For instance, the nature of the rows—the In-and-out-of-course

of the changes—was for years looked upon as a most difficult thing, a mystery, clearly a fact, but a fact which could hardly be explained, and had to be taken as axiomatic.

I have found that in explaining these things it is best to state the problem as simply as possible. Thus, if you want to understand the law of Q sets, do not go at once to Mr. Thompson's explanation of it in connection with Grandsire Triples. There you will find it fairly complex. But go to Bob Major, where the conditions are much simpler. You will understand why you cannot get a peal of Grandsire Triples with common bobs only if you first consider a very much simpler problem in Bob Major.

In Bob Major, with the sixth fixed, there are twelve in-course courses. Can you by bobs alone join them into one round block, and, if not, why not? You may use only bobs at Wrong and Home, for any others would shift either sixth, seventh or tenor; and that is outside the conditions of our problem.

Now, in these twelve courses there are three 5-6s, three 4-6s, three 3-6s, and three 2-6s, and the first and important thing is to realise that if one course end with 5-6 at home is brought up bobbed all three must be brought up bobbed. And, if one is brought up plain, all three must be brought up plain.

That this is a fact you can easily see by experiment. Here are the three course ends brought up bobbed, hand stroke being shown as well as back stroke:

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14235678	13425678	12345678

and here are the same brought up plain:—

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Now try and mix the two in any way you like. You will find that you will always get repetition at the hand strokes. Here are the first two plained and the third bobbed:—

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14235678	13425678	12345678

The handstrokes of the second and third are, you see, the same. And, however you mix up bobbed and plained, you will find that you cannot get all the three handstroke rows you want.

It follows that if you want all three of the possible 5-6s you must have a set of three bobs or three plain leads. What is true of the 5-6s is similarly true of the other courses. And what is true of the bobs at Home is similarly true of the bobs at Wrong. The rows that compose one of these sets is called a Q set. In Bob Major a Q set consists of three members, because there are three bells altered at a bob. In Grandsire Triples it consists of five members, because there are five bells displaced at a bob.

(To be continued.)

## DATE TOUCHES.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on Tuesday, June 22nd, a date touch of 1,926 changes was rung, consisting of 30 Original, 98 New London Pleasure, 360 York Delight, 720 York Minster, and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: G. Lord 1, H. Chamberlin 2, J. W. Champion 3, W. Ashworth 4, A. Gill 5, A. Panther (conductor) 6. This was rung as a birthday compliment to H. Chamberlin.

At the Parish Church, Wentworth, on Tuesday, July 6th, a date touch of 1,926 changes, consisting of 30 Original, 98 Woodbine, 360 Snowdrop, 360 Royal Sovereign, 360 Duke of Leeds, 360 Nelson Delight, 360 Duke of Clarence: C. D. Potter 1, H. Chamberlin 2, J. W. Champion 3, A. Panther (conductor) 4, C. Walsh 5, A. Gill 6.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS. ST. IGNATIUS', SUNDERLAND.

The ringers of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, had a very enjoyable charabanc outing on Wednesday, June 23rd, Barnard Castle, Staindrop, and Darlington being visited. The party numbered fifteen, including the Vicar, Mr. G. Attey (churchwarden) and Messrs. Ritson and McMillan, members of the Church Council. On arriving at Barnard Castle, the very fine peal of eight of St. Mary's were soon got going with Stedman, Grandsire, and Double Norwich, and it is hoped that at least some of the inhabitants would notice something different to the 'stony' to which they have been accustomed. After an excellent dinner the motor was again brought into use, and the pretty village of Staindrop was reached soon after two o'clock. Here the visitors were welcomed by the Vicar and two local ringers, and, through their good offices, were shown through the fine old castle of Raby (the seat of Lord Barnard), and also through the gardens and conservatories.

The bells of St. Mary's, Staindrop, now claimed the ringers' attention, and a most enjoyable hour was spent in ringing various methods, two sons of Mr. Dan Shipp taking a rope in Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Major. The bells have recently been augmented to eight and re-hung by Messrs. Taylor, who have made a perfect job of them, and it was with difficulty the ringers could tear themselves away. After a substantial tea, thanks were accorded to the churchwardens for their contribution to the expenses, to the clergy of the three towers for the use of the bells; and the health of the visitors was proposed, Mr. Ritson responding in his usual humorous vein, and Mr. H. Shipp replied on behalf of the local men.

A rainstorm was encountered on the way to Darlington, but this did not depress the party in the slightest, and a very pleasant hour was spent in the belfry of St. John's, Darlington, several of the local men joining in the ringing. The homeward journey was then commenced, the thirty-five miles being done in excellent time.

### GREAT YARMOUTH.

On Saturday, June 26th, the Great Yarmouth St. Nicholas' company held their annual outing. Leaving Yarmouth at 8 a.m. by charabanc, the party proceeded to Wrentham and rang touches in the standard methods on the six bells. Halesworth was next on the list, and here they rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples on the mellow old peal of eight. A capital dinner followed at the Swan Hotel, and Chediston and Wissett towers were then visited, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were brought round. These ancient churches were inspected with much interest, the old Dane stone at Halesworth and the Saxon and Norman work at Chediston and Wissett churches being especially noticed. A long run then brought the ringers to

Lodden Church, and here some good touches of Plain, Treble Bob, and Stedman Triples were rung. A good tea was partaken of at the Swan Hotel, where Oliver Cromwell once spent the night and played bowls on the green. Yarmouth was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day in the country. The ringers desire to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for meeting them, also Messrs. F. Naunton (Wrentham), F. C. Lambert (Halesworth), and F. Finch (Lodden) for helping to make the arrangements for a most successful outing.

### JOYS OF THE OPEN ROAD.

Many are the joys of the open road, and wonderful are the beautiful Derbyshire dales, but to fully appreciate all these splendours you must be careful how you view them. On Saturday, June 19th, along with my fellow-ringers at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, I journeyed in a five-seater touring car, via Chapel-en-le-Frith and Buxton, to the picturesque little village of Burbage. The weather was excellent, and so was everyone's spirits until we pulled up three miles from Buxton with a flat tyre. However, the puncture was repaired in about three-quarters of an hour, and we resumed our way in peace. For the return journey we travelled over Axe Edge, past the 'Cat and Fiddle' and through Macclesfield. After a thrilling ride round numerous hair-pin bends, at one of which I almost choked myself with a beastly piece of toffee, we were obliged to stop at Poynton with another flat tyre. I might mention that the leading car had continued its way in blissful unconsciousness of our predicament on the occasion of both punctures. Between gasps and curses the tyre was levered off, inner tube examined, but no trace of a puncture could be found. At half-past eleven, after an hour and a half's hard work, we discovered that the valve of the tyre was leaking beyond repair, and the nearest garage was two miles away. The car was pushed into a by-road, and the driver and myself walked from Poynton to Hazel Grove, where, after the garage proprietor had been disturbed from his beauty sleep, we purchased a new inner tube. We returned to Poynton at a quarter to one, and careworn and weary we decided to rest awhile. Suddenly we heard footsteps approaching, and with beating hearts perceived the burly forms of two policemen. It was only after lengthy explanations and the number of the car had been taken that we were again left in peace. Bathed in moonlight and with spiders, flies and goodness-only-knows-what falling on us from the trees above, we slept the sleep of the just. As the dawn of a new day broke, we resumed our labours, and at half-past four on Sunday morning a mysterious car, bearing five grimy occupants, was seen to crawl through the deserted streets of Ashton. Yes, as I previously stated, many are the joys of the open road!

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild is to be held at Portishead to-morrow, when ringers of both sexes will be welcome.

Two re-openings will shortly take place in Essex. The ring of five at St. Leonard's, Colchester, have been rebung, and will be re-opened on July 29th. On Sunday, July 25th, two trebles, completing the peal of eight at Kirby-le-Soken, will be dedicated.

It is no mean record to score one hundred peals in one tower, and Mr. Samuel Wood, the Lancashire veteran, has just added that to his other distinctions, a peal of Treble Ten last week completing his century on the bells of his own parish church.

The peal of twelve at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was opened on July 18th, 1798, with a peal of 5,184 Grandsire Cinques rung by the College Youths.

The first peal rung by ladies only was at Cubitt Town on July 20th, 1912.

The record length of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Over, Cheshire, on July 21st, 1923, when 17,280 was brought round in ten hours.

## RINGER'S DEATH IN AUSTRALIA.

Lancashire ringers will hear with great regret of the death of Mr. James Adams, a former member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church band, who has died in Australia, where he had resided for some years.

Mr. Adams visited England in 1924 and rang a farewell peal of Treble Bob at Salford, on December 23rd, before sailing for Australia on January 3rd, 1925.

On Tuesday of last week a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Ashton in his memory.

## RECORD PEAL CONDITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I make a correction in your report of what I said at the Central Council meeting at Ipswich on the subject of peal umpires? I did not say that 'no one except the secretary of the society whose record was to be challenged should have a copy of the figures,' but 'no one except the secretary of the society under whose title the hand is to ring should have a copy of the figures.' I think I also said that the conductor of the peal which it is intended to surpass, or the secretary of the society under whose title that peal was rung should have notice sent when an attempt is to be made to surpass it.

I am not now, nor was I then, giving my opinions of what should be, but quoting, so far as I was able, from the Central Council Publication, 'Rules and Decisions,' pages 11-13, where the conditions to be fulfilled are quite clearly set forth.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Broadlands, Caversham.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The Midsummer meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Cuckney on Saturday last. The bells, a sweet-toned peal, were augmented from four to six and rebung in 1914 by Taylor and Co., the tenor being recast. They were in splendid going order, and with two more trebles would make a fine octave. The weather was all that could be desired, though possibly too hot for some. The Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Peel) welcomed the first arrivals, and the bells were raised in peal by the Barlborough ringers about 2.30. Mr. H. Cafferatta, of Newark, a vice-president, brought over a full company of the Sutton-on-Trent ringers, including two ladies (Misses Burch-nall), who succeeded in ringing touches in three methods. Members were also present from Barlborough, Treeton, Shireoaks, Ordsall, Worksop, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Bolsover, Mansfield, Staveley, Killam-marsh, and a number of the local company. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford, Violet, Killammarsh, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York and Cambridge Surprise.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, after which the business was transacted. The Rev. H. R. Peel presided over tea and meeting. The next meeting will be held at North Wheatley, near Retford, in September.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding over the tea and meeting, and the Rev. H. R. Peel, in a brief speech, welcomed all the ringers to Cuckney. He said how much he loved to hear the ringing of church bells. He believed Cuckney had got one of the sweetest peals of bells in the district, and it was so nice to hear them skilfully rung. Their service ringers at Cuckney performed their duties every Sunday in an admirable way, and he was pleased the tower was affiliated with the association. It was much better for the ringers to have their meetings in the villages in summer than in winter.

The Sutton-on-Trent ringers will be pleased to see a large number of ringers present on August Bank Holiday at their annual sports and gala in aid of the Church Bells Restoration Fund. Both these meetings will be advertised in 'The Ringing World' later.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****PRESTON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING: A HINT TO MEMBERS.**

The annual meeting of the Preston branch was held at Samesbury on Saturday, July 10th. During the day between 20 and 30 ringers and friends were present, amongst whom were visitors from the Blackburn branch, Mr. Edwin Timbrell, of Chipping, who had not had a pull on eight bells since visiting this tower fourteen years ago, and Miss May Clayton, who has been very busy in the last twelve months ringing peals in most of the standard methods, as well as representatives from ten of the branch towers.

Ringings commenced about three o'clock, and tea was partaken of at a farmhouse near by, where, owing to lack of accommodation, there were two sittings, so that those having tea were able to do so within sound of the bells. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar, the Rev. G. Webster Clarke, presided, and after opening the meeting with prayer welcomed the ringers to Samesbury. He looked on ringers, he said, as men who were doing good work for the Church.

The secretary gave the following report on the work of the branch for the year: During the year we have held meetings at Higher Walton, Eccleston, Chorley, Hoghton, Broughton, Preston Parish Church, and Chipping. We have also had a successful joint meeting with the Wigan branch at Wigan Parish Church, as well as the annual social at St. James', Leyland. The average attendance at the meetings has been slightly higher than the preceding year, the average being 29 for this year, against 27 last year. The annual social was another success, both in numbers and other respects, and St. James' ringers and friends can say they succeeded very well when comparing their efforts with those of their predecessors. Thirteen branch peals have been rung as follows: One Minor in three methods, 2 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 2 Cambridge Minor, 1 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 1 Minor in seven methods, all at Brindle, 2 Double Norwich (1 at Preston parish and 1 at Samesbury), 1 Kent Treble Bob and 1 Spliced Treble Bob at Whittle-le-Woods, also 1 Spliced Treble Bob at Chorley, 1 Minor in four methods at St. James' Leyland, the first peal of Minor for all the band and by the local band, also 1 peal of Stedman at Whittle-le-Woods. Thirty-four members have rung in one or more peals during the year, no less than twenty-six ringing their first in one or more methods. Four members have reached a total of fifty or more peals for the association. Since September last sixty-nine honorary life, honorary, non-resident and ringing members have paid £8 7s. in subscriptions. We have made two honorary life members, three non-resident, and eight ringing members during the year. I regret to say we have lost one honorary life member, the late Rev. P. Lancashire, one time Rector of Brindle, for whom a muffled peal of Cambridge Minor was rung at Brindle. We have also lost one of the Whittle stalwarts, Mr. Wm. Lancaster, who has left the district on account of his employment, but I am pleased to see he continues to be active in ringing. We have also lost one or two others from other causes. The year has been fairly successful compared with previous ones and with other branches of the association, and although our members are probably equal to any other branch as regards paying their subscriptions, I would like to warn some of them who are getting a bit behind that according to rule they are liable to be crossed off the list. I mention this because some of them have rung peals during the year. The list of members is as follows:—4 honorary life members, 1 honorary member, and 123 ringing members.

Mr. J. R. Taylor, in moving that the report be accepted, said he considered it a splendid one. Mr. J. Binson seconded, and the report was accepted.

Mr. Wm. Sharples then gave a report of the General Committee meeting held at Manchester last month.—The report was accepted, and the best thanks of the meeting given to the branch representatives at the committee meeting.

The branch secretary and the ringing master, Mr. E. R. Martin, were then re-elected without opposition.—Mr. J. R. Taylor, in proposing the resolution, said he didn't think the branch could improve on them, and that they ought to stick to them as long as they could.—The motion was carried unanimously, and the secretary and ringing master thanked the meeting for their confidence.

The question of the annual branch social was next considered, the meeting deciding to hold the same at Chorley.

The ringing master then had a word to say about the state of ringing in the branch. He thought they had lost ground recently in the higher methods, as two or three years ago they had rung peals of Superlative, but now it was little practised, and he would like anyone to suggest a way by which they could improve things. They were, he said, equal to any other branch, but he thought they might do better.

Other members spoke on the subject, one suggesting that a peal should be attempted at each tower during the year. Another thought touches at the meetings should be cut shorter, especially when there was a large number of ringers present.

Votes of thanks to the local authorities for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for having all in readiness as well as arranging teas, concluded the meeting, the Vicar and one of the wardens, who is also a ringer, suitably replying.

The tower was again visited, when the tit-bit of the day in ringing was accomplished, this being a long touch of Double Norwich, conducted by B. A. Knights, who seemed to enjoy it so much that he could not resist prolonging it, at the risk of getting in hot water with those who were waiting for a pull. During the day most of the standard methods were rung, as well as some good practice being obtained for the beginners.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
STOCKPORT BRANCH SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE.**

The Stockport and Bowden branch held the summer quarterly meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, July 3rd. This church, although outside the diocese of Chester, is one of the border parishes which comes within the area of the Guild. Standing on a hill 850 feet above sea level, in the lovely Peak District of Derbyshire, and within a few miles of Buxton, the church is ideally situated for a summer meeting. The tower contains a peal of six by Rudhall, cast about 200 years ago, and although they go fairly well they are hopelessly out of tune. The weather was perfect, and the walk of over a mile from the station to the church was very pleasant indeed, the route laying along lanes profuse with briar roses and wild flowers of all kinds. At the church gates the Rev. J. C. Streddar (Vicar) personally welcomed all who arrived prior to the service, which was held in the church at 4.30, and was attended among others by Mr. E. W. Elwell, the general secretary of the Guild. The service was short and much appreciated, and in his remarks the Vicar said he had promised to provide a short service and long tea, and he had arranged the latter for five o'clock in the schools. Here it was found the promise was no idle one, the tables being a joy to see, and although only about half the forty-two who attended had sent in their names, yet all were welcomed and liberally provided for.

After tea, Mr. J. H. Jackson, of Disley, the branch chairman, thanked the Vicar for the kind welcome he had given, and for the generous way in which he had provided the tea.—This was received with acclamation, and the Vicar, in reply, said it was a great pleasure to him to receive the Guild members and their friends, and mentioned that it was twenty-five years ago on the previous day since he came to the parish. He thanked the six members who rang the peal for him last year to commemorate the seven hundredth anniversary of the church. Owing to the ill-health of one of his sons he was leaving that part of the country, and had accepted a living near Stratford-on-Avon, and he would be very pleased to receive any of the members there if at any future time they were in that district.

The business meeting followed, and the chairman announced that the members had to find a new branch secretary in place of Mr. J. P. Fidler, who had left the district to take up an appointment with Messrs. Taylor and Co., the bell-founders.

For the remainder of the current year, Mr. T. Wilde, of Hyde, was elected honorary secretary pro tem. The best thanks of the members were accorded to Mr. Fidler for his work as secretary during the two years he had held office, and best wishes were extended to him in his new sphere.

One new member was elected, and a practice meeting was arranged to take place at Hayfield on Saturday, August 28th, to give encouragement to the new band which has recently been formed there. It was also arranged to attempt a peal at Chapel-en-le-Frith in September to commemorate the Vicar's twenty-five years' service, and also as a farewell to him on leaving the parish.

Votes of thanks to the local ringers and to the helpers at tea concluded the meeting, and the bells were afterwards kept going until nearly nine o'clock, when tracks were made for home after as pleasant a day as one could wish for. The ringing was arranged to suit all who wanted a pull, and the methods extended from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

**MR. SAM JONES, JUN.'S. 100 PEALS.**

Completed at Pulford, Cheshire, on Saturday, Mr. S. Jones, jun.'s, one hundred peals are made up as follows:—Plain Minor 3, Treble Bob Minor 2, Grandsire Triples 13 (conducted 2), Stedman Triples 8 (conducted 2), Bob Major 6, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 27, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 21, Cambridge Surprise Major 5, London Surprise Major 1, Belgrave Surprise Major 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Caters 3, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Spliced Treble Bob Major 1: total 100. The peals of Kent Treble Bob Major include 17,280 (record), 10,400 (North Wales record), 7,008, 9,344, 7,483 and 6,016.

**MINOR AT OVER. CAMBS.**

For evening service, Sunday, July 11th, at Over, Cambs, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Robinson 1, F. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, A. J. Ginn 6. During the year 1925-26 forty-six 720's have been rung by the Over band, being 12 of Kent, 11 Oxford, 15 Bob Minor, 8 Cambridge Surprise. The band consists of Mr. A. J. Ginn, capt.; B. Wayman, vice-capt.; W. J. Ginn, secretary; C. Robinson, treasurer; W. J. T. Ginn, L. Ginn, F. Ginn, H. Robinson, F. G. Gleaves and F. Warrington. By dint of steady practice they hope to overcome 'London' during the coming months.

**SIMPSON TUNING.  
THE CLAIM OF OLD-FASHIONED TUNING.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The question of Simpson-tuned bells and bells cast on what is known as the old system has been extensively ventilated in the pages of 'The Ringing World' recently.

I should like to put my views on the matter before your readers. The old system I would deal with first, because from a skillful point of view they are first, for bells cast and properly tuned on this plan are very hard to beat for all towers and any form of ringing, odd or even methods. There is nothing more pleasing to the ear, when well struck, than these peals. Several peals I have heard will satisfy the most fastidious. One stands out perhaps more prominently than others, that is Privett (Hants). A better peal for their weight no founder has ever cast. I could mention a good number besides, and not include the famous Rudhall's peals, and more of other scientific founders of long ago.

Let us now turn to the Simpson principle. Some founders turn out bells on this so-called system. Why? Because it is next to the impossible for them to cast bells superior to the old-fashioned peals for sweetness and mellowness of tone. (I fancy I hear someone say 'rot!') Never mind, it is true nevertheless. This system with the noisy hum note of one bell overlapping another covers up defects which cannot be done in an old-fashioned peal. Will some of these Simpson peals stand the tuning-fork test any better than the Coventry peal? I venture to say 'No.' I know of several good peals on this plan, and I know of some that are indifferent, and how people can shout about them is past my comprehension. Peals cast on this principle, if hurried in ringing in some towers, will set up a howl that is not very pleasant. Simpson bells should never be put into cramped towers, but only into towers with plenty of space upwards, and where the spires are suitable.

Then, sometimes, bells get put on the tuning machine to try and turn them into a so-called Simpson bell, when they were not cast for it. I am referring to old bells, and when so treated it is vandalism. When bells are not cast to the proper shape you cannot put it right in the lathe to that extent. A lot of bells are finding their way back into the melting pot; some require it, others for business. As a ringer I strongly object to anyone, after making a thorough inspection in the tower for re-fitting and re-hanging in a new frame, and after bells are at the works, writing to the Church authorities saying the whole peal must be re-cast. No one wanted it done, as it was a very fine old peal. How is it that in some peals (Simpson) the clappers are not graded? I know of bells in peals that, alongside the others, have not got breath enough. For instance, if it is the 5th bell in an octave, a clapper is put in several pounds heavier than the sixth clapper. Is this perfect casting and tuning?

What is required to-day is a qualified architect. Is there one to-day who could answer a simple question, Which is the hand-stroke side of bell or clapper when it is down? Sometimes the poor bell-hanger, who always does his best to make bells go well, comes in for his share of the blame if anyone happens to be a bit critical. I will give one instance. A peal had been rung, and the local captain of the ringers thought one of the bells did not go as well as it should. He eventually told the bell-hanger, and also went so far as to say the bell was not level. 'Come up,' he said, 'and I will show you.' Up they went, the captain armed with a level. No ringer would ever guess where he put the level to test the bell. To the consternation of the bell-hanger he put it on top of the stay. When I order a peal, it will be on the old plan, and I shall stipulate for a musical peal. It takes good metal to produce such. Thanking you for your valuable space,—Yours truly,

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

**BELLS THAT WANT MORE METAL.**

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to see that the bell-founders have at last had something to say about Simpson tuning. This question has periodically been raised for some years, and I hope that the real experts have at last put paid to it. I am pleased to observe in your report that the bell-founders do not mind being shot at, as one would like to know the opinions of twelve bell-ringers with regard to the modern-tuned peals of twelve that have been put up in this last few years. I have recently had the opportunity of listening to two such peals. Both are very musical, the tenors the same weight and note, and from different foundries. I consider one peal more uniform than the other, but both could be greatly improved as peals of twelve if ten cwt. more metal had been put in the front, five at one place and fifteen cwt. more in the front eight at the other.

Competition may be the cause of this skimping of the smaller bells, if so ringers and those concerned must insist on the individual weight of each bell when inviting tenders from the firms concerned. Another point that is frequently discussed amongst ringers is whether the tucking up of the back bells into the headstocks has not been overdone, as a lot of them have a tendency to turn too slow, and also to be short gaited at handstroke. To ring heavy bells in comfort it is essential that they should turn quickly. A large number of ringers should be able to write with considerable knowledge on the points I have raised.—Yours truly,

PERCY O. LAFLIN.

**ACTS OF VANDALISM.**

Dear Sir,—In view of the prolonged sources of indifference that continue to find way into the columns of 'The Ringing World' on the subject of 'Simpson tuning,' may I be permitted a little space to make a few remarks?

Firstly, these critics who condemn Simpson-tuned bells as being 'noisy howlers' of the 'tin-can' type, etc., appear to have a very limited knowledge of the subject. Evidently they are only associated with the 'early Simpson-tuned' bells, cast at the time when the system was in an experimental stage. As a result of continued research, so much improvement has been effected that modern peals are quite distinguishable from their ancestors.

On the other hand, I take strong objection to acts of vandalism being allowed by authorities concerned, because some grand old peal does not happen to be tuned on the Simpson principle. It was stated at the consistory court at Coventry 'that good bells, tuned on the old plan, were few and far between'; but, as can easily be proved, this statement is entirely unfounded. And, further, quotes Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, the 'Simpsonian' allege that these occasional fine examples of the old founders' art are outstanding because they constitute practically a Simpson-tuned bell. This statement, of course, is ridiculous, and only serves to substitute a blank, where a correct reply cannot be given.

Simpson tuning is all right as long as it is confined to modern peals; but I think that it is very wrong of the 'Simpson enthusiasts' to push themselves, in conjunction with 'self-styled' bell experts, into the act of persuading authorities to replace a grand old peal with an inferior 'Simpson-tuned' one.—Yours faithfully,

'BOW TENOR.'

**RAMSBOTTOM BELLS RE-OPENED.**

The bells at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, Lancs, were re-opened on Saturday last by Canon H. J. Elsee, of Bolton, president of Lancs Association, a good number of ringers being present from various places, including Mr. Rollerson, vice-president, Mr. W. H. Shuker, general secretary of the association, Mr. A. Tomlinson, ringing secretary, and Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Loughborough foundry.

The bells have been cleaned, retuned and fitted up on the latest principle on steel girders, iron framework and ball bearings. Everyone present was unanimous that Messrs. Taylor and Co. had done their work well, there being a great improvement both as regards tone and the 'go' of the bells.

Ringing was carried on from 4 o'clock until 9, the methods including Grandsire, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Surprise. Everyone was delighted with the bells. There was an attendance of 46 ringers, including the local men.

**DEATH OF A BOLTON RINGER.**

All Souls' Church, Bolton, has lost its oldest ringer in Mr. Joseph Markland, who passed away in his seventy-seventh year. He had been a regular ringer at the church for thirty-five years, up to about two years ago, when his health failed him. Since then he had only made rare visits to the belfry.

He died on July 3rd, and was interred at Heaton Cemetery, a service having first been held at All Souls' Church. The Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., President of the Lancashire Association, officiated, members of the company acted as bearers, and representatives of other towers rang the bells fully muffled to the 'Whole Pull and Stand,' followed later with handbells over the grave.

The deceased was a keen ringer, and in his younger days put many peals to his credit.

**BOB MAJOR AND DOUBLE OXFORD SPLICED.**

5,088 BY JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Start Bob Major.

23466 W B M H

51326	3	—	—
54263	1	—	—
32546	—	—	—
52643	—	—	—
62345	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—

Repeat twice with a single at the end produces 32456, from which ring Double Oxford.

32456 M B W H

25364	—	—	—
25643	—	—	—
42653	—	—	—
65423	—	—	—
45326	—	—	—
35246	—	—	—
23546	—	—	—
52346	—	—	—

Repeat twice with single at the end. Contains 2,544 of each method. First rung at Crayford, July 8th, 1926. Conducted by E. Barnett, sen.

**ROUND BLOCKS.**

BY GEORGE BAKER.

Some day the science men of campanology will, perhaps, realise that by the individual Round Blocks of a method or principle it is possible to prove whether a method is the same on all numbers or not.

Below are the Round Blocks of the first half-lead of Bob Minor and Bob Major, also of London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major.

To find the relationship of the individual Round Blocks of Minor and Major all we have to do is to add 7-3 to the Minor Round Blocks and then compare with the Major, and we shall find that we have in the simplest method and the most difficult a similar mathematical progression.

I have previously proved there is one general law in method construction, whether it be method, principle, or system, and it is ridiculous to suppose, or say, that an extension is the same method unless the mathematical progression of the individual Round Blocks is the same on the higher numbers.

A double Major method when extended is not necessarily a double method on ten and twelve, any more than Double Court Minor is; the latter can be extended as a single method or as a double method to infinity, and in my next article I will give single extensions of Superlative to Royal and Maximus in which the Round Blocks are the same as in the Major plus the extra bells.

**PLAIN BOB.**

Minor Round Blocks. Plus 7, 8. 13526478	Major Round Blocks. 13527486		
	Compared 13526478 13527486	.....	progression 231
42163578	42163578	.....	42163857
	42163578 42163857	.....	progression 312
51324678	51324678	.....	51327486
26143578	26143578	.....	26143857
31625478	31625478	.....	31725486
24153678	24153678	.....	24183657

It will be seen that the progression between Bob Minor and Bob Major is alternately 231 and 312.

Now we will examine London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major to see if what is true of the most simple method is also true of the most complex.

**LONDON SURPRISE.**

Minor Round Blocks. Plus 7, 8.	Major Round Blocks.		
14263578	14263857	.....	gives progression 312
52136478	52137486	.....	231
16423578	16423857	.....	312
62531478	72531486	.....	231
56324178	86324157	.....	312
56142378	57142386	.....	231
65314278	68314257	.....	312
65241378	75241386	.....	231
46125378	46125837	.....	312
41532678	41537682	.....	231
23465178	23465817	.....	312
34251678	34257681	.....	231

It will be seen that the progression in London Surprise is alternately 312 and 231, which is accounted for by the different lead-heads:

$$135264 \text{ and } 13527486 = 231, \\ \text{as against } 142635 \text{ and } 14263857 = 312.$$

Anyone who knows anything at all about the pivot bell question will know that the fixed pivot bell cannot be altered in her work. If she is a Treble Bob hunt bell in Major, she will be in Royal and Maximus. For this we need only examine the work of the third in Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. Shipway, instead of keeping the pivot bell, the third, to Treble Bob hunts, forces her to make places in his so-called Superlative Royal—a thing unheard of in any other method with a fixed pivot bell.

St. Mary's, where the lovely peal of eight was kept going for an hour, while the visitors were taken by the Vicar to watch the sailing of the 'Aquitania.' At 1.15 the party sat down to a splendid lunch at Lowman's Restaurant, and then a move was made for the Grand Pier, and a motor-boat trip around the 'Olympic' was thoroughly enjoyed. On returning, the pier sports were the attraction, the Sker Ball coming in for particular attention. After tea, the return journey was made through Salisbury, where a wonderful view of the grand Cathedral, with its awe-inspiring spire, met the eye. A halt was called at Warminster, and Evercreech was reached about 11 p.m. by a tired but happy party, who tender their thanks to the Vicars and captains of Ringwood and St. Mary's, Southampton, for the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Rood, of Southampton, for his help in making the splendid arrangements.

**RINGERS' OUTINGS.**

OXHEY SOCIETY.

In brilliant weather on Saturday, June 19th, the Oxhey Society held its annual outing. Leaving the Parish Church at 2 p.m. in motors, the party, numbering twenty-two and including the wives and friends of the ringers, started for Aston Clinton. On arrival there, they found a delightful peal of six bells, which the writer was informed had not been rung since Armistice Day. They were, however, notwithstanding this, in splendid condition, and were soon set going to Minor and Doubles. After ringing for about 45 minutes, the party made tracks for their next call, viz., Hardwicke, another peal of six. The ladies of the party were quite content to rest in this beautiful cool old church, while the ringers gave themselves up to their hearts' delight, and although only elementary methods were rung, it was, nevertheless, most enjoyable.

To crowd four churches in an afternoon's outing does not give one very much spare time, so off again to Whitechurch, and now, sad to relate, here the party, so far as the ringers were concerned, met their Waterloo. These fine old bells, the dates of which were discernible on some, viz., 1570, 1625, 1675, were in a deplorable state. The ringing chamber is on the ground floor, and there are no guides up to the floor above. After superhuman efforts with three on the tenor, the bells were got up, and after a rest an attempt was made to ring rounds. Not one caught the sally first time, and, thinking it was no use over-exerting themselves (Nanny was by this time almost a grease spot), the ringers let the bells down. With a band of William Cookerills, rounds might be rung.

Nothing daunted, they were quickly off to Aston Abbots, where the Vicar had kindly given permission for the use of the Church Hall for the party to have tea, and what a tea! If every party on an outing did such justice to their tea as was done on this occasion, goodness help the poor caterer—cold meats, salads, cakes and home-made jams disappeared in a manner that would have made the Fat Boy of Pickwick lame roll his eyes in astonishment!

All being satisfied, a short turn on the Parish Church bells brought the ringing for the day to a close, and mounting the motors once more faces were turned homewards, the ever-changing summer scenes of beauty in this lovely country being deeply appreciated by all. Opportunity is here taken of thanking all the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having things in readiness.

**BOLSOVER PARISH CHURCH.**

On Wednesday, June 16th, the ringers of Bolsover Parish Church had their annual outing. Travelling in a Fiat saloon 14-seater car, they made the first stop at Wortley, where 'Father' Robbins and two younger Robbins went to see a still older Robbin. The second stop was Penistone, about 10 a.m., where a nice peal of eight bells were soon going merrily, touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative being brought round. Afterwards the party proceeded to the Rose and Crown for breakfast, and were admirably catered for. They then proceeded to Glossop, which was reached after a beautiful run across the Yorkshire moors, with many splendid views. Glossop Church, which has a record of Vicars from the year A.D. 1000, is a very fine building, and it has also a very fine peal of eight bells, on which the visitors brought round touches of Cambridge, Superlative, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Plain Bob. After the bells were lowered in peal, the Vicar kindly escorted the party round the Vicarage gardens, which was greatly enjoyed. The journey was then resumed across part of the Derbyshire hills to New Mills, where the party were met by a very old friend in the Rev. A. T. Beeston. The bells were soon going to the same methods rung at Glossop. Credit must be given to the young members of the party—six in number—for the way in which they rang at all the churches. A sumptuous tea was very kindly provided by the Rev. A. T. and Mrs. Beeston. Afterwards Mrs. Beeston expressed a desire to take a photo of the party. She first took the older members in one group, and the younger members in another group. After a short look round the town and a visit to the Rev. A. T. Beeston's residence, the party started for home, which was reached at 9.10 p.m., after a fine and delightful day's outing.

**ST. PETER'S, EVERCREECH.**

On Saturday, June 26th, the ringers of Evercreech, Somerset, accompanied by their captain, Mr. R. Whitehead, the Vicar, and friends, had ideal weather for their annual outing, when Southampton was visited. The party left the church at 6.30 a.m. The sun was shining brightly, and there was a keen nip in the air, which was most invigorating. The outward journey led through the New Forest, where a wonderful view was thoroughly appreciated. A halt was made at Ringwood, and here the party were heartily welcomed by the Vicar and ringers' captain. The ringers enjoyed touches of Grandshire and Stedman, while the other visitors explored the grand old-fashioned Vicarage garden, with its lawns and rustic bridges. The journey was continued through the Forest, passing within a stone's throw of the Rufus Stone, and Southampton was reached about mid-day. Again the ringers turned their steps to the tower of

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**ROYAL MARINE'S 300 PEALS.**

**A RECORD WITH THE COLOURS.**

Mr. James Bennett, whom ringers have long known by his association with the Royal Marines, and who for some years held the rank of Company Sergeant-Major, recently completed his service with the colours. He rang more than 300 peals while in the Marines, and the following is the list which makes up three centuries. This is a record for any member of His Majesty's Forces while serving with the colours:—

	Rung	Conducted
<b>MINOR—</b>		
In 1 Methods	2	1
In 2 Methods	1	1
In 3 Methods	4	1
In 4 Methods	2	1
In 5 Methods	2	2
In 6 Methods	2	2
In 7 Methods	16	5
<b>TRIPLES—</b>		
Grandsire	18	2
Stedman	63	
Union	2	
Erin	1	
<b>MAJOR—</b>		
Plain Bob	15	5
Little Bob	1	
Reverse Bob	1	
Canterbury Pleasure	1	
Little Canterbury Pleasure	1	
Dartford Little Bob	1	
Crayford Little Bob	1	
Kent Treble Bob	28	9
Oxford Treble Bob	9	
Spliced Kent & Oxford Treble Bob	2	
Cambridge Treble Bob	1	
Double Oxford Bob	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob	52	
'Real' Double Norwich Court Bob	1	
Spliced Double Norwich & Plain Bob	1	
Norfolk Surprise	2	
Superlative Surprise	9	
Cambridge Surprise	18	
London Surprise	1	
<b>CATERS—</b>		
Grandsire	1	
Stedman	17	
<b>ROYAL—</b>		
Plain Bob	1	
Little Bob	1	
Kent Treble Bob	5	
Oxford Treble Bob	1	
<b>CINQUES—</b>		
Stedman	12	
<b>MAXIMUS—</b>		
Kent Treble Bob	3	
Total	300	29

Rung in nine counties; for 11 associations, in 91 towers.

**BOLSOVER'S YOUNG RINGERS**

At Bolsover, Derbyshire, there is a band of 15 Sunday service ringers. Six of these are under the age of 17, viz., two are 13, three 15, and one 16. These lads commenced to pull a bell the first week in October, 1925, and can now ring Bob Major well, and three of them ring Treble Bob, and are now practising Double Norwich. Under the tuition of the veterans, some of whose names are almost household words in the Exercise, they have been taught to 'strike' their bells, and they have profited by their lesson.

The society has kept up an outing fund for 25 years, each member paying threepence weekly, while all fines for being late and absent go to the same fund. Often the society has two outings in a year. This year they have had two, and still have at the bank £15. This helps greatly to keep the men together.

In addition the society is busy training a band of eight from the neighbouring village of Cresswell, where a new tower is being built to receive a peal of eight bells. The scheme will be completed this year.

For practice on July 6th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes): Remaliah Coupe 1, William Lambert 2, Jesse J. Moss 3, Ernest Wagstaff 4, Edward Robbins 5, Harold Kent 6, John Flint (conductor) 7, Charles Mason 8. Longest length by the ringers of 4 and 6, who are aged 13 and 15 respectively.

LEICESTER.—On Thursday, July 1st, at St. Martin's, 720 Kent Treble Bob: \*C. F. Howitt 1, S. Cotton 2, F. H. Dexter 3, E. Whitehead 4, \*N. Bagworth 5, W. Willson (conductor) 6. \* First in the method.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

HESTON.—For morning service on Sunday, July 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples; H. Belcher 1, H. C. Chandler 2, W. Lewes 3, C. S. Bird 4, C. I. Edwards 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, A. Lewes 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Jeans and Mr. F. Lock, 720 Bob Minor: T. Locke 1, R. Mills 2, G. Lock 3, T. Creed (conductor) 4, H. Westlake 5, F. Locke 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, July 11th, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: R. H. Stevens 1, R. H. Birch (Hythe) 2, J. Eagles 3, C. R. Millway 4, T. Easterby (Deptford) 5, H. J. Saunders 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Sunday, July 11th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: J. Evans 1, H. Hatfield 2, W. Scurrott 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, E. A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, T. Clifton 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of the conductor's brother, which took place at Bolton the previous day.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, P. S. A. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York, G. H. Carter conductor.

ASHBOURNE.—At St. Oswald's Church, for evening service, on July 4th, 1,440 Bob Minor, with 6, 8 covering, in 45 mins.: H. Shorratt 1, L. Ferrar 2, R. E. Sadler 3, C. Lumbard 4, F. Rushton 5, T. Bull 6, E. Lumbard (conductor) 7, C. Bull 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major in 45 mins.: J. Preston 1, J. W. Pemberton 2, W. J. Meers 3, M. J. Morris 4, F. W. Rishworth 5, F. Price 6, H. C. Spencer 7, G. F. Swann (conductor) 8.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins., as a welcome to the Bishop of the diocese on his first visit to the parish: T. Griffiths (first 720) 1, S. Griffiths 2, J. Gardner (conductor) 3, P. Boardman, jun., 4, J. Robinson (first on an inside bell) 5, W. Baggeridge 6, P. Boardman 7, S. Lawrenson 8. Rung with 6 and 8 covering.

KEGWORTH.—At St. Andrew's Church for the Sunday School Festival, on June 27th, 360 Bob Minor, for afternoon service; for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,440 changes) in two methods, being 720 each of Grandsire Minor, and 720 of Bob Minor, in 48 mins. Ringers taking part were: Miss W. Baxter, D. D. Sutton, and Messrs. J. Booth, H. Cook, A. Cook, S. Papworth, E. Bagguley, A. Sanson, and F. J. Sutton (conductor of quarter-peal). A 720 of Kent Treble Bob for morning service came to grief with a shift course.

NEWMARKET.—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, at St. Mary's, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Wilkins 1, C. Ellis 2, I. Pindar 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood (conductor) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6. Ringers of 1 and 2 hail from Great Yeldham, Essex.

**LAVENHAM'S RINGING ANNIVERSARY**

On Saturday, June 19th, the 115th anniversary of the completion of the octave at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, was celebrated. Upwards of fifty ringers assembled from Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire. Many touches were rung during the day in the following methods:—Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich Superlative, Cambridge and London. Among those present were Messrs. G. Fardon, J. Bullock and F. G. Symonds, London; Tony Price, Boston, U.S.A.; R. Narborough, Wisbech; W. Keeble, Peering; and D. Elliott, Assington. Other parishes represented were: Bury St. Edmunds, Cornard, Cretingham, Debenham, Henny, Ipswich, Long Melford, Otley, Polstead, Sudbury, Ufford, Wormingford, Ardleigh, Coggeshall, Earl's Colne, and Terrington St. John.

The grand church and its noble tower were greatly admired by the visiting ringers, their wives and friends, most of whom climbed to the top of the tower for a splendid view of the surrounding country. After partaking of tea, the tower was again visited, and further touches rung. All the visitors spoke highly in praise of the tone and 'go' of this far-famed eight. Before dispersing, some of the ringers had the pleasure of contributing their share towards the 'mile of pennies' being collected for the restoration fund of the church, which is now in a critical state owing to the extensive ravages of the 'death watch' beetle.

**NOTICES.**

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A post card from intending visitors would greatly help with tea arrangements.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 22nd; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 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.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 17th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea has been arranged at the "Denbigh Arms," to be followed by general meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Paulton on July 17th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, July 17th. 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.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Netheravon on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Arrangements are being made for ringing at Fittleton (6), Enford (6) and Upavon (6) in the evening.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hunton on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, after service.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Braunston on Saturday July 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Rd., Daventry.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, July 17th, 1926. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Langdon Hills (6 bells) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible, as number has to be given for tea?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**WITHERLEY.**—Hinckley District, M.C.A.—Thanksgiving service for complete restoration of church and spire (which were struck by lightning some two or three years ago), 3 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21st. The bells (5) have been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival, 1926.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 24th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. Applications for same, accompanied by remittance, to be made to general secretary by Wednesday, July 21st. Ringing as usual at college towers and city churches. The L.M. & S. Railway will grant a return ticket to Oxford on July 24th by any train at a single fare from any station in Berks, Bucks or Oxon.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar), and meeting. Those intending to be present kindly notify by July 20th.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlough on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Feniake, Bedford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 24th. Bells of the Parish Church are available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, free. Will all who wish to be present please let me know by Thursday, the 22nd inst? All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Little Comberton on Saturday, July 24th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Lowndes). Notification to be sent me not later than the previous Tuesday. Bells (6) available; also Great Comberton (6) at 7.30 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Prestwick, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 21st.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 24th. The bells (8) are available. Tea at the Central Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Those coming to tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 20th. — E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided by the generosity of a friend of the local ringers, only to those who notify me before Tuesday, July 20th. Half-fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District. — The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on July 24th. Bells at Kirkby available from 4 p.m. to 5.30. Bells at Peckleton from 5.30 onwards. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE CHURCH BELL RINGERS.**—A meeting of all those interested in Church Bell Ringing in the County of Salop and others will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 24th. Bells at St. Chad's (12), St. Mary's (10) and other towers in the town will be available during the afternoon and evening. At 5.30, in the Vestry of St. Chad's Church, a general meeting will be held. The Ven. Archdeacon Lambart, of Salop, will take the chair. All ringers will be most welcome. A cheap tea will be provided for those who let the secretary know before Thursday, the 22nd.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Almund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Kirby-le-Soken. — Dedication of two trebles to complete the octave at matins, 11 a.m., on Sunday, July 25th. Visiting ringers will be welcomed.—Chas. H. Howard, Master, Braintree.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Colchester re-opening, after rehanging of the ring of five at St. Leonard's Church on Thursday, July 29th, at 3 p.m. The bells will be open to visiting ringers after the service. — Chas. H. Howard, Master, Braintree.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 3.15. First meeting here since the bells have been rehung, and a hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Stonham Aspell (Eye buses) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1/- each) at Ten Bells Inn at 5 followed by business meeting. Please send notice for tea to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Dis. Sec., Debenham, Stowmarket.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Bay Horse Inn at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head for those who notify Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than the Tuesday previous, July 27th.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, July 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise me not later than Wednesday, July 28th.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 31st, at Norbury Parish Church. Bells available from 3.30 p.m., and the meeting held at 7 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. The association service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. G. T. Colson, M.A. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me on or before first post Wednesday, July 28th? All ringers welcome, beginners especially.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, July 31st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford 2 o'clock, 3 and 3.15, and leave Galleywood about every half hour until 9.45 p.m. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, July 28th?—P. Timson, 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Aylsham on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of ten bells of the Parish Church are placed at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the Black Boys' Hotel at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the secretary on or before Thursday, July 29th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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From the first the aim of 'The Ringing World' has been to further the art of ringing and the recognition of ringers as church workers. Those are the two-fold objects of all our associations, and they have been the guiding principles upon which this paper, also, has been run. The advance of the art has been our foremost desire, and we hope we have never failed to aid it as far as it has been in our power to do so. The articles which have appeared on this page every week have always been written with that end in view, and we hope that none of them has ever left any feelings of bitterness. Of course what has been said here has not always met with unanimous approval—we confess that sometimes articles have been deliberately penned to arouse criticism, but perhaps we may, on an occasion like this, be permitted a moment's egotism, and say that we have evidence that much of what has appeared has reflected in many controversial subjects the broad opinion of the Exercise. We have always endeavoured to write fairly, even if sometimes strongly, on the matters on which we comment, and while we know that on the whole we have fairly gauged public ringing opinion, our object has never been to gain applause, but to arouse interest. We set out to write here from week to week something which we hoped would give ringers a subject to talk about. In the limited field which is open to us, it has, frankly, not always been easy to find even a suitable topic—much less a bone of contention—but we believe that on the whole this feature of 'The Ringing World' has not been unacceptable to the Exercise at large.

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\* First quarter in the method. † First quarter in the method inside; first quarter in the method as conductor.

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PULHAM, NORFOLK.

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On Tuesday, July 13, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*ALBERT G. HARRISON ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 5
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 2	WALTER BARRETT ... .. 6
CHARLES ROOPE ... .. 3	*WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 15, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT DISERENS ... .. 5
ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
MISS RUBY G. HAWKSWORTH ... .. 4	CAPT. JAMES R. MACKMAN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT A. FARDON.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Hugh Wilson to Miss Eileen Holloway, the bride being the daughter of Mr. Robert E. Holloway, the ringing master.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN LEE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 5
MISS FRED A. ORR ... .. 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 7
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 4	JOHN F. GALYER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours & Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN WITHERS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	JOHN SMITH ... .. 6
*VICTOR WHITE ... .. 3	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of London. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Grove; son, father of the 5th ringer, who attained his 84th birthday that day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. 2	ERNEST E. BRETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
*HARRY TURNER ... .. 4	ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Thursday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. Waters 1, S. E. Andrews 2, C. Faritt 3, A. Mead 4, W. E. Wilson (Dublin, St. Patrick's) 5, Ben Gough (Tipton) 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, P. Witham 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 2	CRCIL C. MAYNE... .. 6
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

MANGOTSFIELD, NEAR BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

GROVES VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* JOHN JEFFERIES, JUN. ... <i>Treble</i>	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 5
JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... .. 2	ERNEST PALMER... .. 6
CHARLES HARDING ... .. 3	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... .. 7
* STANLEY POOLE... .. 4	* ARTHUR SMART ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. CAPEWELL.

\* First peal.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL <i>Treble</i>	* CHARLES WINNER ... .. 5
* JOHN BURLES ... .. 2	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 3	* FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

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

\* First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

THOMAS HAMMOND ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 5
CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 2	WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON.

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

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

WALLACE G. CHURCH ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY TYSOE ... .. 4
* MISS ELSIE K. KNIGHT ... 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

\* First peal in seven methods. Fiftieth peal as conductor.

BOWDEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

GUYDO DICKINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 3
W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... 2	* ERNEST BAGWORTH ... .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. First peal on these historic bells, dated 1599, 1737, 1739, 1621, 1624, respectively, and recently rehung by Taylor and Co.

**MISSING PAPERS.**

Ringers who have not yet received 'The Ringing World' for May 14th or 21st should send 3d. per copy to the EDITORIAL OFFICE, 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING, when the paper will be dispatched to them, post free.

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EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* WILLIAM G. LANE ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
ALFRED H. DAVIES ... .. 2	WILLIAM EVANS ... .. 5
WILLIAM DOFTY ... .. 3	GEORGE BREEZE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. EVANS.

\* First peal. Rung for evening service. The ringers represent six different towers.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	* FRANK WARRINGTON... .. 4
WILLIAM WALDRON ... .. 2	HERBERT HOARE ... .. 5
FRANK ROWLINSON ... .. 3	HORACE M. DAY... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in five methods.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**

MISS E. STEEL ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday, July 10th, at St. Clements Danes', Strand. Although the restricted train service prevented many from attending, there was a very good muster of members and friends. The ringing commenced at three o'clock, and the methods were varied, and included three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal by ten members of the Guild.

A most enjoyable service was arranged by the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford), who gave a very interesting address. During the service, a peal board recording the peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Guild in January, was unveiled by Mrs. Pennington-Bickford, who congratulated the members on the achievement, and spoke of the pleasure it gave her to unveil the board. The members are indebted to Mr. R. F. Deal for the board, and to Mrs. A. W. Clark and the Middlesex Association for the writing and fixing.

After tea, to which forty members and friends sat down, the meeting was held in the Parish Hall. The chair was taken by the president, Mrs. A. W. Clark.

The accounts were presented, and showed a surplus on the year's working of £3 4s. 10d., which was considered very satisfactory. Two honorary and three ringing members were elected. The secretary's report showed a progressive state of affairs and an improvement in the standard of ringing.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in the Northamptonshire district, but the selection of a suitable tower was left in the hands of the secretary and the committee of the Northants district.

Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford, was unanimously elected president for the year.

The honorary secretary and treasurer (Miss E. K. Parker) was re-elected, and also the Central Council representative.—The printing of reports was left over until 1927.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of St. Clements Danes' and Mr. Sergison, who had worked so hard to make the meeting a success, and also to the organist and choir who assisted at the service. The members also thanked their fellow-ringers who turned up to give a helping hand and to show their interest in the Guild.

## SHIPWAY'S (SO-CALLED) SUPERLATIVE ROYAL.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

In last week's article I finished up with a reference to Shipway's Surprise Royal. Instead of reverting to the single extensions of 'Superlative' to Royal and Maximus, as I intended, it will be more of interest to your readers to examine the Minor and Major (both single methods) from which Shipway's Double Royal method is evolved:—

Minor.	Major.
123456	12345678
214365	21436587
124635	12463578
216453	21645387
261543	26154378
625134	62513487
261534	26153847
625143	62518374
265413	26581734
624531	62857143
642513	68251734
465231	86527143
642531	68572413
	86754231
Lead head,	68745213
156342	86472531

68745231  
Lead head,  
15738264

Anyone who has an inkling of method construction will not fail to see the relationship, and here we have the pivot bell, the 3rd, doing the same work in Minor and Major as she does in the Royal, and it can also be carried on to Maximus; but here again, if we wish to bring up the correct lead-head in Maximus we must perform be content with a single method.

It will be as well to mention that the Minor is one of the methods interdicted by the Methods Committee because it has 5th's place made without the treble being in 6th's place.

Oh, those arbitrary definitions!

The Major is a worthless method, having no less than eight false course-ends to each course.

It is useless to expect the round block progression to be perfect when comparing single methods with a double method—it can't be done.

In Cambridge, as I have pointed out many times, the method is a double method on all numbers minus two places behind when the treble is not lying her whole pull, and for this reason in 'Cambridge' there are more than the two round block progressions of Double Bob—i.e., 3412 and 4321, equalling a progression of 2143.

The same thing happens in the Minor, Major, Royal, and Maximus, of which Shipway gives the Royal only.

It will help your readers to understand more of the single round block progressions if I give them irrespective of any method:—

135264 x 78 x	13527486 =	231
142635 x 78 x	14263857 =	312
156342 x 78 x	15738264 =	3412
164523 x 78 x	16482735 =	4321
17856342 x 90 x	1795038264 =	45123
18674523 x 90 x	1860492735 =	54132

When it is realised that any method with the lead head of 13527486 when it is reversed is 14263857, it will be easy to understand why we get 231 first in the one, and 312 in the other, and alternately in a method.

The same applies to the other lead heads: 15738264 and 16482735 are interlocking lead heads; and the lead heads 17856342 and 18674523 have a like relationship.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Reading branch was held at Tilehurst on Saturday, July 10th. During the afternoon good touches were rung on the beautiful bells. A well-attended service followed, with an appropriate address given by the Rev. J. T. Munford, chairman of the branch. An excellent tea was then partaken at the Church Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Cooper-Smith, D.D.), to whom thanks are due. After tea, more touches were rung on the bells.

Among those present were: The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. F. W. Lane, and members—about thirty-five in all—representing Henley, Mortimer, St. Mary's, St. Giles', St. Laurence, Reading and Tilehurst.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 9th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. C. Rymer 1, W. Scott 2, W. Johnson 3, H. Jennings 4, E. Barton 5, W. Upton 6, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 7, R. Ward 8. Rung after losing a peal of Bob Major.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A SALOP TOUR.

On Saturday, July 10th, the Market Drayton ringers held their outing. The party left Drayton at 12.30, and proceeded by bus to Shrewsbury, via Hodnet, where they were joined by Mr. E. V. Bodenhurst. Having arrived at Shrewsbury, tracks were made for St. Chad's, where the party were met by Messrs. Short, Pole, Fullick, Tudor, Lee, and other Shrewsbury ringers, also Messrs. Saunders, Hewitt, and Stanier, who had cycled from Coalbrookdale. A few rounds were first rung on the twelve, to enable those who had never rung on twelve bells to do so. This was followed by 168 Grandsire Triples on the back eight, two courses of Stedman Caters, and three courses of Grandsire Caters. After a good fall, some of the members had a look round the church, which is a circular one, and others took a walk round the 'Quarry.' Cound was the next place to be visited. This is an old-world village, seven miles south-east of Shrewsbury. There is a very ancient church, containing a fine peal of six bells, by Rudhall, recently rehung by Taylor and Co. in a frame for eight. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Minor and Bob Minor were rung here. An interesting feature of the church is that it contains a very ancient 'parish coffin.' This was used years ago to carry the dead to the grave in; on reaching the grave, the body was taken out and placed in the grave, and the coffin returned to the church for further use.

An excellent tea was much enjoyed at Cound Lodge Inn, and Coalbrookdale was the next stopping-place, and the handy ring of ten (tenor 18cwt.) were soon got going in Grandsire Caters, also Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on the back eight. After a call on 'friend Bayley,' the party boarded the bus once more, and, after a run of twenty-two miles, home was reached just before midnight, everyone having had an enjoyable time, the total mileage for the day being between 55 and 60.

## BEECLES RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, July 3rd, the Beccles company, with ringing friends from the adjoining district, held their annual outing. The journey, which was made by charabanc, was favoured with glorious weather. The first call was at Redenhall, when some good touches were rung on the fine peal, after which they went on to North Lopham, where the new peal of eight bells were recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Steinbank, and everyone was delighted with their 'go' and tone. Then a short run brought the company to Thetford, where lunch awaited them, for which everyone was ready, after which they went to Elvedon where the fine peal of eight in the new Memorial tower were set going, and the beautiful little church was much admired. Then back to Thetford for a short ring on the bells at St. Peter's Church (which was not appreciated by the townsfolk near the tower), after which tea was ready. Next, a long run brought them to the last ringing call at Wymondham, where Mr. Peynall met them and showed them round the Abbey Church, and some good touches were rung. The homeward journey then commenced, and after an hour spent in Norwich, home was reached at half-past eleven, everyone being very tired but happy. The ringing throughout the day was good, and included Grandsire, Plain, Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich, several of the company ringing their first courses of the latter method. The thanks of the party are due to the clergy for the use of the bells at the various towers visited, and to the ringers who kindly assisted in making the necessary arrangements.

## ST. MARY'S, APSLEY END.

On Saturday, June 26th, the Apsley End Ringers, with friends from Watford, Rickmansworth, and Hemel Hempstead, had a most enjoyable outing. Leaving Apsley by motor at 2.15, the party made their first call at Redbourn, there being welcomed by one of the local ringers. Short touches of Doubles and Minor were rung to allow all to have a pull. A rather full programme would not allow a long stay, so after lowering the bells in peal the party made their way to Flamstead. Here hangs another peal of six, but a little more difficulty was experienced by some owing to the long draught of rope, and the third being placed behind the fourth. Totterhoe, with its handy peal of five was next visited, the only regret here being that a treble had not been added when the bells were rehung a short time ago. The next move was to Leighton Buzzard, where the party were met by Mr. F. Vickers, of Linsdale. The chief item at this stage was a sumptuous meat tea, provided by Messrs. Gurnes, Wood and Co., the arrangements having been made by Mr. Vickers. The 'inner man' being satisfied, Linsdale was next visited, where the light peal of eight was quickly put to use, Plain Bob, Kent and Stedman being accomplished with the aid of local ringers. At eight o'clock the party left for Cheddington, where they were met by the Vicar, who gave them a most hearty welcome. Several touches were rung on this fine peal of six, until 9.15, when the bells were lowered and a move made for home. During the day touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Double Oxford Minor, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. The band wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells and the tower-keepers and ringers who met them, making such an enjoyable outing possible.

**RINGERS' OUTINGS.****ST. CLEMENT'S, IPSWICH.**

On Saturday, June 26th, the members of the St. Clement's Church, Ipswich, and friends had their annual outing, which took the form of a ringing tour in the Suffolk and Essex borderland. Starting from the church at 8.15 a.m., the journey was made to Assington Church via Hadleigh and Boxford. Here the church stands in a very pretty park. The bells were soon set going, and they were admired from the road by motorists passing. Next a move was made to Sudbury, where they were met at St. Gregory's Church by Messrs. G. Dixon, Silvester and C. Smith of Great Cornard. After ringing some Kent Treble Bob, a start was made for the Essex side. This was entered on passing over Ballingdon Bridge. A call was made for a ring on the light peal of five at Wickham St. Paul. Here one ringer had to stand on the gallery while the others stood on the ground floor to ring. Nevertheless some Grandsire Doubles were brought round. The next stop was made after many turnings through some very pretty scenery at Gestingthorpe. Here there are six bells, which were soon going to Oxford Treble Bob. In the church, it is interesting to note, is a fine memorial stone erected to the memory of the late Commander Oates who met his death on the Scott Expedition. His home was opposite the church in this village. A move was next made for Great Yeldham via Little Yeldham. This ride was through some very narrow roads. Here a short stay was made for a ring on the six bells. It being near dinner time, a quick run was made for Sible Hedingham, where dinner was ready at the White Horse Inn. Dinner over, and a short ring on the eight bells, a move was made for home. Calling at Castle Hedingham some difficulty was experienced owing to the long draught of rope. Some Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. Leaving there, the journey was via Great and Little Maplestead to Pebmarsh. At Little Maplestead is one of the only five round churches in England, built by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. It is interesting to note that this is the latest and smallest of them, the circular part being about 28 feet, and length about 60 feet. Tea was kindly provided at Little Maplestead in an old-fashioned house by a friend of one of the ringers. This was not the programme, but was a great and pleasant surprise. Pebmarsh was reached much behind time, but the bells (5) were soon going to Grandsire Doubles. After some more very narrow roads Colne Engaine was reached, and some Treble Bob brought round on the six bells. This and the preceding villages are well worth a visit for scenery. From here, the last stop was made at Earl's Colne, where some good Treble Bob and Bob Major was rung. Home was reached at 10.15 p.m., after a most enjoyable day, aided by the delightful weather. The party numbered thirteen, which in this case was in no way unlucky. They wish to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells and the ringers who met them.

**KING'S NORTON RINGERS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

On Saturday, June 19th, the King's Norton ringers went on their annual outing by charabanc. The party included their ringing master, Mr. F. B. Yates, the two churchwardens, and six ringers from the Edgbaston tower. At 7 a.m. they set off, and by 9 o'clock the bells of Malvern Link Church were being raised in peal. The ringing here was much enjoyed, the bells possessing a very pleasing tone and 'go.' The next stopping-place was Ledbury in Herefordshire, where the bells are hung in a tower detached from the church. After a ring on them and a 'refresher' in the quaint old town, the party proceeded to Gloucester, where they were met by Mr. John Austin, who joined them at dinner at the Gresham Hotel. After dinner a move was made to Barwood, where Mr. Austin had arranged for a ring on the very pleasing peal of eight.

Later in the afternoon Painswick was reached, and all were eager to get a pull on the bells of this famous tower. Mr. Wright, of the local band, had previously got everything in readiness, and soon the bells were going to various methods. A feature of the ringing here was a touch of Cambridge Surprise Major on the back eight by the 'experts' of the band. Mr. Austin joined in this. After tea the party set out for Cheltenham, and some very enjoyable ringing took place in St. Mary's tower on the fine peal of twelve. Here the band made the acquaintance of Mr. W. T. Bates, who gave them a very cordial welcome.

Cheltenham was left behind about 8 p.m. Passing through Evesham, the party ultimately reached King's Norton at the precise moment that their own tenor bell boomed out the hour of 11 p.m. Very fine weather prevailed all day, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed them.

**STREATHAM RINGERS VISIT HORNSEY.**

On a recent Saturday afternoon the bell-ringers of Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, visited St. Mary's, Hornsey, a notable old church dating back from the thirteenth century, the purpose of which was to enable the father of the Immanuel Tower, Mr. W. Shepherd, to ring once more on the bells where he learned the art of ringing when a lad. He is now over eighty-one years of age, and still going strong. A most cordial welcome was given to the visitors by the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Montgomery Campbell), who was ably supported by the ringers of the tower, Messrs. Ross, Blee and Deal. The afternoon proved a great success, due in a great measure to the welcome and assistance given by the above-named. Some pretty touches on the beautiful peal of six bells were rung, after which an adjournment was made for tea, at the kind invitation of Mr. J. S.

Daniels, one of the leading members of the church at Streatham, who takes interest in the Immanuel tower, and who, with Mr. Shuffle, is always anxious on such occasions to give others a pleasant time. Further touches were afterwards rung on the bells.

**BUCKNALL AND BURSLEM.**

On Saturday, June 26th, Bucknall and Burslem ringers held a joint outing. Leaving Bucknall by charabanc at 9 a.m., the Burslem ringers were picked up, and Eccleshall reached about 10.30. After viewing the old church, ringing was enjoyed, and afterwards the journey was continued to Audlem. The bells were rung before dinner, and afterwards the party went on to Overton, where they were met by Mr. C. Pointon, one of the late members of the Bucknall band. The bells were set going for a time, and then the next call was made at Elsemere, where tea, which Mr. and Mrs. C. Pointon provided, was partaken of in the village school. After a two hours' stay with their old friend, the ringers made the return journey, everybody being pleased with a most enjoyable day. The methods rung were: Cambridge, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford, Woodbine, Plain Bob, etc. The ringers of both bands wish to thank the various Vicars and the local ringers for the use of the respective bells.

**IN DEVON AND DORSET.**

St. James' Guild, Taunton, had an excursion on June 26th, when by charabanc and Mr. D. G. Taylor's car they made a run of 122 miles through some of the most glorious scenery to be found in Devon and Somerset. The route was via Milverton, Wiveliscombe, Bampton, Oakford, South Molton, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Combe Martin, Lynton, Lynmouth, Porlock, Timberscombe, and Dunster. Ringing was indulged in at seven eight-bell towers and one six (Porlock). Hot lunch was partaken of at Ilfracombe, and a never-to-be-forgotten tea at Porlock. The flavour of the strawberry jam and clotted cream still clings about. The party numbered 22, including 17 ringers. Some excellent touches were brought round in the following methods: Grandsire, Steadman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, also Cambridge Minor. Grateful thanks are tendered to the respective incumbents and all those who met the party, to Mr. D. G. Taylor for placing his services and car at the disposal of the Guild, and also to Mr. W. Cording, the organiser, and Mr. W. J. Tarr, the treasurer.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE RINGERS' EXCURSION.**

The ringers of the Parish Church had their annual outing on Saturday, July 3rd, thanks to the generosity of a well-known local lady. The party, numbering 24, included ringers and friends. The company left the Grand Pier at 8 a.m., by charabanc, the weather looking none too bright. But the prophet of the party kept reminding his comrades that they were in for a 'lovely day,' which ultimately proved to be correct, in more ways than one. Passing through North Petherton and Taunton, Wellington was reached about 10 a.m., and here the ringers were met at the Church of St. John by Mr. W. T. Taylor, the captain of the local tower, who kindly showed them around the sacred edifice, a notable feature of which is the tomb of the late Sir John Popham. Later, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells. The Westonsians took their departure at 11.15 a.m., and after passing through Sampford Peverell, arrived at Tiverton, where they at once made for St. Peter's Church, and were cordially welcomed by Mr. G. Grater, who told them he had been ringing at that church for the last 49 years, and 30 years ago he had rung in a 'family peal.' The tone of the bells here is exceptionally melodious, this no doubt being partly due to the fact that they were recast and rehung in 1923. The tenor weighs 25 cwt. The Westonsians soon had them going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, after which they adjourned to the Half Moon Hotel for luncheon. At 2.30 farewell was made to Tiverton, and passing through most beautiful country, the ringers eventually reached Dulverton about 3.15 p.m. Here the Parish Church was visited, and the very nice peal of eight bells sampled. Mention should be made that Mr. Parker, sen., despite his age (he is in his 81st year), succeeded in climbing the narrow stairway to the tower. Not only so, but he insisted on doffing his frock coat and taking a firm hold of the rope; to the utter amazement of all present he proved that he had not yet forgotten the art of ringing, although it is more than twenty years since he pulled a bell. Dulverton was left at 4.30 p.m., and after passing through the gorgeous wooded and fern-covered country, so well known to tourists in the Exe Valley, the party made a short halt at Wheddon Cross, near the O Rest and Be Thankful Hotel, for refreshments, after which the journey was resumed until Timberscombe was reached. The Parish Church here dates back to the thirteenth century. Two new treble bells have recently been added to make an octave, also a new clock fixed about midway on the northern side of the tower. The Rector of Timberscombe welcomed the party, and merry touches were rung on the bells for some time. Minchew was the next stop, and here tea was served at Stevens' Cafe, on the Front. The charabanc was again boarded at 8.30 p.m., and the homeward journey commenced, passing through the lovely country between Withycombe and Old Cleeve, and on through Washford until Williton was reached at 9 p.m. Later the pretty little church of St. Audries came into view, and beyond it in the distance a magnificent view of the Bristol Channel could be obtained. At Nelher Stowey a short halt was made, and then on to Bridgwater and Weston, which was reached about midnight. The party wish to thank Mr. B. J. Over for his kind gift of strawberries, which were enjoyed en route.

**LONDON RINGERS VISIT SOUTHEND.**

The first annual outing of St. Olave's and All Hallows' Guild took place on Saturday, July 3rd, when a party of twenty-three, including members and friends, had a trip to Southend-on-Sea. They left Fenchurch Street Station at 7.55 a.m. by a crowded train, but this did not prevent a few members of the band from vainly trying to compose a Surprise method of their own. They reached their destination at 10.30, and after sampling the air, cockles, whelks and oysters of Southend in one deep breath, the band went to the Kursaal, where they had some good sport. Then they satisfied the 'inner man' and went on to St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell. Although the band are not well versed in the art of change-ringing, some good courses of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the pretty peal of ten for about two hours. Courses of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, and Kent were also rung on a very good peal of handbells. After tea and a round of pleasure in the evening, the party left for London about 10.15, a good sprint being necessary to catch the train. The band would like to thank the Vicar and ringers of Prittlewell for allowing them the use of the well-appointed tower.

**DARLINGTON RINGERS AT HEIGHINGTON.**

On Friday evening, July 16th, a party of ringers from Holy Trinity, Darlington, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Lister, of St. John's, visited the pretty little village of Heighington, which is about six miles distant, and rang on the bells (the first three of which are pre-Reformation bells) the following touches: 504 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 360 Beverley Surprise, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 London Surprise, and 120 Plain Bob. Every touch attempted was brought round, and everyone of the party thoroughly enjoyed the outing. This is the first time Beverley Surprise has been rung on these bells.

[Reports of other Outings are unavoidably held over.]

**HELPING A YOUNG BAND**

On Saturday, July 17th, Rayne Guild paid a visit to Black Notley, Essex, to help on the young band of ringers. Some 120's of Bob Doubles and Grandsire were brought round after tea. A 720 failed in the fifth part. Thanks are due to Mr. Pratt for making the excellent arrangements.

**GOODNESTONE, KENT.**—On Wednesday, July 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with ten different callings, was rung in 45 mins.: H. Smith 1, J. Sharp 2, L. J. Honess (first quarter as conductor) 3, F. A. Fairbeard 4, H. Stringer 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. J. Honess.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Ashford district was held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 26th, when thirty-five members were present from: Ashford, Appledore, Cheriton, Hythe, Mersham, Stone, Tenterden, Willesborough, and Wye. There was ringing during the afternoon, and the members attended service, at which a very appropriate address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. S. K. Lockyear). A collection was taken for the Church Tower Fund. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and his friends on the beautiful lawn at the Vicarage, where more than seven years previously, at a similar gathering, the guns announced peace.

The handbells were brought out, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round; then returning to the tower the visitors rang Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman and Plain Bob.

A very successful combined meeting of the Ashford district of the Kent Association and the Romney Marsh Guild was held at Tenterden on June 12th, when about fifty members were present, representing the towers of Ashford, Brabourne, Benenden, Boxley, Canterbury, Cranbrook, Cheriton, Frittenden, Headcorn, Hawkhurst, Hythe, Maidstone, Margate, Mersham, Rye, Rolvenden, Stone, Smarden, Tenterden and Wye. A special service was conducted by the Vicar, the lessons being read by the Mayor of Tenterden. Mr. W. E. Pittman, Mus. Bac., presided at the organ. After tea the business meeting was presided over by the Mayor, who gave all present a hearty welcome to the church and town.

Touches in six different methods were brought round, and all thoroughly appreciated the welcome they received from the Mayor and the Vicar, who hoped to soon welcome the party again.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**PAIGNTON.**—On Thursday, July 8th, to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. C. Drew, 2,268 of Grandsire Triples in 1 hour and 12 mins.: F. Allwood 1, J. S. Collings 2, S. W. Ward 3, T. S. Collings 4, W. Shepherd 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8. Conducted by Mr. W. Shepherd, who hails from Walton-on-Thames. This is the longest touch yet rung on the bells.—On Sunday, July 11th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Collings: F. Allwood 1, A. L. Bennett 2, D. Green 3, T. S. Collings 4, J. S. Collings (conductor) 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8.

**RAWMARSH, YORKS.**—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,408 changes) in 49 mins.: A. Mitchell 1, F. C. Wilson (conductor) 2, A. Ensor 3, S. Walker 4, E. Pammenter 5, T. Cooper 6, T. Winchcombe 7, F. Pickering 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. Lancashire (son of Mr. T. Lancashire, the Rector's warden) to Miss Carr.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells at Harrietsbam, Kent, where daughtly deeds were performed in the past, are now in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Some of the bells are to be recast, the rest retuned, and the whole rehung with modern fittings.

Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., of Smethwick, who put in the new peal at Pensnett, Worcestershire, have been heartily congratulated on their work by the conductor of the first peal of Stedman rung on these bells. The peal was duly recorded in our issue of June 18th, and Mr. Robert Matthews, who called it, afterwards expressed the opinion that from the ringers' point of view the bells were as perfect as they could be. 'The tone,' he said, 'was magnificent, and reflected the greatest credit on the makers.'

'Uncle' Joe Sykes, now in Paris, is, we learn, hors de combat. He is apparently suffering from the effects of his sojourn in Manchuria. The Chinese diet disagreed with his 'gear box,' and he has a couple of feet on which he would have some trouble now to stand up to a peal of Yorkshire 'Glory.' A Paris doctor is trying to put him right, what time 'the best of spouses' does the round of the Parisian shops. The good lady is of opinion that if he wore among ringing or ringers neither his stomach nor his feet would ever get better—which is rather unkind. But then, English shops are not so attractive as those of Paris, it is said.

A new aspirant for honours on Bow tenor has come upon the scene. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal upon the advent of a son and heir.

Another 'Somerset week' has been arranged for the second week in August. Two peals a day have been fixed up, but the party will by no means be slaves to ringing. They intend to enjoy other pleasures besides those of the belfry.

A 'James' peal of Grandiuro Triples was rung at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, London, by the St. James' Society on July 25th, 1889.

A peal of 5,000 Double Oxford Bob was conducted by Samuel Thurston at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 26th, 1832.

The first peal in Ireland was rung at Waterford Cathedral on July 27th, 1872.

Shipway first arrived in London, whither he migrated from Bath, on July 28th, 1785.

The first peal on twelve bells by a band of Freemasons was rung at Chelmsford on Saturday, July 10th, when members of twelve lodges and twelve different ringing societies scored a peal of Stedman Cinques.

## SALISBURY GUILD'S OCTOGENARIAN.

### SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS A BELL-RINGER.

The record of Mr. F. Bridle, one of Donhead St. Mary's many old inhabitants, is, says the 'Western Gazette,' one which must surely rank high in the annals of bell-ringing in this country. Mr. Bridle, who is now 81 years of age, rung his first peal in the Donhead St. Mary tower in 1858, when he was thirteen years of age, and the present month completes his sixty-eighth year of ringing in the same tower. Closely associated with the Donhead St. Mary Church throughout his life, Mr. Bridle was for 62 years a chorister in the church, and for 42 years its clerk. He relinquished these offices in 1918. A member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from its inauguration in 1892 until 1918, he has rung in most of the towers affiliated with the Guild, including all in Salisbury, and at Bridport, Broadwindsor, and elsewhere. This veteran was also a member of the first local team to ring the bells in the Semley tower after a rebuilding of that church about half a century ago. Despite the handicap of advancing years, Mr. Bridle's activities in this sphere are by no means ended. He led the ringing in the Donhead St. Mary tower on Whit-Sunday last.

## ANCIENT RINGERS' RULES.

We record in this issue the first peal on the bells of Bowden Magna, Leicestershire. The oldest of these bells is dated 1593, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. have just rehung them. The ancient rules of the ringers are still preserved on a board in the belfry:—

Whoe'er designs harmonious Bells to sound  
In tuneful changes or the merry Round,  
These Orders must Observe.

If you get Drunk and hither Reel,  
Or by your Brawl disturb the Peal,  
Or with \*mumlunguous horrid Smoak,  
You cloud the Room, and Ringer's Cheak;  
Or if you dare profane this Place  
By Oath, or Curse, or Language Base,  
Or if you shall presume in Peal  
With Hatt, or Coat, or armed Heel:  
Or turn your Bell in careless way,  
For each Offence shall Two Pence pay;  
To break these Laws if any hope,  
May leave the Bell, and take the Rope.

Thomas Buckby, Edward Englehorn, Churchwardens.

N.B.—He who plucks his Bell over when turn'd, shall Pay six Pence.\*

\* Mumlunguous—i.e., stinking tobacco.



## FOR THE BEGINNERS.

### A NEW FEATURE FOR YOUNG RINGERS AND CONDUCTORS.

With every desire to help the young ringer, who, admittedly, is encouraged if he sees his performances recorded in print, we propose to set aside a certain amount of space each week in which we may record beginners' progress, and we invite conductors to send us paragraphs giving particulars of ringing done in which learners participate.

We shall not necessarily deal with this matter in precisely the same way as we at present record Sunday service touches—indeed, it will add to the interest of the reports if correspondents will tell us something about the young ringers themselves and their general advance in the art. Nor can we be expected to devote space week after week to a repetition of previous performances. What we hope conductors will send us will be, what we may term, the progressive steps of their young hands. We are prepared to give these future stalwarts of the Exercise a 'place in the news,' when their first 120 of Doubles is achieved, but we know they will not expect us to go on recording 120's. We want to encourage them to advance, so let the next stage be 360, and the next 720; then a fresh method—if this is not reached sooner.

To be included in this beginners' feature, the young hand will have to move along and not remain stagnant. We think that is a fair bargain. Above all, we hope we may get a few of those personal items which will relieve the monotony of a 'dry bones' report of a touch, and add a little human interest to the records of what has been accomplished.

Young conductors' performances will be welcomed in the same way for this new feature, and, we propose, also from time to time and as space permits, to add a few hints on the conducting of some of the simpler methods, which we think may perhaps be appreciated by those who are without the regular help of more experienced men.

We hope that what we propose will not only encourage young ringers, but give them an early interest in 'The Ringing World,' and that they, in their turn, will give us their support.

One other word. It will be essential that matter for inclusion in this new column should reach us early, and we really cannot entertain paragraphs that come to hand two or three weeks after the performance. It is that delay which in other matters at present throws out of joint all our efforts to publish reports promptly. Tuesday is the last day for receiving items relating to anything rung within the preceding week, and the earlier it comes to hand the better chance it will have of appearing.

### AFTER FORTY YEARS.

For the first time for forty years the bells at Twynmerton Parish Church, near Stone, Staffs, were rung on Thursday, July 15th, when a 720 Grandsire Doubles was brought round by the ringers of St. Michael's Church, Stone, who were invited by the Rev. J. B. Frith, Vicar of Twynmerton. Much credit is due to the Vicar for getting those bells put into order again. He has had the 3rd and 4th rehung on ball bearings, and has himself carried out repairs to the fittings of the other four. He is very anxious to get a band of ringers together in his parish, having himself learned to ring a bell. The following ringers took part in the 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Head 1, J. Moulson 2, T. Hodson 3, W. Buckley 4, A. Rowly (conductor) 5, E. Baker 6, and they wish to thank the Vicar for his kind invitation to ring and for his hospitality.

### DEATH OF MR. ISAAC G. SHADE.

#### KILLED IN A MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Just as we go to press we learn with deep regret that Mr. Isaac George Shade, of Greenwich, was knocked down and instantaneously killed by a motor-car in Blackheath Road, S.E., on Monday night, as he was returning to his home at 72, Blissett Street, after attending a ringing practice at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate.

The news will, we are sure, be received with profound sorrow by the whole Exercise, for Mr. Shade was one of the best-known men in the ringing world, in which he has figured prominently for a great many years, having rung more peals than anyone else, with the exception of Mr. William Pye, with whom he was associated in a great many of his ringing performances.

Mr. Shade was seventy-six years of age and a bachelor.

He rang his last peal at Swanscombe, Kent, on Saturday, one of Superlative Surprise. He was to have been in an attempt for a peal at St. Nicolas', Deptford, to-morrow, and this will now be rung with the bells half-inuffed in his memory.

The funeral will take place at Charlton Cemetery to-day (Friday) at 2 p.m.

### ORSETT CHURCH DESTROYED.

Fire, which started in the roof, destroyed Orsett (Essex) Church on Friday, despite the frantic efforts of the villagers to save the building. The tower, with its six bells and clock, happily escaped the conflagration.

### FAKENHAM BELLS RESTORED.

#### DEDICATION OF BELLS AND ORGAN.

On Sunday morning the Bishop of Norwich paid a visit to SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Fakenham, Norfolk, for the twofold purpose of dedicating the restored and rehung peal of the church bells and dedicating and opening a new organ in the north aisle of the church. As the bells had been completed a few months previously, permission had been granted to the ringers to ring them for Sunday services.

A good force of the ringers of Fakenham and district mustered early for the service, and, under the direction of the captain of the tower, Mr. Chas. S. Tutlill, two touches were rung on the eight bells, so arranged that all ringers present could take part, the conductor being Mr. Robert Cooke. The service began at 11.15 a.m., and at that time the church, which is a large one, was well filled, amongst the congregation being the parish councillors, officials, boy scouts, girl guides, and others. The morning service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. J. Pole Simeon, M.A.), and the dedicatory prayers were offered by the Lord Bishop. Immediately the strains of the new organ were heard with splendid effect. After the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies' had been sung, the Bishop gave an excellent sermon, in which he touched upon the characteristics and uses of church bells, which, he said, he always heard with much pleasure whilst travelling about his large diocese. The bells called to service and worship, and reminded those who could not attend of the need for prayer and for thinking of God. Next he referred to the new organ and its uses, help and bearings upon religion and its assistance in many ways in Church life. Finally, he remarked that the day would be a lifelong memory to Fakenham, with the dedication of the bells at one end and the organ at the other of this spacious building. He concluded by thanking all the parishioners for their efforts in contributing to such large works to the glory of God.

After the Blessing, the hymn 'Angel voices ever singing' was sung and collections taken for the organ fund.

The work of rehanging and restoration connected with the bells included removing all the bells, the old beams and floors, and practically dismantling the inside of the tower. The frame has been reconstructed upon new steel girders, and the bells rehung, with the fifth bell recast. The planning and execution was in the hands of Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and was carried out under his personal supervision with great care and excellent results. Every satisfaction has been given. The opening day for ringers is shortly to be held, and will be advertised in our columns.

### 'CHARTER DAY' AT LEEDS

At Bramley, Leeds, on Tuesday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.—W. Waterhouse 1, J. S. Eastwood 2, E. Redshaw 3, F. Blakeith 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, J. W. Cordingley 7, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor) 8. Rung on 'Charter Day,' in connection with the Leeds Tercentenary celebrations.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, also as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on the occasion of his marriage, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Cooper, jun., 1, J. Cooper, sen., 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimore 4, R. Darvill (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## HOW THE Q SET DOMINATES COMPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Now, bearing in mind the facts about Q sets which I set out in these notes last week, let us turn to the solution of our problem. We have twelve courses; can we link them up into one round block by bobs only?

These are the courses:—

54326	52436	53246	42356
35426	45236	25346	34256
43526	24536	32546	23456

We start with the plain course 23456. In it we can call a bob at either the Wrong or the Home. Let us call a bob at the Wrong. That will put us into the course 52436. Having called this bob at the Wrong according to the law of Q sets, we must also call two others, that is, we must bob every member of that Q set. This will give us:—

23456	W	R
52436	—	—
35426	—	—
23456	—	—

Now notice what we have done. We have gathered into one round block three of the courses we want. In this block there are three places where we may call a bob—the three Homes. Suppose we call a Home in the first course. Again we must call two more Homes as well—we must bob the Q set. This will give us:—

23456	W	R
45236	—	—
24536	—	—
52436	—	—
35426	—	—
23456	—	—

What we have done is to gather into one round block five of the courses we want. Now select another place to call a bob. Again we must complete the Q set.

Let it be the Wrong in the third course. We get:—

23456	W	R
45236	—	—
24536	—	—
32546	—	—
43526	—	—
52436	—	—
35426	—	—
23456	—	—

What we have done is to gather into one block seven of the courses we want.

Now, every time we bob a Q set we add two courses. We started with one course, the plain course. But, if you start with one and keep on adding two, the result must always be an odd number. And since the number of the courses we want to join into one round block is twelve, and twelve is an even number, the problem we set ourselves is proved to be impossible.

This is a fairly easy problem, and not very difficult to understand. The problem of Grandsire Triples which baffled composers for a couple of centuries (and they were clever men) is exactly the same, except that the conditions are more complex.

There are two points in connection with our illustration that I ought to mention. First, when you are bobbing any Q set you must take care that you are not adding any course you already have, otherwise your touch may be false. But, false or true, it will always consist of an odd number of courses.

And, second, I do not mean that in every touch or peal every Q set must be bobbed or plain. But, if you do bob one member of a Q set and plain another then the third cannot be had at all, and consequently your touch cannot be an extent.

The greatest number of courses with the sixth fixed which can be gathered into one round block by bobs only is eleven. Here they are, and, as an illustration, I have marked the Q sets by a distinctive letter:—

23456	W	R
52436	A	
43526	A	B
24536	C	
53246	C	D
25346		D
32546		D
54326	C	B
35426		B
42356	A	E
34256		E
23456		E

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## EASTERN DISTRICT AT BEVERLEY.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, July 10th, in glorious weather, at Beverley. The attendance was rather below the average, owing, no doubt, to other attractions and reduced travelling facilities, but those present had a very enjoyable time. The two magnificent peals of ten, at St. Mary's and the Minster, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the respective Vicars, the Rev. E. Hope, M.A., and the Rev. W. H. Rigg, D.D.

A short service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address. This was followed by tea, held in St. Mary's Church House, to which some twenty-seven members did full justice.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. E. Hope). Apologies for absence were received from the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer) and the Ringing Master (Mr. H. Fairham), who intimated his desire to resign, and Mr. W. Middleton was elected in his stead. A vote of condolence was moved with Mr. G. Thornton (Sherburn-in-Elmet) on the death of his wife, who took a very great interest in everything connected with bells and ringers' gatherings, and much sympathy was expressed with Mr. Thornton in the overwhelming loss he has sustained.

The next meeting will be held at Cottingham in October, by desire of the Vicar (the Rev. A. Fergusson).

On the motion of Mr. J. H. Howell, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of St. Mary's for the use of the bells and for the service, also to the Vicar of the Minster for the use of his fine peal of bells, and to Mr. W. Gibson and the local ringers for their excellent arrangements.—The Vicar, in responding, was given a cordial reception, and expressed his pleasure in having the first visit of the association to St. Mary's.

## MUFFLED BELLS FOR BENEFACTOR.

## THE LATE MR. C. P. MARKHAM'S GENEROSITY.

At Staveley, Derbyshire, on Sunday afternoon, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,376 changes) was rung on the Parish Church bells in 55 mins.: A. Markwell, sen., 1, A. Markwell, jun., 2, F. E. Parsons 3, S. Smedley, jun., 4, H. Stow 5, J. Knott 6, S. Smedley, sen., 7, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 8. The bells were half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. C. P. Markham, J.P., D.L., of Ringwood Hall, the well-known chairman of the Staveley Coal and Iron Company, and a very generous benefactor to Chesterfield and the surrounding district. Some time ago Mr. Markham gave £800 to complete the restoration of Chesterfield's crooked spire, and £10,000 to the Chesterfield Royal Hospital. He died suddenly on June 29th, and was interred at Staveley on July 2nd. The bells were rung half-muffled for an hour after the interment, and also for both the morning and evening services the following Sunday. Upwards of 25,000 people attended to witness the last sad rites.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Bath on July 3rd. The proceedings commenced with ringing at the various towers. Evensong, conducted by the Rev. W. A. J. Martyr, was then sung in the Abbey. The Rev. L. Fitzmaurice, one-time president of the Dunster branch, and now Vicar of St. Stephen's, Bath, gave the address. After tea at the Red House, the members adjourned to the Abbey Church House for the business meeting. The Master (Rev. E. S. C. Lock) read his report on the year's work. In connection with this, the Master mentioned that the association had lost by death one of the vice-presidents, the Rev. Preb. C. E. L. Corfield. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

## MEMBERSHIP MAINTAINED

The Master's report referred to the prosperous condition in which, on taking office, he found the association. This was owing to the good work of Prebendary Parker and Mr. E. E. Burgess, their late master and secretary. It would be the aim of himself and their new secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke) to build upon their foundations and work for the further growth of the association. The number of towers was now 145—a gain of three on last year, seven having joined the association, whilst four had resigned. The number of members was 1,629, a gain of 4, the total being made up of: hon. life members 8, hon. members 89, performing members 1,285, non-resident ringing members 9, non-resident life members 189, unattached 49. The peals rung numbered 67, a pleasing feature being the large number of members (37) who had rung their first peal, the number who had rung a peal in a further method, and the number of new conductors (7). All this pointed to an advance in the art amongst the members. The peals of Surprise Minor rung at Wilton, and Double Norwich at St. James', Taunton, by resident bands, and the seven peals rung by a visiting band, were excellent, and the band who rang these peals were thanked for their courtesy. Mr. James Hunt was congratulated on ringing his 450th peal, and Mr. Dyke on ringing his 250th peal.

There was a balance on current account of £79 18s. 6d.

The honorary secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. T. Dyke) then presented the balance-sheet, which, on the proposition of Mr. T. F. King, seconded by Mr. A. Prince, was adopted. The latter commented favourably on the manner in which the accounts were presented. There was some discussion, although no resolution was forthcoming, on the practice of one of the branches retaining a balance in hand, apparently contrary to the rules.

The usual honorarium was granted to the secretary on the proposition of Mr. W. Prescott, seconded by Mr. A. Prince.

Mr. J. Hunt, who attended the Central Council meeting at Ipswich on behalf of the association, then gave a lengthy and interesting account of the proceedings. He particularly emphasised the cordial welcome accorded the delegates by the Suffolk Guild. A further point that Mr. Hunt stressed was the suggestion that each association should appoint an expert to give advice where augmentations to and re-hanging of existing peals of bells were proposed in the association area. He also commented favourably on the continued efforts of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to obtain rail concessions to ringers.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Prince, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Hunt for his services.

The Master, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. D. G. Taylor, seconded by Mr. A. Prince. The hon. secretary and treasurer was also re-elected. The hon. auditor, Mr. D. G. Taylor, was again elected to the post, and was thanked for his past services, on a motion by Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. G. Temple.

The triennial election of representatives on the Central Council was then proceeded with. It was proposed that the master and secretary be elected without ballot, and this was agreed to. The remaining two places, after a vote, were allotted to Mr. J. Hunt (Taunton) and Mr. H. W. Brown (Bath).

## PRESENTATION TO LATE OFFICERS.

A pleasing ceremony then took place, when the late Master, the Rev. Preb. C. C. Parker, was presented with a gong, in the shape of a bell, and the late secretary, Mr. E. E. Burgess, was given a solid silver half-hunter watch, both gifts being suitably inscribed.—Mr. D. G. Taylor, one of the few members who were present at the election of these officers, performed the pleasant duty of making the presentations, which were suitably acknowledged by both recipients.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Bath, the Rev. W. A. J. Martyr, the Rev. L. Fitzmaurice, and Mr. F. C. Rich, to whom the success of the meeting was mainly due.

Mr. Starr (Swainswick) then brought up the question of the method of the notification of the dates and places of the annual meeting. He did not consider that an annual postcard, supplemented by advertisements in 'The Ringing World,' was sufficient, as some members, particularly honorary members, did not see 'The Ringing World.' This question was left to the committee.

Further ringing at the various towers afterwards took place.

**FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—At All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: Wm. Rosewell 1, A. Gould (longest length inside) 2, E. Flower 3, Wm. Shore (first quarter as conductor) 4, Rev. L. G. Ketchley 5, D. Parfitt 6.

## DEATH OF MR. ALFRED HILLIER.

## NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD'S LOSS.

After a long and painful illness, Mr. Alfred Francis Hillier, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, passed to his rest on Monday, July 12th, and his loss will be keenly felt at Newcastle Cathedral, as well as in the association for the two northern dioceses. He was born in Bristol some seventy-one years ago, and later lived at Crawley, in Sussex, where he learnt his ringing. He was always connected with livery stables, and eventually came to Newcastle in 1891 to take charge of Messrs. King and Gillespie's stables. With this firm he worked until they closed down, since when he had a small business of his own.

He joined St. John's Guild of Ringers immediately he came to Newcastle, and proved a splendid help to a then young and struggling band of enthusiasts. He was not only a very good method ringer but a fine striker, and reliable in his attendance at either service ringing, practice or peal events. He had rung more peals with the Durham and Newcastle Association than any other member, namely, 325 in all, his last peal being one of Cambridge Surprise Royal on December 6th, 1924, at All Saints', Gosforth. Unfortunately, he kept no records of his peals, but he had rung many peals with the Sussex County Association before coming north, probably another fifty in all. Besides ringing many peals in all the old Standard Methods, his list included Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise, Double Norwich and Double Oxford, Erin Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques.

The funeral took place on Thursday, the 15th, and was attended by some forty or fifty ringers, besides many relatives and friends, Messrs. Keen, Barber, Deas and Forman acting as underbearers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. C. L. Routledge, W. H. Barber, T. Gofton, and J. E. Keen. The Vicar of Newcastle conducted the burial rites, with the assistance of the Rev. A. W. Lister, president of the association. The Vicar, Canon Newsom, gave a very beautiful and impressive eulogy at the graveside.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung on the Cathedral bells, and a touch of Stedman Caters, muffled, till five o'clock. A peal of Caters, muffled to his memory, was rung at the Cathedral on Saturday, the 17th.

## BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

## THE PROPOSED CONTEST.

The July meeting was held at Cawthorne on Saturday week, when members were present early in the afternoon from Barnsley, Darton, Darfield, Felkirk, Penistone, Wath, Sandal, Horbury, Rawmarsh, and Shelley, as well as members of the local company. The bells were put into use at 3 p.m., and freely rung. The shield recently purchased was on view, and the committee considered the rules for the contest, which in all probability will be held on the second Saturday in October.

Tea was partaken of in a local cafe, where the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. L. Woolley) kindly joined the party. He had to leave early, but was not allowed to part from the company until expressions of pleasure were accorded to him for his welcome and his presence, which is always a cheerful one to ringers. His reply was kindly and full of good wishes for the prosperity of ringers and a desire to see them take more interest in the Church Councils and take a place on those bodies.

The business meeting then followed. The senior vice-president, Mr. W. Reynor, having recently given two lectures before the Paxton Society, Wakefield, he was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for having thus displayed the art of change-ringing and the practical use of church bells. In replying, he promised to give another practical display before the association in the winter.

One new member, Mr. Lawrence Wilkinson, of Hoylandswaine, was elected. The next meeting is to be held at Ackworth.

## HERTS AND ESSEX JOINT MEETING.

A joint meeting of the Herts and Essex Associations was held at Bishop's Stortford on June 5th, and proved a very successful and enjoyable reunion. A special service was held in St. Michael's Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Lane. Afterwards nearly forty members sat down to tea provided in St. Michael's Parish Room.

A short meeting then followed, at which Mr. H. Dew welcomed the visiting ringers, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped with the meeting and had made arrangements for same. This was seconded by Mr. W. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) then addressed the meeting, saying that when the suggestion of such gatherings between county associations was made, he at once fell in with the idea. He could strongly recommend the holding of such meetings frequently. There was no rivalry; they met with one object and worked together for one common aim—church bell ringing. To meet like this enabled them to help each other by comparing notes, making suggestions for betterment, and social intercourse. Mr. Howard's remarks were enthusiastically received.

This closed the meeting, and the company again repaired to the tower for an evening's ringing. The towers represented were: Royston, Fulbourn, Edmonton, Barkway, Harlow Common, Leytonstone, Barley, Braintree, Stansted, and Little Mundon.

**TERRIBLE FATALITY TO A RINGER.****BURNT BY BOILING TAR.****WORKMATE'S BRAVE EFFORTS AT RESCUE.**

By a shocking fatality last week, Cyril Whybrow, a young and promising ringer, of Leighton Buzzard, lost his life while working on the road between Leighton and Hockliffe. The deceased, with David Underwood, another employee of the Bedfordshire County Council, was engaged in tarring the road surface and was using a portable tar cauldron containing tar which was kept heated by a small fire underneath. At the end of the stretch of road being tarred stood a tripod bearing a red flag to warn approaching traffic to exercise caution, and as a preliminary to starting on a fresh length of road Underwood was sent by Whybrow, who was brushing the tar on the road, to move the tripod.

Relating the story of the fatality at the inquest, Underwood said he was by the tripod and Whybrow was in close proximity to the cauldron at the time of the accident. Hearing Whybrow call out, 'Oh, David,' he looked round and saw Whybrow sitting in the bath of tar, as the workmen call the cauldron. Being a 'biggish' fellow, Whybrow tipped the bath over when he fell into it. He rolled over into the road, and the tar caught fire and blazed up and set fire to Whybrow's clothing.

'I ran to his assistance,' said Underwood, 'and pulled him out of the tar and got him to the side of the road. He was all in flames, and I got smothered with tar and my clothing caught fire as well, and I could not see him for the flames. I rolled myself over and over in the grass and put out the flames, and when I saw Whybrow again he had rolled back again into the flaming tar. I ran and pulled him out again and rolled him into a heap of sand stuff which put out the fire.'

Underwood also tore Whybrow's shirt from his body, and covered him up, and asked a man who came along on a bicycle to go for the police and telephone for a doctor.

The Coroner: How do you think this happened?—My opinion is that he came back too far and stepped straight into the bath of tar.

Walked backwards?—Yes, sir, he had to use it backwards.

You think he might have forgotten it was so close to him?—I don't think he realised it was so close to him.

The witness added that he had worked with Whybrow for about twelve months, and they had been on the Leighton Road all day.

Police and medical assistance were quickly forthcoming, and the terribly injured man was conveyed to hospital, where he was found to be very extensively burnt on both legs and arms, and on both the front and back of the trunk of the body.

The coroner returned a verdict of 'Accidental Death,' and the county surveyor (Mr. F. W. Smart) expressed deep regret to the parents and relatives on behalf of the County Council, and associated himself with that message of sympathy. Whybrow, he said, was a young man of splendid character, and was an excellent workman. Mr. Smart also expressed the view that Underwood's conduct in the sad affair was most commendable, remarking that he did all that he possibly could.

Cyril Whybrow's death is deeply lamented by the Leighton Buzzard ringers, as it will be by members of the Exercise everywhere. He was of a cheery disposition, and will be much missed in All Saints' belfry, where he was always regular in his attendance. He was a safe ringer in Plain Bob, Double Court, Grandsire, and Stedman. He was only twenty-one years of age, and much sympathy has been extended to the relatives.

The funeral took place on Saturday, when three of the ringers of All Saints' and three of St. Barnabas', Linslade, acted as bearers. The first part of the service was held at All Saints' Church, which was filled with friends of the deceased, including many of his fellow-workmen and bell-ringers. Among the wreaths were one from the county surveyor and staff, fellow-workmen, football friends, bell-ringers, etc.

In the evening the ten bells of All Saints' were rung half-muffled by the combined bands of Leighton and Linslade.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Truro Branch was held at St. Agnes, on Saturday, July 3rd, by kind permission of the Vicar, Perranwell, St. Kea, St. Newlyn East, Truro Cathedral, and the local band were represented. A short service was conducted, and an address given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Browne). Tea was provided and served by the lady ringers of St. Agnes.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and those who provided tea, and the Vicar, responding, said how glad he was to welcome the Guild there that day, and he would be delighted to welcome them at any future date.

Afterwards the bells were again set going, and several members of the Perranwell band, who have just taken up scientific ringing, were able to obtain good practice with the help of the Cathedral ringers, one lady ringer ringing her first 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

The last item on the programme was a dance (perhaps a novelty at a ringers' meeting). This was thoroughly enjoyed by many of the younger ringers who took part.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**PUTNEY.**—On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peak of Stedman Triples: H. W. Lidbetter 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Thompson 3, A. Cutmore 4, H. Belcher 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8. This is an annual event arranged by the conductor on the occasion of the Putney ringers' outing, which this year has gone westward.

**REDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): A. Trappitt 1, L. Bance 2, F. Jennings 3, A. Arnold 4, G. Jennings 5, E. Talbot 6, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 7, J. F. Galyer 8, T. G. Bannister 9, J. Avery 10.

**RAYNE, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, July 18th, at All Saints' Church, after evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Windley 1, B. Redgwell 2, H. Warn 3, E. Clark 4, H. Devenish 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6; also 360 Double Court and 360 Woodbine, H. Redgwell and A. Redgwell taking part.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.**—For morning service on Sunday, July 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Saunders 1, F. Warrington (Long Stanton, conductor) 2, G. Perkins 3, G. Ransom 4, H. Lavendar 5, J. Perkins 6.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, at the Priory Church, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) in 59 mins.: G. Preston (conductor) 1, E. Hinton 2, W. Stone 3, G. Stone 4, A. H. Ward (Derby) 5, G. Scragg 6, E. Gough (Tipton) 7, R. J. Stone (Portsmouth) 8, W. Fowler 9, E. Kerley 10.

**HOOLE, CHESTER.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, July 18th, for children's afternoon anniversary service, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Doubles (1,320 changes) in 40 mins.: \*P. Day 1, \*T. Leech 2, J. Benyon 3, G. R. Jones (conductor) 4, J. Benyon, jun., 5, \*E. Barlow 6 \* Longest length.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, July 11th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Gusterson 1, G. Clarke 2, E. Leggett (conductor) 3, A. Ives 4, C. Bower 5, F. Clarke 6.

**SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 11th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (42 Singles): W. Allin, jun., 1, R. Huskinson 2, W. Allin, sen., 3, E. R. Partridge 4, B. Sollis (first 720) 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6.

**BARLBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, at St. James' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Sturman (first 720 in any method) 1, H. Hibbard 2, P. Morriss (conductor) 3, R. Reece 4, W. Sturman 5, P. Hibbard 6.

**CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, June 27th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: S. Casley 1, A. Bacox 2, F. J. Chandler 3, F. Barker 4, W. Soer 5, F. A. Milne (conductor) 6, H. J. Eldred 7, W. Langley 8.

**SHREWSBURY.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 27th, for the thanksgiving services for the restoration of the tower and spire, the following touches were rung: For matins, 4 courses of Grandsire Caters: after service 2 courses, and for evensong 4 courses of Stedman Triples. This is the first ringing done here since 1922.

**ROCK PERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 720 of Cambridge Surprise: F. Banton 1, T. Birch 2, F. C. Amos 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Surprise on the bells by a local band.

**BURSLEM, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, June 27th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, for morning service, 720 Violet Treble Bob: F. Shaker 1, E. Gater 2, T. Hurd 3, H. Box 4, H. Whitfield 5, T. Hilditch 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York: F. Shaker 1, T. Hurd 2, E. Gater 3, H. Box 4, T. Cartledge 5, T. Hilditch 6.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, June 27th, for evening service, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. Culmor 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Belcher 4, W. R. Grimwood 5, H. Bungay 6, F. Skevington 7, A. Harding 8, H. Folkard 9, J. W. Driver (conductor) 10.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, June 27th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. E. Collins 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, J. W. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. L. Warkins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, T. Welbourne 8.

**WOOTTON HILL, HANTS.**—On Sunday, June 20th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Bevan 1, R. Rex 2, H. Balaam (conductor) 3, N. Scott 4, T. Lock 5, H. Miller (Southgate) 6.

**LONG STANTON.**—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on June 20th, 720 Double Court in 21 mins.: F. Warrington 1, G. E. Crisp 2, C. W. Woolley 3, H. Hazell 4, C. W. Cook (conductor) 5, S. H. Wood 6.

**SIMPSON, BUCKS.**—On Whit-Sunday, for 8 a.m. Communion service, 720 of St. Simon's Doubles: C. W. Smith 1, J. Brooks 2, A. E. Hanks 3, J. Clare 4, G. Guest (conductor) 6.—For 11 a.m. service, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: P. Stevens 1, R. Giles 2, G. Guest 3, C. W. Smith (conductor) 4, J. Clare 6.—For evening service, 720 in six methods (New Doubles, Stedman's Slow Course, St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire): R. Giles 1, G. Guest 2, E. Hanks 3, J. Clare 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6.—After service, 720 of Grandsire: P. Stevens 1, R. Giles 2, G. Guest 3, J. Clare 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Lugeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival, 1926.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 24th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. Ringing as usual at college towers and city churches. The L.M. & S. Railway will grant a return ticket to Oxford on July 24th by any train at a single fare from any station in Berks, Bucks or Oxon.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlough on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Fenlake, Bedford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 24th. Bells of the Parish Church are available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, free. All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Prestwick, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A post card from intending visitors would greatly help with tea arrangements.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 24th. The bells (8) are available. Tea at the Central Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half-fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on July 24th. Bells at Kirkby available from 4 p.m. to 5.30. Bells at Peckleton from 5.30 onwards. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE CHURCH BELL RINGERS.**—A meeting of all those interested in Church Bell Ringing in the County of Salop and others will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 24th. Bells at St. Chad's (12), St. Mary's (10) and other towers in the town will be available during the afternoon and evening. At 5.30, in the Vestry of St. Chad's Church, a general meeting will be held. The Ven. Archdeacon Lambart, of Salop, will take the chair. All ringers will be most welcome.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Kirby-le-Soken.—Dedication of two trebles to complete the octave at matins, 11 a.m., on Sunday, July 25th. Visiting ringers will be welcomed.—Chas. H. Howard, Master, Braintree.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Colchester re-opening, after rehanging of the ring of five at St. Leonard's Church on Thursday, July 29th, at 3 p.m. The bells will be open to visiting ringers after the service.—Chas. H. Howard, Master, Braintree.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clyro—bell (5) available from 3.30 p.m.—on Saturday, July 31st. Service 5.30. Tea 6 o'clock.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, July 31st. Bells ready early. Members will please prepare to practice Double Norwich at this meeting.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Penn (6 bells) on Saturday, July 31st, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., will be provided only for those who send their names to Mr. W. Randall, Woodbine Cottage, Penn, High Wycombe, not later than July 28th. There will be no business meeting.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—A meeting will be held at Wissett on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers.—J. Larter, Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcomed. — Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 3.15. First meeting here since the bells have been rehung, and a hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Stonham Aspall (Eye buses) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1/- each) at Ten Bells Inn at 5 followed by business meeting. Please send notice for tea to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Dis. Sec., Debenham, Stowmarket.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Bay Horse Inn at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head for those who notify Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than the Tuesday previous, July 27th.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, July 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise me not later than Wednesday, July 28th.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 31st, at Norbury Parish Church. Bells available from 3.30 p.m., and the meeting held at 7 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. The association service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. G. T. Colson, M.A. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me on or before first post Wednesday, July 28th? All ringers welcome, beginners especially.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, July 31st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford 2 o'clock, 3 and 3.15, and leave Galleywood about every half hour until 9.45 p.m. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, July 28th? The bells have just been overhauled, and are to be opened at this meeting by the Vicar. All visiting ringers will be welcomed, and a good attendance is requested. — P. Timson, 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Aylsham on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of ten bells of the Parish Church are placed at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the Black Boys' Hotel at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the secretary on or before Thursday, July 29th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT.**—Gala Day and Sports, Dancing, etc., in aid of Sutton-on-Trent Church Bells Restoration Fund.—The new bells of Sutton-on-Trent will be open all day for ringing from 10 a.m. on Monday (Bank Holiday), Aug. 2nd. Visitors from everywhere welcome. Tea provided on ground from 3.30 p.m. in marquee. Plain tea 1s., children 6d.; meat tea 1s. 6d. and 2s. Admission to grounds 6d. and 3d. The L.N.E. Railway will issue cheap tickets to Crow Park Station from Doncaster, Grantham, Sheffield and intermediate stations. Cheap motor buses from Retford and Newark. — H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting on August Bank Holiday at Handsworth (8 bells). Committee meeting 4.45. Tea at 1s. per head, providing a minimum of 30 apply for same not later than Friday, July 30th, to Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Hail Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. The Vicarage grounds will be thrown open to visitors. — Colin Harrison, 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, Aug. 7th. 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.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Wellington on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. free. Please notify me not later than Aug. 4th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7th, at Harlow Common. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge to all advising me before Aug. 4th. A business meeting will follow tea. (Buses will be running down from Wanstead through Epping and up from Saffron Walden through Bishop's Stortford.) All ringers welcome. — Claud Beeston, Hon. Sec., 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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### A PROBLEM BEFORE THE EXERCISE.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild's festival is usually productive of an interesting meeting, and last Saturday's gathering at the University city was no exception to the rule. There can be no question that the members of the Guild take a live interest in the affairs of their organisation, and only the difficulties of travel prevented even a larger assembly than met in the Chapter House at Christ Church. Yet, despite the fact that the Guild is excellently officered, that meetings are really well attended, and members display a keen interest, it is a healthy sign that there is no smug complacency in the contemplation of the Guild's position. Would that this were so in all associations. A few weeks ago we commented on the Oxford Guild Master's rousing call for the local enthusiast, and on Saturday the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn enlarged upon this important matter, and offered it to the members as a subject for discussion at their district meetings in the hope that practical suggestions may be forthcoming, so that one of the pressing needs of the day, so far as the art of ringing is concerned, may be met in the towers in the diocese of Oxford.

The question, however, is not confined to the Oxford Guild; it affects every association in the country. In numerous centres there are to be found, of course, the local enthusiasts who keep both service and peal ringing bands going with more or less success, but in the vast majority of towers there are no such leaders. The men are content to go on doing their little bit of Sunday ringing, and practising, while they can keep together, but let a breach occur in the ranks, and in all too many cases the company practically drops to pieces. Recruits are hard to get, difficult to keep, and harder still to train, because of the many other attractions which now offer allurements to young people. It is only the real enthusiast who will overcome the obstacles, and this type of man in the ranks of ringers, as the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn pointed out, is not increasing in numbers in proportion to the numerical growth of our associations.

Only those who have had the disheartening experience of years of fruitless endeavour in raising and maintaining a change ringing band know the real weariness of the task; some who have laboured thus in vain are still valiantly carrying on, others as time goes on give up the seemingly impossible task. These are the men who can offer their associations valuable counsel on this subject of maintaining local interest in the art of change ringing. By their unaided effort they may not have been able to succeed, but they of all people should be able to point out where that individual effort has failed, and associations which will seek out the help of these ringers, as well as of

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those who, at the moment, are reaping the reward of successful labour, might learn much which would enable them to help establish weak bands on a firmer footing. The Oxford Guild will discuss the matter at their branch meetings; other associations could profitably follow suit, and the Central Council might well debate the subject, for they could bring together the accumulated wisdom of the whole Exercise on this matter which, perhaps, more than anything else, concerns the future of our Art.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*GEORGE HUMPHREYS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 6
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	ALBAN DISNEY ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 4	† GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5	JOHN GRANT ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by GEO. S. MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First of Caterers as conductor. A birthday compliment to the composer's wife (Mrs. E. Morris). The composition has all the 9468's and 9568's in 7896 position, 5789's and 4789's in 6879 position, 7489's and 7589's in titlums, 46789's and 56789's at hand.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 2	REGINALD BROWN ... 6
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Arranged for J. D. Harris, of Portsmouth, and was his first peal of Cambridge.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY ... Treble	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5
PERCY J. SPICE ... 2	GEORGE HUXLEY ... 6
GEORGE DURLING ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 4	HARRY DURLING ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Sir Thomas C. Dewey, for many years churchwarden of the above church, also an honorary life member of the association.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 21, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ROBERT TAYLOR ... Treble	*JAMES WRIGHT ... 5
JOHN BROWN ... 2	JOHN BOOTH ... 6
FRED RIGBY ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
FRED HINDLE ... 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal for the Lancashire Association.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Thursday, July 22, 1926, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble	HARRY MOSS ... .. 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 2	HENRY ADCOCK ... .. 6
CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 7
ERNEST F. POPPY... .. 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

**SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Friday, July 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	JOHN ALDIS ... .. 5
CHARLES CLARKE... .. 2	RUSSELL RICHES... .. 6
RICHARD BALDRY... .. 3	GEORGE POYNTER ... .. 7
GEORGE GOWER ... .. 4	CHARLES CUTTING ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES BILBY ... .. Treble	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 6
RONALD G. BECK... .. 3	SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.  
\* First peal in the method. The ringers of 4 and 6 have now rung 50 peals together.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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*On Saturday, July 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity*

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL PRICE... .. 5
ALBERT COPPOCK... .. 2	FRED BLOOD ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 4	EDWARD BLAGDON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

\* First peal of Stedman. The conductor's 100th peal. Rung on the same bells, in the same method and with the same tenorman as his first peal (1902). The rest of the original band, with one exception, have passed hence.

**RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

LEONARD NELMES ... .. Treble	JAMES BISHOP ... .. 5
BRUCE P. CBEW ... .. 2	WILLIAM BISHOP... .. 6
ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. 7
GEORGE WILKS ... .. 4	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**BARKSTON LE WILLOWS, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
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*On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Nicholas,*

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Tenor 15 cwt.

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ARTHUR PALMER ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. DALE ... .. 5
A. WILLIAM STOKES ... .. 3	ARTHUR DRURY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR DRURY.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Margaret,*

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

7 DIFFERENT EXTENTS. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*ERIC BENTLEY ALLMAN ... Treble	GEORGE ADDISON ... .. 4
JOHN MATTHEWS ... .. 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

\* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

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ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3-4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 7-8
JOHN NEAL ... .. 9-10	

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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## FAST RINGING.—A LANCASHIRE CONTEST.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It has been remarked on more than one occasion lately that a notable feature in recent peal ringing is the quickness of the time. We frequently see footnotes saying that such and such a peal was the quickest on the bells, and, indeed, many ringers appear to think that there is merit in ringing a 5,000 faster than has been done before. Now there is a certain fascination in ringing bells very fast, and very fast ringing must (usually, at any rate) be very good striking. But the thing can be overdone. Good fast ringing is difficult, but really good slow ringing is much more difficult still. This is a point that ringers might attend to.

There are many rings of bells on which the ringing ought to be slow to produce the best effect, and especially is this the case with half-muffled ringing. A fast half-muffled peal, however good the striking, is artistically a bad peal. Yet, if you compare the times of half-muffled peals, you will find that they are usually just as fast as peals rung open. To get the best effect half-muffled ringing should be as slow as it can conveniently be rung; and the tenor should be turned in and not rung behind. Three hours and a half, where the open time is about three hours, is not any too long. Most of the modern Simpson-tuned rings, too, sound better if they are rung on the slow side.

But for the ordinary ring and for ordinary peal ringing it matters very little at what pace you ring, so long as the striking is good. Most rings have a time of their own, and the best effect is got by keeping somewhere near it. What is wanted is to get a good beat and keep to it. Look after the striking, and let the time take care of itself. Any deliberate attempt to force the pace or to slacken the pace usually means bad striking, though, of course, a really skilful ringer can very often smarten up the ringing without appearing to be forcing the pace. I have rung in some very fast peals where the striking has been excellent, and my experience is that these fast peals are rung without any deliberate intention. When a band sets out with the intention of ringing a fast peal the result is usually choppy striking and not very quick ringing.

But it would be a mistake, when you see the record of a peal accomplished in a very short time, to say, as so many people are inclined to do, that it could not be done. Very fast and very good peals have been rung, and will be rung, but I should not advise a band to try to ring one, and I do think that the enthusiasm (shall we say?) which prompt ringers to slash the big bells along in the idea that no ringing is good unless it is fast is to be discouraged.

Nearly a century and a half ago there were rung in Lancashire some peals of Grandsire Triples in exceedingly fast time, so fast that the writer from whom I am taking the following declared that it was impossible. In fact, he declared that the bands were deliberately lying. I do not think we need go so far as that. The peals were rung as the result of a keen rivalry between two bands; they were rung under prize ringing conditions, and the times of at least some of them were attested by judges, and may fairly be said to be authentic.

Ringling for prizes and as a competition between different bands was at one time a recognised thing in the

Exercise. It was never very popular in the East and the South. Occasionally we hear of the rivalry between two bands leading to matches between them, and at such times wagers were made. There is the instance of the rivalry at Norwich between the Mancroft and the Coslany bands, of which I have written in these notes. Then, in the early eighteenth century, the College Youths and the London Scholars rang against each other. There was the historical contest between the College Youths and the Cumberlands to see which could ring the longest peal of Treble Bob Royal, and a good many more such like. In these cases, although no doubt money passed as bets, the bands rang for the honour of victory, and not from any fixed money prize.

In the North and the West it was different—ringing for money prizes was an organised affair. Bands met at a particular tower, took their turns at ringing, and competent men were appointed to judge the ringing and award the prizes. There is no doubt whatever that this did lead to most excellent striking among the competing bands. But it was attended by some very discreditable circumstances. The men who, fifty years ago, set themselves to bring about belfry reform and the general raising of the standard of everything connected with ringing, used all their influence to stop prize ringing, and though it lingered on in places till comparatively recent times, it is now a thing of the past.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century the two leading bands in Lancashire were Oldham and Ashton-under-Lyne. The Oldham men rang one or two long peals, notably a 10,080 of Bob Major on September 30th, 1783, in 5 hours and 30 minutes, and on January 4th, 1784, 14,480 in the same method in 8 hours 24 minutes. Both were conducted by Thomas Kay. The Oldham and the Ashton bands were keen prize ringers, and they frequently met in contests with varying results.

In 1808 a new ring of bells was put up at St. Michael's, Flixton, and on the opening day a prize ringing meeting was held. Both bands competed, and so keen was the contest that the judges were unable to decide between them, and the prize money was divided. Neither side was satisfied with the verdict, and a match was arranged between them to take place at the same church on June 24th. The match, as was usual, was treated and arranged as an ordinary sporting event, in just the same way as a prize fight would be arranged. The prize was £40, articles were drawn up and signed, and a deposit lodged with a Mr. John Travis, a publican, and prominent sporting man of Oldham. Money was freely wagered on the event, the betting being evens. The prize, it seems, was to go to the band which could ring the best peal in the quickest time. Before the actual match took place each band set themselves to ring some practice peals, and the following were accomplished in very fast time. On Sunday afternoon, May 15th, the Ashton men rang Holt's ten-part peal in 2 hours 38½ minutes. What the weight of the tenor was then I do not know. The writer whom I am following gives it as 28 cwt., and, on the strength of that, declares that the time was impossible. But probably he made the mistake of thinking that the peal was rung on the same bells which were in the tower when he was writing—the Whitechapel ring of twelve, which were put up in 1871, and of which the tenor weighed 27 cwt.

The next day the Oldham men rang the same peal in 2 hours 38 minutes. The tenor was 14 cwt., and, of course, the time is quite possible on that weight. On

Tuesday, May 24th, the Ashton men cut the time down to 2 hours 33 minutes, and five days later the Oldham men beat this by ringing the peal in 2 hours 29½ minutes. The very same day the Ashton men rang the peal in 2 hours 29½ minutes, just a quarter of a minute quicker; and on Saturday, June 4th, the Oldham band knocked off the odd quarter of a minute, and rang the peal in 2 hours 29 minutes.

The rivalry, you see, was intense, and probably both bands had now reached the very limit of speed at which a good peal could be rung at either of the two churches. But Ashton were determined not to be beaten even in the practice peals, and by no more than a quarter of a minute. On Thursday, June 9th, they walked over to Mottram-in-Longdendale, and there they rang Holt's peal in 2 hours 23½ minutes. I am not quite certain what is the fastest peal of Triples on record, but I believe this time has been equalled in recent years, and when we remember all the circumstances and the practice these men had had in fast ringing, there is no reason to doubt the truth of the time. Mottram tenor is, or was, usually given as 14 cwt., but the weight in Rudhall's list is 12 cwt. A contemporary writer says that 'the average speed of ringing the peal was thirty-four changes per minute, and toward the close of the peal thirty-six changes per minute, being the best and quickest ringing ever performed in this kingdom.' A fortnight later the same band repeated the performance at the same church and in the same time.

As I have already said, these very fast times seemed to many ringers quite impossible, and it was the usual thing to conclude that either the conductor had faked the calling, or that the band had mistaken the time, or were deliberately lying. Some years ago the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman at Drayton, the Rev. F. E. Robinson's church, in 2 hours 30 minutes. Several people wrote to 'The Bell News' to say that it could not be done, and here is a comment written in 1883 on these Lancashire peals: 'I am sorry to call in question the veracity of any writer, much more of any writer on bells or ringers, but it is an utter impossibility for any band to ring 5,040 Grandsire Triples in the time stated—2 hours 23½ minutes. At the present day the Ashton-under-Lyne ringers are admitted on all hands to be a remarkably good set of ringers, and yet on the 31st of March, 1883, it took them 3 hours 18 minutes to ring a peal of 5,568 of Treble Bob Major on the Mottram bells, being at the rate of 28½ changes per minute with a tenor stated to be 14 cwt. Last year the Eccles men rang a peal in 2 hours 45 minutes, being the quickest on record with a tenor 12 cwt. Having been engaged in that peal, I certainly should have doubted the time had it not been taken by at least a dozen independent people, both inside and outside of the tower. I am, therefore, satisfied that a 5,040 cannot be rung properly with a due regard for striking in much less than the Eccles time. Again, I am afraid that something besides a spirit of rivalry had sprung up between these two bands of ringers, for, on reference to the time, the first peal was rung in 2 hours 38 minutes, the next in 2 hours 33 minutes. Then came 2 hours 29½ minutes, followed by one in 2 hours 29 minutes, and then came the last one in 2 hours 23½ minutes, evidently showing that neither side would be beaten if a bit of lying could help them.'

(To be continued.)

## FOR THE BEGINNERS.

### KENT ASSOCIATION'S SPECIAL INVITATION.

Our announcement last week that we intend to devote a space to record the progress of beginners in the Art has been welcomed in many quarters, and, in opening our columns for this purpose, we would remind ringers that what we desire to do is to encourage beginners to make progress. Therefore, while we are quite willing in this column to publish first 120's of Doubles, we ask that subsequent performances sent for insertion shall be of progressive lengths or of fresh methods.

There can be no question that the encouragement of beginners is the surest foundation on which to build the future of the Exercise, and for this reason it is particularly gratifying to notice that the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, which will hold a meeting at Northfleet to-morrow, specially invites beginners. If young ringers are given the opportunity to do some ringing at association meetings, however humble the effort may be, they will soon become more interested and eager to progress.

Articles are in preparation for the help of young conductors, and will appear in due course.

Some of the young band at Bolsover on Sunday rang their first touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. A touch of 276 was rung by W. Lambert (conductor) 1, \*A. Robbins 2, H. Robbins 3, \*E. Wagstaff 4, E. Robbins, sen., 5, \*H. Kent 6, J. Flint 7, J. Moss 8. \* First of Treble Bob. Afterwards S. Slaney rang his first course, and then six of them (on the front six bells), all under 17 years of age, rang 224 Bob Major: E. Forbitt 1, A. Robbins 2, J. Saxton (longest length) 3, S. Slaney 4, E. Wagstaff 5, H. Kent 6, R. Coupe 7, J. Moss 8.

At Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Yorks, 1,680 Bob Major was rung on Tuesday, July 20th, in 65 mins. \*A. Wood 1, \*P. Massam 2, †G. Copley 3, \*E. Ward 4, G. W. Steel 5, C. Lawson 6, \*H. Jones 7, †F. W. Strangeway (conductor) 8. \* Longest length. † Longest length in the method.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Farningham, on Saturday. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Rev. Fowler, who gave an interesting address. A splendid tea was provided at the Lion Hotel, by the generosity of Mr. Grey, of Farningham, about forty-five members participating.

The business meeting followed, Captain Skelton of the local band presiding.—One new member was elected, and the election of one member previous to a peal was confirmed. When the place of the next meeting was considered, it was stated that there was a hearty invitation to visit Crayford and also Lewisham from the Rector and Vicar respectively. On being put to the meeting, Lewisham was chosen, a hope that Crayford would be available for the next occasion being expressed.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries then informed the meeting of the tragic death of Mr. I. G. Shade, of Greenwich. He moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the deceased's relatives.—This was seconded by A. Bates, and the motion was carried with the company standing.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Fowler for conducting the service and for the address, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist (Mrs. Skelton), the donor of the tea for his generous hospitality, and to Captain Skelton for making such excellent arrangements.—This was carried with applause.—Captain Skelton responded in a happy speech.

This concluded a very successful meeting, and the company dispersed, some back to the church and others to the neighbouring tower of Eynsford for further ringing.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN DIVISION'S NEW OFFICERS.

By kind invitation of the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe, the annual meeting of the northern division was held at Feliskirk. The chief business of the day was the election of officers for the district, the vice-president and the secretary having resigned.

Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, was elected vice-president, and Mr. Barker, the Ringing Master, also of Middlesbrough, was elected secretary.

The ringers were very grateful to the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe for his kindly hospitality and to the president of the association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) for presiding at the meeting.

**THE DEATH OF MR. I. G. SHADE.**

**TRAGIC CLOSE OF A LONG CAREER.**

The brief announcement which we were able to make last week of the tragic death, by accident, of Mr. Isaac George Shade, of Greenwich, has been received with the deepest regret throughout the Exercise, for Mr. Shade was not only one of the most widely known ringers, but was a link with a past generation of men of whom few to-day have any personal recollection, but whose names are almost household words. Mr. Shade, as we reported, met his death on Monday of last week when returning from a practice at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. It was a wet, dark night, and when in Blackheath Road, not far from his home at 72, Blissett Street, about 9.45 o'clock, he attempted to cross the street. A car containing two ladies as passengers was approaching, and when the horn was sounded, Mr. Shade apparently attempted to run across in front of the vehicle. The driver swerved, but Mr. Shade was struck by the off-wing of the car and knocked down. The car struck a lamp-post, which it demolished. Mr. Shade appeared to be quite dead, but with all speed he was conveyed to the Miller Hospital. Here, however, the doctor could only pronounce life extinct.

Thus closed, in tragic manner, a life which, to all appearances, might have had many years yet to run, for Mr. Shade, despite his more than 75 years, enjoyed, as he had always done, the best of health. But Providence ordained otherwise, and the Exercise mourns the death of one of its most respected members.

At the inquest a witness estimated the speed of the car at 15 miles an hour, and said the driver appeared to do all he could to avert an accident. Another witness said there had been three accidents at the same spot, which he described as 'a wicked road' and badly lighted.

The driver, William Albert Goffin, of 37, The Grove, Gravesend, gave evidence, and stated that he was a garage proprietor, and was driving towards Gravesend at a speed of 15 miles an hour. He immediately gave the warning sound when he saw deceased step off the kerb, but deceased ran, and he was caught by the car. Witness jumped down and went to deceased at the rear of the car. He also went to Miss Pryke, who had fainted, and someone went to the assistance of Mrs. Pryke (these ladies were the occupants of the car). In reply to his solicitor, he said that he was 15 yards from deceased when first he saw him start to walk across the road, and if he had continued to walk the car would have cleared him, but he ran right into the car. Witness had driven for over two years, and held a clean licence.

Medical evidence showed that Mr. Shade suffered a fractured skull and fractured ribs. Death was practically instantaneous.

A verdict of 'Accidental causes' was recorded, and sympathy expressed with the relatives.

**A LOSS TO THE EXERCISE.**

The death of Mr. Shade causes a distinct loss to the Exercise, in which he has figured prominently for more than fifty years. His father, William George Shade, was a ringer before him at Greenwich and Deptford, and the ringing history of father and son covers a period of the greater part of a century. Mr. I. G. Shade, who was born on April 27th, 1851, began ringing in the early seventies, and rang his first peal in 1875. From that time onward he added steadily to his total until, at the time of his death, he had scored no fewer than 1,450 peals—a number exceeded only by Mr. William Pye. To say that Mr. Shade was an enthusiast in ringing is to use but a mild term. Throughout his long working life, which began as a gas-fitter with the old Phoenix Gas Company, of Greenwich (later absorbed by the South Metropolitan Gas Company), and afterwards as a gas inspector, Mr. Shade utilised most of his spare time in the pursuit of his pastime, ringing regularly for services at St. Alphege Church, Greenwich, and seeking his peals wherever and whenever opportunity occurred. When he reached retiring age, and was pensioned by the company, he had leisure to prosecute his hobby even more intensively, and was ready to go anywhere at any time. While he could take his place in any band in any method, he was one who never raised a question of what was to be rung or made it a condition of his taking part. He would as willingly go a hundred miles for a peal of Grand-sire Triples as for a peal of London Surprise or Stedman Cinques. His kindly and unassuming nature won him the respect of all who knew him, and, for all his wonderful performances—he had rung in many record peals—he was one of the most reticent of men. He never boasted, and, although he had done much upon which he might openly have prided himself, he was content to do his best with the job on hand and to leave whatever there was to say about it to others. And yet his record was one which is really and truly great in the peal-ringing sense. Sparingly built, he must have had a frame of whipcord. He looked extremely frail, but appearances belied him. He would stand the most strenuous tests of endurance with the best of ringers, and, though his place was always round the front, men of experience know that even here on heavy rings of bells the task is not always a sinecure.

When Mr. Shade began his ringing career, there were many obstacles in the way of those who desired to advance in change-ringing, and the 'stoney' hand at Greenwich long resisted the efforts of Mr. Shade, his father and his brother Harry, to introduce the art into that tower. Consequently, although they shared in the ringing at Greenwich they had to go further afield for their change-ringing practice. But even in the towers where the art existed, it was not easy for a young man

in those days to get initiated into the mysteries; but a keenness such as that which Mr. Shade showed could not be kept down, and gradually he worked himself to ringing circles which led him on to higher things.

**A WONDERFUL RECORD.**

When he got to the Surprise stage and could get little or no practice near home, he made frequent journeys to Crawley and Brighton, where at the time Surprise ringing was being carried on by two of the best eight-bell bands then in existence. Afterwards great strides were made in the advanced methods and on the higher numbers by the new-formed Middlesex County Association. Mr. Shade was one of the first of those able ringers whom Mr. William Pye has the genius for drawing round him, and not only in and around London, but on many tours into near or distant counties, peals were scored in great numbers. The association between Mr. Pye and Mr. Shade has been remarkable, for they had rung together no fewer than 875 peals—in itself a wonderful as well as almost a unique achievement, for only Mr. Wm. Pye and his deceased brother Ernest had taken part together in a larger number, they having been associated in 890.

Mr. Shade's vitality and mental keenness in his advancing years has been shown by the share he has taken in ringing expeditions in various parts of the country, attempting and often ringing two peals a day, while he has also participated recently in peals of unusual character, such, for instance, as that of only three weeks ago when he was one of the band which rang the first peal of Spliced Bob Major and Double Oxford. One of the traits in Mr. Shade's character was that of punctuality, and a band which assembled at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, for a peal of Stedman Triples, in which he was to have taken part on Thursday of last week, ignorant of the tragic occurrence of the previous Monday night, wondered at his absence. It was not until a late-comer brought news of his death that they knew the cause of his non-appearance. The information came, naturally, as a great shock, and no ringing was done.

Among the many noteworthy performances in which he took part were the then record of 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough, on April 12th, 1909, in which, through the whole of the 12 hrs. 18 mins. ringing, Mr. Shade did not so much as miss a dodge, while three years later, at the age of 63, he took part in four Surprise peals rung in one day in four different counties.

Mr. Shade was a member of the following societies, etc.:—The Ancient Society of College Youths, Ashton-under-Lyne Society, Bedfordshire Association, Chester Diocesan Guild, Devonshire Guild, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild, Essex Association, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild, Hertford County Association, Irish Association, Kent County Association, London County Association, Lancashire Association, Llandaff Diocesan Association, Manchester Cathedral Society, Middlesex County Association, Midland Counties Association, Norfolk Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Peterborough Diocesan Guild (formerly Central Northants Association), Sussex County Association, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Stoke Archidiaconal Association, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Surrey Association, Suffolk Guild, United Counties Association, Winchester Diocesan Guild, and Yorkshire Association.

**LIST OF PEALS.**

Methods.	No.
Erin Triples	1
Union Triples	1
Grandsire Triples	41
Grandsire Caters	7
Grandsire Cinques	1
Stedman Triples	237
Stedman Caters	192
Stedman Cinques	88
Kent Treble Bob Major	53
Kent Treble Bob Royal	39
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	11
Oxford Treble Bob Major	5
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	4
New Cambridge Surprise Major	25
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	2
Cambridge Surprise Minor	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	68
Cambridge Surprise Royal	28
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3
Superlative Surprise Major	276
London Surprise Major	133
Bristol Surprise Major	88
Norfolk Surprise Major	2
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1
Plain Bob Major	10
Little Bob Major	1
Little Bob Royal	1
Little Canterbury Pleasure Major	1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1
Real Double Norwich Court Bob Major	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	118
Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Duffield Major	1
Reverse Plain Bob Major	1
Cam Variation of Kent Treble Bob Major	1
Spliced Double Norwich Court Bob and Plain Bob	1

Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major	2
Spliced Double Norwich Court Bob and Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Spliced Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Total	1,450

The Stedman Caters included the peal of 18,027 at Loughborough in 12 hrs. 18 mins. The following other long lengths are included: Kent Treble Bob Major, 6,240, 6,356, 7,040, 8,896 and 10,464; Bob Major, 6,000; Double Norwich, 15,072; Bristol Surprise, 15,264.

Mr. Shade's ringing career has been an interesting one, and we hope in a subsequent issue to give our readers some further details concerning it.

**THE FUNERAL.**

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at Charlton Cemetery. The service was quite a simple one, and was impressively conducted by the Vicar of Greenwich (rev. F. J. Tackley). The family mourners were Miss Shade (who had kept house for her brother), Mrs. Everett (sister), Mrs. Phillips (sister), Miss Phillips (niece). Among those who attended were the following ringers: Mr. E. Alex Young (hon. secretary, Central Council), Mr. W. Pye (Master of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild), Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), and Mrs. Wilford, Mr. J. J. Lamb (who was closely associated with Mr. Shade), Mr. J. Waghorn, sen. (East Ham), Mr. G. R. Pye (Romford), Mr. T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), Mr. I. Emery (Bromley), Messrs. F. W. Thornton, F. H. Gooch and E. E. Richards (Greenwich), Mr. H. Warnett, jun. (St. Mary's, Lewisham), Mr. W. Martin (St. John's, Deptford), Mr. E. Barnett, sen. (Crayford), Mr. A. G. Hill (hon. secretary, Lewisham District, Kent County Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), etc. The South Metropolitan Gas Company (with which Mr. Shade was employed for 47 years) was represented by Mr. W. E. Collins and Mr. W. D. Harvey. Mr. Shade's known wishes that there should be no flowers resulted in no floral tributes being sent from any ringers' organisations, while the family desire that there should be no handbells was also respected.

At St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. I. G. Shade, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: A. Harding (first quarter-peal) 1, E. E. Richards 2, H. Hoskins 3, A. J. Ford 4, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 5, W. H. Daynes 6, T. Jakeman 7, P.C. Elliott 8.

A half-muffled peal was rung by the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Willesden on Saturday.

**AN OLD FRIEND MOURNED.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The pen which I use to-day is the same pen that I used when I congratulated you on your first issue, but I don't believe that this beloved pen has ever been called upon to perform such a melancholy task as I now endeavour to perform. I have written you on several occasions, on different subjects, but—I know not how to express my sorrow at the demise of my dear old friend, George Shade. A friend, indeed, a friend in need, he always was. For nearly thirty years have I known the dear old gentleman: we were both in the same trade, and oft have we joked together that 'gas' had kept us from knocking at the workhouse door all our lives and always would do so.

George stood behind me while I rang my first course of Stedman Triples; he called my first quarter of Stedman, he rang in my first peal of Stedman—'twas also Alf Grimes' first of Stedman. He stood behind me what time I rang my first courses of Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative, and gave me much good advice. I have rung with him in many places—Painswick, Cirencester, Birmingham, Quex Park—and always has he been the same kindly, unassuming old friend, always the gentleman nature intended he should be. This world is the poorer; the hereafter is the richer for the sad demise of Isaac George Shade. I could wish for no better mentor to guide my tottering footsteps in the methods I must learn in the place to which he is gone. I, more than many, mourn his loss.

JOSEPH E. SYKES.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**

**LAVENHAM DISTRICT.**

A successful bye-meeting was held at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, July 24th. The ringers were welcomed at the Church by the Vicar (the Rev. S. J. Buchanan) and Miss L. Barton, churchwarden. Several touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. During an interval the assembly partook of refreshments, kindly provided by Miss L. Barton.

The members present were: Messrs. S. H. Symonds (assistant secretary), A. Symonds (district secretary), W. R. J. Poulson and F. Turner (Lavenham), A. Keeble (Monks Eleigh), H. D. Lister (Bildeston), J. King (Polstead), L. Poulson (Stowmarket), F. A. Salter (Nottingham), W. Hollocks, C. Pryke and R. Poulson (Preston). A member of the Thetford band was also present.

It was unanimously agreed that similar bye-meetings were urgently needed throughout the county.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We have received many congratulations upon the completion of 860 issues, and we tender our thanks to all our well-wishers.

Miss Phyllis Routledge, daughter of Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Jesmond Road, Newcastle, who recently graduated M.B., B.S., Dunchin, has since sat the final of the Conjoint Medical Board in London, taking the L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., England. All these examinations were taken within the calendar month. Mr. Routledge's many friends in the Exercise will join in congratulating his daughter upon her distinguished successes.

The famous Belgian carillonneur, M. le Chevalier Jef. Denyn, gave a recital on the new carillon of 40 bells in the Croydon Foundry tower on Tuesday evening, when he delighted a large audience with a varied programme, in which he brought out all the beauties of the bells in this latest creation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The lady members of 'St. Clement's Youths' were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Alexander Young at a garden party given at 277, Stansstead Road, Forest Hill, recently.

The opening of the ring of twelve bells in the Waterloo tower, Quex Park, Kent, took place on August 4th, 1819.

The first peal of Grandsire Major of which there is any record was rung at Aston, Birmingham. It was a 7,552, accomplished on July 30th, 1792, but it would be strange if some shorter length had not been previously rung.

It was at Aston also that the first peal of Grandsire Royal was rung. This was in the year 1814, but it turned out to be false, and the honours of the first true peal went to the Painswick Youths, who rang 5,099 'Tittum Grandsire Royal' on August 6th, 1815.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL AND COVENTRY BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the instruction given at Ipswich, I am sending out during the next few days the booklet dealing with the whole of the action taken by the Council in respect to Coventry bells. This is already in the hands of those who were at the meeting, and will thus be sent to those who were not. If the Guild secretaries have not supplied me with the latest addresses of their representatives, will they notify the latter to get into touch with their postmasters, who would then forward the booklets on?

The illustrated booklet is confined to a limited issue, and for private circulation only. It contains the letters which passed and also interesting reports and descriptions of the bells and Cathedral together with a reprint of the proceedings, in the Consistory Court at Coventry, before the Chancellor.

As the members who were at Ipswich also had given them my pamphlet on 'Bell-tones and how to observe them,' it being hoped at the time that it would help them to appreciate and discuss my motion on 'Simpson' tuning, I have ventured to insert a copy of the pamphlet in the booklets being sent, and do so with my best compliments.

—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

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## RINGING RESUMED IN DURBAN.

After several months' silence, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Greyville, Durban, are being rung again. All the old members of the band are back again, and under the guidance of Messrs. J. E. Prickett and F. Heywood May great progress should be made by this enthusiastic band. Practices have been resumed, and many weeks need not to pass before the first peal for the diocese of Natal is recorded.

## SOUTH AMERICAN BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the church tower at Lincoln, a small town about 150 miles west of Buenos Aires, there are four bells. The inscriptions are as follow:—

Treble: G.E.G. V. Bochumer Verein Bochum 1903.

Tenor: B.V.G. Bochum 1903.

Two and three have the same, or very similar, inscriptions. Do any of your readers know where these bells, which are individually quite good, were cast, and by what firm?—Yours sincerely,

M. G. C. HOOTON.

## ELIJAH ROBERTS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The following appeared in the 'Liverpool Daily Post' of February 1st, 1865:—

'Inquest on the body of Elijah Roberts, licensed victualler, 21, Whitechapel.

'The deceased had been drinking heavily for the last fortnight, and on Thursday last (that is, January 26th) was in a delirious state. In the afternoon he went into the water-closet, and soon after a rushing and gurgling sound was heard by the servant. The barman opened the door and found the deceased sitting on the floor with his throat cut, and a large quantity of blood in the closet. A razor covered with blood was also found there. Life was extinct. Verdict, "Temporary Insanity."

A similar account of the tragedy occurs in the same paper on the day following the event. It concludes with the sentence: 'He had been very widely known as a clever handbell ringer.'—Yours faithfully,  
University Club, Liverpool.

R. O. STREET.



## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

There was a large attendance of members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at the annual meeting at Oxford on Saturday, all the branches being well represented. The city, with its numerous rings of bells, offers many attractions to ringers apart from the general interest which centres in its fine old colleges and buildings. The festival began with a service in Christ Church Cathedral, which was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and at which the address was given by the Bishop of Oxford. Bell-ringers, said his lordship, were church-workers; they had their place and duty in the system of the work of the church. They should not look upon their work as merely the source of energy which caused the bells to call the faithful to worship. It was much more than that if approached in the true spirit, and they would perform their task best and carry their message home most successfully if that message came from their own hearts. They might ask how a man, shut out of sight in the tower, could make any difference to the message. They could, he urged, show the spirit in which they sent out the message by themselves joining in the services for which they rang. If, when their task was done, they left behind those whom they had summoned, it might be taken as a fact that their work was a mere mechanical job, in which they had no special or real interest so far as the church was concerned.

The whole service was an inspiring one, and the singing, led by the organ, was not the least impressive part of it. An offertory was taken for the Guild's Bells Restoration Fund, and concluded with the 'Te Deum' and the 'Blessing.'

The business meeting was held immediately afterwards, in the Chapter House, the Master presiding, supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, and Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge.

### THE LOCAL ENTHUSIAST WANTED.

A summary of the reports of the Master, the treasurer and the secretary has already appeared in our columns. The Master, in proposing that his report be adopted, said he hoped, if members had not read it, they would do so, because he had touched on a subject which he thought was a very important one, not only for that Guild but for the whole of the Guilds of the country—that was to say, the question of the recruit. The difficulty at the present time was not that their Guilds were not increasing in numbers—their own certainly was—it was not that they did not get good meetings, both annual and branch meetings, but they did find they got names in their report from a tower one year, and they were changed almost entirely the next year, which meant that a certain number were constantly dropping out. He was told that was the case all over the country. What accounted for it was, he thought, the changing conditions through which the country had passed and was passing. Whereas in the old days there was very little for the young ringer to do, at any rate in the country parishes, in the evening, now there were many attractions. There used to be no cinemas or motor-bicycles and few village clubs. Now there were many attractions that called the young men, and, for that matter, the young women too. The difficulty was to get the young men to really devote sufficient time to the mastery of the art of change-ringing. They would, perhaps, come and ring as long as what they were doing was fairly easy, but there were a great many who did not seem able to afford the time to master the more difficult side of the art. In fact, it was the local enthusiast who was wanted. He did not think the local enthusiasts had increased with the general increase in members. They had just about the same number of local enthusiasts as they had in the days when he first joined the Guild. He did not want to discuss the subject that morning, but he wanted the members to think about it and to talk it over at their meetings, and perhaps there might be some suggestions forthcoming at their next committee meeting. A valuable suggestion had been made by the Editor of 'The Ringing World' in an article which he had printed on the subject, and perhaps they might have others. He did not think, of course, that change-ringing was in any prospect of dying out; the point was, were they going to see to it that in all their bellfries change-ringing was encouraged so that their bells were rung for service, and that they could give the very best that was possible? They would always have talented bands of ringers, taken from here and there, who would delight people with their ringing, but were they to have a hand in every tower able to ring methods for the church's services? They could not do it without the local enthusiast (applause).

All the reports were adopted, the treasurer making the request that members would pay their subscriptions at the beginning of the year instead of waiting until the end.

### OLD OFFICERS HONOURED.

The Master was re-elected with acclamation, and the treasurer and secretary were also unanimously re-elected. The committee was re-elected as follows:—Messrs. F. Barlow, J. Evans, G. Caudwell, G. Holfield, E. Humfrey, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, F. Webb, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear, and J. W. Wilkins.

The Master submitted the names of the vice-presidents for re-election, and said he wished also to propose two other names of men who had done good work for the Guild, and who, for various reasons, were not able to continue that work, but whom, he thought, the Guild would like to honour. The first was the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, who had been chairman of the Witney and Woodstock Branch since it was

started at the beginning of this century. He believed that in the whole of that time he had missed only one meeting of the branch, and that was when the motor which was conveying him broke down. He was always ready to put the tower at Kidlington at the disposal of ringers, and always made them welcome. He had also regularly attended their annual festival, but now he (the Master) regretted to say his health had broken down, and he had been compelled to resign the chairmanship of the branch, much to the regret of the members. The second name was that of a layman, one who had done good work for the Guild for many years, who rang many peals with the old Master, who had been chairman of his branch and rang in many of the early peals for the Guild. That gentleman was with them that day, but he did not think he had any knowledge of the proposal to make him a vice-president. He referred to Mr. W. P. Routh, whom they all loved and, he was sure, would delight to honour (applause).

Canon Coleridge seconded, remarking that there were no two men who would honour the Guild more than by accepting office as vice-presidents.—The motion was carried amid applause, and Mr. Routh briefly replied, being obviously surprised at the compliment paid him.

The Master said he would like to make mention of another branch chairman who was about to leave them—the Rev. W. J. Palmer—who was going to take up work in a parish in another county. He would like, in the name of the Guild, to propose a vote of thanks to him, and to wish him health and happiness in his new sphere of work.

The motion having been carried, the Rev. W. J. Palmer thanked the members, remarking that he was going to the diocese of Lincoln, his native county, to try and send forward the work of restoring a beautiful and ancient shrine.

The representatives on the Central Council were re-elected as follows:—The Master, the Rev. Canon Coleridge, Mr. F. W. Hopgood and Mr. J. Evans.

Canon Coleridge made a report on the proceedings of the Council at Ipswich. He remarked, at the outset, that it ought hardly to be necessary to do so, as the detailed account of the meeting should have been read in 'The Ringing World' by every member. In his reference to the confirmation of the action of the officials of the Council in regard to Coventry bells, he said the matter was an important one, and if ever such a question came up again in connection with any other church, authorities would know that they would have to contend with the Central Council, who would look into the rights of the ringers and do their best to preserve good and ancient bells from the melting pot (applause). The Council, he said, had a full day's business, and there was the greatest good-humour and good-feeling all round. It was a most successful meeting in every possible way. He had now been president for six years, and he thought it was full time that the Council looked round for a younger man to take his place.

The Master, in thanking Canon Coleridge for his report, said his presence as chairman of the Council had had a good deal to do with the improvement of the meetings in the last few years.

### THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The following recommendation from the General Committee, moved by Mr. Wright, and seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, was carried without discussion: 'That a collection be taken at the service of the annual festival each year, the proceeds to be added to the Guild's Restoration Fund.'

Mr. Culliam moved, and Mr. Barlow seconded, the following recommendation of the General Committee: 'That the annual festival for 1927 be held at Oxford. If for any reason Oxford be not available, Slough be the alternative.'

Mr. Barker proposed that the meeting be held at Slough. This, he said, had nothing to do with the recent disagreements on the subject, but he proposed it because the East Berks and South Bucks Branch had been through some very hard times lately, and they wanted the other branches to visit them and give them a 'leg up.' He was quite sure that a visit of the Guild to the branch for the annual festival would do a great deal of good, and he hoped the amendment would be supported out of friendship for the branch and in the interests of the Guild.—Mr. J. Evans seconded, and the motion was supported by Mr. C. C. Mayne and Mr. Fowler.

On being put, 16 voted for the amendment and 44 against, and the original motion was then carried by 49 votes to 5.

The committee recommended a grant of £4 to the restoration of East Hagbourne bells, which Mr. Butler explained, it was proposed to rehang in an entirely new frame. At present they had about £123 in the bank, and other promises amounted to £40 or £50.—Replying to a question, the Master (to whose satisfaction the work must be completed before the grant is paid over) stated that he most certainly could not advise the bells themselves being touched. At present the scheme was merely for rehousing.—At the suggestion of Mr. Trollope, it was resolved that the amount given to the fund should be £5, and the secretary said that if the people of East Hagbourne would have the job properly done he would do his best to help them in raising funds.

The election of 175 members during the year was confirmed, and, after reports by the Master and the treasurer upon the completion of the Washbrook Memorial had been made, the Memorial Committee, having completed its work, was discharged.

It was stated that after the cost of the work had been defrayed, £28 9s. 8d. remained in hand. £18 of this was given to St. Ebbe's Church to help form a fund for the maintenance of the bells, £10 to

St. Giles' towards the proposal to place two more trebles in the tower (a scheme which was much favoured as a memorial to Mr. Washbrook), and the balance to the Guild's Restoration Fund.—Mr. Miles stated that it was possible St. Giles' peal of eight might be completed much earlier than many of them had at one time hoped.

Mr. W. P. Routh proposed a vote of thanks to the Memorial Committee, and this was seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Norbury, Cheshire, a visitor to the meeting, who said that the ringers of Cheshire and Lancashire, who were associated with Mr. Washbrook in the later years of his life, much appreciated what the Oxford Guild had done in connection with the memorial. They were extremely pleased with the support that was given to the fund and with the way in which the work had been carried out.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop for his sermon, to the Dean and Chapter for making them welcome in the Cathedral and Chapter House, to the governing body of Christ Church for the use of the Hall for the luncheon, and to the organist, whose services they much appreciated, was passed on the motion of the Master, seconded by Sir George Dashwood, Bart.

This terminated the business, and the members then adjourned to the handsome dining-hall of the college for the luncheon.

Afterwards they dispersed to the various towers of Oxford and neighbouring villages for ringing.

### INTEREST IN THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I doubt whether the Council take into consideration the subjects that are most interesting to ringers. They spend a good deal of energy upon the naming of methods, analysis of peals and the tuning of bells, and seem more like a debating society than a body instituted for the purpose of upholding the interests of the ringing Exercise. The question of cheap railway fares, although essentially practical, is purely one of business negotiation. What is our status, and how do we stand with the British public? One of the principal aims of the Guilds and Associations is to be 'recognised as church officials.' I think that object has already been attained. At most meetings there are a number of clergy, and generally one in the chair. Many of the chief offices of the different Guilds are occupied by a parson. Altogether we have become 'recognised' by them, and I do not see how anyone can say that we are not treated as church officials. As such we have our duties to carry out and position to uphold. If on descending a tower after a peal a band is met with a complaint, it is hardly playing the game to coolly refer the complainer to the church authorities who gave the permission. The least that can be done is to express regret for any annoyance that may have been caused, and remind that man that for every one who did not like the ringing there were probably hundreds who did. Is not our position as ringers that of assistants to the clergy in their work? The time has gone by when one went to the parson and said, 'Please, sir, may we ring?' or 'Thank you for permission to ring.' Surely we do our bit from the tower to the best of our ability, as does the parson from the pulpit and the choir from their stalls. We are rather more important than we have hitherto led ourselves to believe. But if I read the signs of the times rightly many towers in large towns are becoming closed for peals. Is public opinion becoming alienated slightly against ringing, especially peal ringing? If this is so, what are the Council going to do about it? The clergy, I am sure, are on our side, but what about the people as a whole?—Yours faithfully,

HARRY BARTON.

The Country House,  
Ventnor.

### LADIES' GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Ladies' Guild, Western District, was held at Portishead on July 17th. The weather was delightful, the bells all that could be desired, and the number of members attending much larger than usual. The Guild service was held at half-past four, Miss Orchard, of Portishead, kindly presiding at the organ. The members then adjourned to the White Cot Dairy, where an excellent tea was served.

The Rev. H. S. Briggs, on behalf of the Portishead ringers, extended a very kind welcome to the Guild, and in this he was seconded by Mr. Gillingham, who said that he should like it to be known that in Portishead they had been, for many years, almost entirely dependent on their band of ladies for their Sunday service ringing.

Tea was followed by the annual business meeting, at which the officers for the district were re-elected for the following year, and Clevedon chosen as the next place of meeting.

### STREATHAM OCTOGENARIAN STILL ACTIVE

Mr. William Shepherd, for many years a member of Immanuel Church bell-ringers, took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins., in celebration of his 87th birthday on Monday, July 19th: W. E. G. Hawson 1, W. Shepherd 2, C. H. Shuffell 3, E. E. Bish 4, J. Lee 5, J. L. Watkins 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, H. Turner 8.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

#### BRAINTREE RINGERS IN SUFFOLK.

The St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 10th. Starting at 8 a.m. and accompanied by some of the members' wives, the party made for Bury St. Edmunds via Haverhill. An enjoyable ring at St. Mary's was the first item on the programme, followed by touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich at the Norman tower. After an excellent lunch at Everard's Hotel, the party again visited the Norman tower, and rang some well struck touches of Grandsire Caters, several making their first attempt on ten bells. Lavenham was reached about 3.30 p.m. No ringing was anticipated here, as previous arrangements had been made by the Suffolk Guild for an attempt for a peal. A rest of about half an hour was made to listen to the ringing, and the splendid striking of these world-famed bells to the tune of Double Norwich was much enjoyed. At Long Melford a few touches were rung on the recently restored bells, and Sudbury was reached at 5.30 p.m.

After a bountiful tea, supplemented with strawberries and cream, St. Gregory's tower was visited. Some enjoyable touches were rung, the 'go' of the bells being excellent. The last item on the programme was at All Saints'. Here was quite another proposition, with a tenor of 28 cwt., but some good touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round on this noble and melodious ring. Leaving Sudbury at 8.15 p.m. with a slight shower falling, the run was via Heddingham, and home was reached at 9.30 p.m., concluding one of the most pleasant outings the Guild have ever experienced. The Guild wish to tender their sincere thanks to Mr. Woodwiss, of Bury, Mr. Bexley, of Melford, and Mr. Dixon, of Sudbury, for the excellent arrangements made for ringing, and to the band that provided the rare treat at Lavenham. The courses with the 5th in 6th's place were almost faultless.

#### ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, HOLBORN.

The annual outing of the above took place on Saturday, July 3rd. Leaving St. Andrew's Church at 8.30 a.m. by charabanc, the route was to Beaconsfield, where at the church the party were met by Mr. C. Mayne. After pulling the bells up in peal, touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Stedman were rung. The next destination was West Wycombe, and here, after stabling the charabanc and leaving the steeplekeeper, Mr. Joe Rayner (who is over 90 years of age) in charge of Mr. Harman, who is 85 years old, the party undertook the climb up to the church. After much gasping, they succeeded in reaching the top, where Messrs. Hoing and Coles were awaiting them. The bells were soon going to Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major, and most of the party took the opportunity of going up in the ball at the top of the tower, from where a fine view is obtained. At dinner, at the George and Dragon, they were joined by the Vicar of West Wycombe, who gave the party a hearty welcome. After a substantial repast, cigars, which had been kindly sent by the Rector of St. Andrew's, were passed round, and his health was heartily drunk. Next going by way of Stockenchurch, Lane End and Marlow to Boyne Hill, Messrs. Copey and G. Martin were awaiting the party, who had an hour's ringing in various methods before continuing the journey to Slough for tea, for which Mr. Fussell had made arrangements. It had been intended to ring at Slough, but owing to illness this could not be done, but Mr. Fussell, with ever-ready thought, had got permission for the use of Windsor Parish Church bells for an hour's ringing. Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were tapped off, and after leaving the tower the company adjourned to the Carpenters' Arms for a social, in the course of which songs, handbell selections and gramophone selections were enjoyed. After a splendid run up the new West Road, St. Andrew's was safely reached, all unanimous in having spent a perfect day. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the various vicars and steeplekeepers for their kind permission for use of the bells, Mr. Hoing for making arrangements for dinner, and, last but not least, Mr. Fussell for making all arrangements at Slough and Windsor.

#### NETHERTON RINGERS VISIT DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 26th, the annual outing of the St. Andrew's company took place, a visit being paid to the beautiful town of Matlock, Derbyshire, by motor charabanc. The company, under the leadership of Mr. Albert Prestidge, included Mr. A. Greenfield, who had assisted the first-named gentleman to make the whole of the arrangements, the veteran 'Dick' Round, who is serving his fifty-fourth year as a Sunday service ringer at Netherton Parish Church, and Mr. Reuben Hall, of West Bromwich, who was looking and feeling exceedingly well considering he is in his 74th year. Mr. Hall is now the 'father' of the Black Country ringers. Another ringing enthusiast was also with the party, namely, Mr. Alfred Rowley, formerly of Martley, Wore., and now of 'Pepper Box' fame, for he holds at present the position of leader at the latter tower, an office held for many years by the late Mr. Wm. Rock Small. The party, numbering fifteen, among whom were twelve accomplished ringers, prepared themselves for a long 'peal' of pleasure. The conducting was placed in the hands of Mr. A. Greenfield, and the word 'go' was given shortly before eight a.m. The outward journey reminded one of the 'treble' in Surprise methods, for it was a zig-zag 'course' until Walsall was reached. A good 'compass' was attained, for the 'charm' was running smoothly and well. At Alrewas the first 'part end' came up in something like an hour and a quarter. By this time the

appetites of the party needed a 'splice.' The first strand of this was well 'overlapped' by a second, and the third fitted in and was well 'tucked,' making a 'long splice' to last through Burton, Derby and Duffield, the latter being well known as the home of the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood. The last part of the outward route was through beautiful scenery, and Matlock was reached shortly before mid-day. The next 'course' was dinner at the Crown Hotel. This was splendidly served, and there was not a 'trip' in this 'turning course.' During the afternoon places of interest were visited, and one important event took place which was appreciated by the 'twelve,' but the special request of 'Leader' Prestidge forbids the writer to give account of the same.

Later, two hours were spent at picturesque Matlock Bath, and then the return journey was made, and home was reached about 9.40 p.m., after such a long and enjoyable outing. Thanks are extended to the clergy and wardens of Netherlinton Parish Church, and to all those who assisted to make the outing a success. The ringers also wish to thank their leader, Mr. A. Prestidge, and Mr. A. Greenfield for carrying out the arrangements in such an excellent manner.

#### CHICHESTER RINGERS' TOUR.

Chichester Cathedral ringers had their outing on Thursday, June 24th. Leaving by cars at 9 a.m., Mr. P. H. Doick was picked up at Pulborough, and Billingshurst was reached in good time. There they were met by the Vicar, who gave them a very hearty reception. Two touches were brought round on the bells, and then the party went on to Warnham, where they were met by another good friend, and after two touches proceeded through some lovely country to Capel (Surrey), where a cold luncheon was awaiting them. Having afterwards visited the tower for ringing, they proceeded to Newdigate, but could not ring there as one of the chiming hammers was in the way. Tracks were, therefore, made towards Horsham, a heavy thunderstorm being encountered on the way. Mr. Stephen Knight, a very old friend, met the party and rang with them. After a 'knife and fork' tea the journey was resumed to Petworth, which was reached by seven o'clock, where two more touches were rung. The conducting was shared between Messrs. W. E. Ticehurst and H. J. Tucker. Chichester was eventually reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The best thanks are due to all the incumbents for the use of the bells, and also to all those who met the party on the tour.

#### SOUTH CROYDON RINGERS.

On Saturday, June 19th, the ringers of St. Peter's, Croydon, again enjoyed a very pleasant day, visiting a few of the beauty spots of Sussex and Kent, bent on climbing the belfry steps and ringing the bells of the churches which greatly help to make such places so picturesque. Leaving South Croydon by charabanc soon after eight o'clock, and favoured with lovely weather, they spent the morning visiting the churches at Turner's Hill, Edenbridge and Coleman's Hatch, after which they proceeded to Lewes to enjoy an excellent luncheon which was prepared for them, to be followed by a visit to the ten-bell tower there. At Lewes they had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Robert J. Dawe, who accompanied them to Chailey, where they had another pleasure of meeting Mr. Western and Mr. King. After enjoying a few good touches on the six bells at Chailey, the journey was continued to Hartfield, where an awaiting tea was thoroughly enjoyed. Unfortunately no ringing could be done here as the bells were being renovated, so tracks were made for the tower at Oxted, where the last ringing of the day was very much enjoyed. Touches of Stedman, Kent and Grandsire formed the programme of the day, and after a pleasant evening run through the country lanes from Oxted, South Croydon was reached soon after ten p.m.

#### ST. JAMES', LEYLAND.

On Saturday, June 26th, the ringers of the above church, with their wives and friends, and accompanied by the Vicar, had their annual outing. A start was made about 1.30 p.m. in cars kindly lent by friends in the parish. At Scorton, the church was visited, and after a look round the ringers made for the tower, where the bells were raised and several touches rung. A move was then made for Lancaster, which was reached about 4.30. Here the ringers paid a visit to St. Thomas' Church, where they were met by some of the local band, and enjoyed an hour's good ringing. They then made for the Empire Cafe, where a substantial tea was provided, after which they proceeded to Hornoy, where they were again met by the local ringers. Full advantage was taken of this lovely peal of bells, and touches were rung of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. After viewing the scenery and the ancient church, a start was made for home, which was reached in safety, all expressing pleasure with the day's outing. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars, steeplekeepers, and all those who helped to make the outing a success.

#### CHELLENHAM (ST. MARY'S) GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 30th, the annual outing of the above Guild took place. A start was made at 9.30 a.m. for Arle, where photographs were taken of the party after others had joined up. The route lay through Gloucester, Newnham-on-Severn, where on the river bank lunch was partaken of. After a few touches on the eight bells, a move was made to Lydney, where dinner was served at the Swan Hotel. After dinner a short toast list was gone through, and then a move was made to the tower. The eight bells were raised in peal, and a few touches were rung with the assistance of Mr. Davis and

other Lydney ringers. At Newland, a few more short touches were rung. Going on to Coleford and Kerne Bridge, the party arrived at Ross for tea, and the last ringing of the day was on the Parish Church bells. The Guild had the company of their old friends, Mr. Clark and Mr. Richards, and the Vicar paid them a visit while the ringing was in progress. Cheltenham was eventually reached about 9.30 p.m., all having spent a most enjoyable day.

#### ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, the ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, held their annual outing. Train was taken to Hatfield, where there is a peal of eight bells (tenor 26 cwt. or thereabouts). Here touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major and courses of Cambridge, Bristol and London were rung, and the interesting features in the church, so closely connected with the Cecil family, were inspected. Mr. J. T. Kentish joined the party here and acted as guide. After the ringing, the ringers sat down to an excellent meat tea served at the 'One Bell.' Next came a drive by charabanc through the delightful scenery of Hertfordshire by Hertford town to Ware, where there is a good peal (tenor 22 cwt.). Stedman, Double Norwich and Bristol were rung here, and then on to Knebworth Church, which is situated in the middle of a park and near the mansion of Lord Lytton. Superlative and London Surprise were rung here, and a postcard signed by all the party was sent to Mrs. Deal congratulating her on the happy advent of a son and heir. And time was getting late a move had to be made back to Hatfield to catch the last train. Whether it was the coal strike or the pure 'cussedness' of railway companies or whatever it was, that train was late coming in and later still getting on with its journey, and it was just midnight before it arrived at King's Cross. Now, the St. Margaret's ringers do not live at King's Cross. Some had a dozen or fifteen miles more to go, and as it was a case of catching last trains south and east and west, they stood not on the order of their going, but directly the train did arrive, went. Fortunately, no one did miss his last train, so that was all right. The thanks of the party are due to Mr. Hewitt, who was general secretary and treasurer, and to Mr. Kentish, who made the local arrangements, for a most successful and enjoyable outing.

#### STANMORE RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of Stanmore, Middlesex, had an outing on June 26th, when, en route to Haslemere, they stopped to ring at East Molesey, At Haslemere they had lunch, then rang at the Parish Church, touches of Grandsire and Stedman being brought round. The return journey was made via Staines, where, after tea, there was ringing at St. Peter's Church, and a visit to the British Legion, where Messrs. J. Milner, F. Goddard and C. Tucker gave selections on handbells.

#### A SUFFOLK TRIP.

The ringers of Thornham Magna, Suffolk, had a long motor trip to a number of towers, at each of which ringing was indulged in. The first was Earl Soham, where there are six bells, then Framlingham, with its peal of eight, Dennington, a ring of six, Peasenhall, also a peal of six, and so to Southwold with its octave. Old friends were met in the person of Mr. W. Crickmer at Earl Soham, J. Hall at Framlingham, J. Wardley at Dennington, and several of the local men at Peasenhall, while at Southwold Mr. J. Larter received them. Dinner was partaken of at Wrentham, and some of the local men, with Mr. F. W. Nauton, joined them at the towers. The tour was continued to Lowestoft and Beccles, the eight at the former town and the fine peal of ten at the latter being rung, tea, arranged by Mr. R. J. Goate, being enjoyed at Beccles. The last call was at Bungay, where there was ringing with the local men and Mr. E. Lincoln. The Thornham ringers were accompanied by Messrs. E. F. Poppy and H. Day, of Eye.

#### 'RINGERS' SUNDAY' AT HANLEY.

Sunday, July 18th, was set apart as 'Ringers' Sunday,' and the collections at both services were set apart to defray the expenses of the ringers' outing which was held at an earlier date. An invitation to visit the belfry after each service was accepted in a warm manner by the congregation, who came in good numbers to see how the bells were rung.

They were welcomed by the head ringer (Mr. S. Sargeant), who showed them the manipulation of a bell and gave a short talk on ringing generally.

The idea underlying this was the education of the public, as has often been urged in 'The Ringing World,' and it was felt to be a good thing if, on 'Ringers' Sunday,' at least a few of the congregation should get to know a little about how church bells are rung and who rings them. The innovation was successful, and visitors were both interested and instructed.

During the day the band rang the following touches—504 and 168 Stedman Triples, 350 Grandsire Triples, and a Plain Course of Stedman Caters.

#### QUARTER PEAL IN A NEW METHOD.

At Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on Monday, July 19th, at the Parish Church of St. Thomas, 1,280 Clarendon Surprise Major in 48 mins.: L. Clough 1, W. W. Wolstencroft 2, J. Fenuley, jun., 3, H. Langley 4, T. Wilde 5, W. Fernley 6, J. Fenley, sen. (conductor) 7, J. W. Hartley 8. Longest length yet rung in the method.

## SINGLE METHOD 'SUPERLATIVE' EXTENSION.

By GEORGE BAKER.

Having cleared up the misapprehension concerning Shipway's Surprise method, let us now turn our attention to 'Superlative.'

Everyone knows that Superlative Surprise Major is a double method, but only a few know that Superlative on ten bells is an irregular double method except for three lead-heads, for which see below:—

1st lead-head	1234567890	REGULAR.
2nd	083974526	irregular.
3rd	658243907	"
4th	795038264	REGULAR.
5th	429685073	irregular.
6th	302759648	"
7th	860492735	REGULAR.
8th	576320489	irregular.
9th	947806352	"

We are all, or nearly all, agreed that methods with irregular lead-heads are not worth ringing, and that is the reason I discarded this extension of 'Superlative' many years ago, and why I am not now going to ask the Editor to publish the figures: they are not worth the space they would occupy; but in passing I might add that this irregular extension of Superlative Major to Royal can be carried on to twelve bells, and the lead-head of 13527496e8t0 can be brought up by leaving out the Extreme when the treble is tying her whole pull behind. If the Extreme was made in that position, the Maximus, too, would be an irregular method.

Following are Single Method Extensions of Superlative Major to Royal and Maximus, and anyone who will take the trouble to compare the place-making will find there is no alteration from Major in either Royal or Maximus until the Treble passes into 9-0; and the Royal extension, discovered in 1915, is a true method.

Royal.	Maximus.
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1234567890	1234567890et
2143658709	2143658709te
1246357890	1246357890et
2164538709	2164538709te

2614357890	2614357890et
6241538709	6241538709te
2614583079	2614583079te
6241850397	6241850397e9

2648153079	2648153079e9
6284510397	6284510397e9
6824153079	6824153079e9
8642510397	8642510397e9

6824501937	6824501937e79
8642051937	8642051937e79
6840251937	6840251937e79
8604521937	8604521937e79

6840592713	6840592713e79
8604957231	8604957231e79
8068475213	8068475213e79
0896742531	0896742531e79

8069475231	8069475231e79
Lead-head	08t6e4927531
1573920486	0t8e69472513
	t0e896745231

0t8e69472531
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Lead-head
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157392e4t608
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For reasons which at the present time would hardly be intelligible to the Exercise, but in which reciprocal relationship of the opposite pairs of bells, as found in the Primary Principles and the Treble Bob Principle, have a large part, I am more than ever convinced that the double extension of Superlative Major to Maximus discovered by Mr. H. W. Wilde is the nearest and probably the only true double extension of Superlative to 12 bells.

## BISHOP OF LONDON'S DEPARTURE.

The Bishop of London left London yesterday for Quebec on his world tour, and on Sunday last he went to his old Parish Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, to preach, at evensong, his last sermon in this country before leaving. He was welcomed in the usual way by the ringers, and a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was brought round in 45 mins.: T. O. Bone 1, J. H. Parrott 2, F. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, S. Penfold 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, H. C. Taylor 8. After service a short touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by S. Penfold, was rung as a farewell to the Bishop and an expression of good wishes for the success of his tour. During his sermon the Bishop made mention of the bells and congratulated the parish on the splendid peal it possesses.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HORNSEY.**—On Sunday, July 25th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: C. H. Ross 1, T. G. Deal 2, H. Blee 3, E. G. Hibble 4, R. Lister 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

**GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, July 25th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Gusterson 1, E. Leggett 2, A. Ives 3, C. Bowor 4, J. King 5, W. Stiff (conductor) 6.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—On Sunday, July 25th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins.: J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 1, R. Smith 2, R. Smith 3, E. Brown 4, B. Holden 5, E. Bates 6, T. Groombridge, jun., 7, R. Jenkins 8.

**NORTHFLEET.**—On Sunday morning, July 25th, 1,200 Bob Major: L. Stacey 1, H. Argent 2, R. Copoin 3, L. Carrot 4, G. Ambrose 5, G. Morrid 6, W. Ware 7, R. Smith (conductor) 8.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, July 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, Miss E. M. Burnett 2, R. Martin 3, J. Hughes 4, R. Kynaston 5, R. Edwards 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

**BATH.**—On Sunday, July 25th, for morning service, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 48 mins.: A. Prince 1, J. Greening Taylor 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, W. J. Prescott 4, G. Janes 5, T. Grant 6, J. Hallett 7, C. W. Bell (conductor) 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, July 25th, for evensong at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, T. R. Taylor 2, C. Groves 3, H. Jennings (Ryde) 4, J. Topp 5, J. D. Harris 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8.

**CROYDON.**—At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, for evening service, on Sunday, July 25th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Wright (conductor) 1, \*T. Bloxham 2, \*F. Larbey 3, W. Bulpitt 4, T. Bannister 5, C. Dean 6, F. Collins 7, W. Groves 8. \* First quarter-peal of Kent Major.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday evening, July 18th, at St. Margaret's, for patronal festival service, at which the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury preached, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: W. L. Johnson 1, F. W. Sharran 2, W. J. Tanser 3, R. Grant 4, J. Morris 5, G. S. Morris 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, J. Grant 8.

**LLANDAFF.**—On Sunday, July 3rd, at the Cathedral for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: E. Coles 1, C. O. Hobbs 2, F. J. Bailey 3, L. Wright 4, S. Dawe 5, E. Coombes 6, E. Carter (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Povey 8.

**PETWORTH, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. D. Rowe 1, P. H. Doick 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, W. E. Tieshurst 4, C. F. Greenfield 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. Heffer 7, H. J. Doick 8. The ringers of 2, 5 and 8 hail from Pulborough, the rest from Chichester.

**CHELMSFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): E. Rueter 1, J. Wood 2, A. Saltmarsh 3, A. Head 4, R. C. Clark 5, F. W. Elliott (Rickmansworth) 6, H. W. Kirton 7, C. Pease 8, L. J. Clark (conductor) 9, G. Cooper 10.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 24 mins.: A. W. T. Ginn 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.—On Monday, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Robinson (first of Treble Bob) 1, W. Ginn 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, Len. Ginn 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, F. Ginn 6.

## EDUCATING THE PUBLIC.

By a curious coincidence our leading article of July 2nd on 'Educating the Public' appeared at a time when the suggestions were being carried out in a practical manner at Wakefield by Mr. William Reyner and brother ringers. Two societies amongst others in the city with which Mr. Reyner is connected are the 'Wakefield Paxton Society' (the first of its kind in England) and the 'Wakefield Naturalists' Society.' Both these societies have regular weekly meetings and lectures on a variety of subjects, and recently Mr. Reyner was invited by the committee to contribute to the programme. He chose, 'Bells and Bell-ringers,' and his address was illustrated with lantern slides. This lecture was a complete success. Mr. Reyner was fortunate in securing slides and valuable information from Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon, while Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, loaned interesting literature. To all these Mr. Reyner tenders his sincere thanks.

The audience were deeply interested, and on the following Saturday over fifty of them, both ladies and gentlemen, visited the tower at Sandal (about two miles from the centre of the city) and saw a practical demonstration of change-ringing. For the lantern lecture, Mr. Reyner had a few special slides prepared, including one of that famous campanologist, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and recited the lines on his death, composed by the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which made an appropriate conclusion to the lecture.

**NOTICES.**

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**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clyro—bells (5) available from 3.30 p.m.—on Saturday, July 31st. Service 5.30. Tea 6 o'clock.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Penn (6 bells) on Saturday, July 31st, at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. There will be no business meeting.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—A meeting will be held at Wissett on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers.—J. Larter, Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcomed.—Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 3.15. First meeting here since the bells have been rehung, and a hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Stonham Aspell (Eye buses) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1/- each) at Ten Bells Inn at 5 followed by business meeting. Please send notice for tea to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Dis. Sec., Debenham, Stowmarket.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Bay Horse Inn at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. The association service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. G. T. Colson, M.A. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome, beginners especially.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 31st, at Norbury Parish Church. Bells available from 3.30 p.m., and the meeting held at 7 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, July 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, July 31st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford 2 o'clock, 3 and 3.15, and leave Galleywood about every half hour until 9.45 p.m. The bells have just been overhauled, and are to be opened at this meeting by the Vicar. All visiting ringers will be welcomed, and a good attendance is requested.—P. Timson, 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 16th and the 30th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 10th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Cleobury Mortimer on Monday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, July 28th, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Aylsham on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of ten bells of the Parish Church are placed at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the Black Boys' Hotel at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT.**—Gala Day and Sports, Dancing, etc., in aid of Sutton-on-Trent Church Bells Restoration Fund.—The new bells of Sutton-on-Trent will be open all day for ringing from 10 a.m. on Monday (Bank Holiday), Aug. 2nd. Visitors from everywhere welcome. Tea provided on ground from 3.30 p.m. in marquee. Plain tea 1s., children 6d.; meat tea 1s. 6d. and 2s. Admission to grounds 6d. and 3d. The L.N.E. Railway will issue cheap tickets to Crow Park Station from Doncaster, Grantham, Sheffield and intermediate stations. Cheap motor buses from Retford and Newark.—H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting on August Bank Holiday at Handsworth (8 bells). Committee meeting 4.45. Tea at 1s. per head, providing a minimum of 30 apply for same not later than Friday, July 30th, to Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Hall Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. The Vicarage grounds will be thrown open to visitors.—Colin Harrison, 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Aug. 5th and 19th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildborough District.—A special meeting will be held at Wel-ford on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 4th?—W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, Aug. 7th. 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.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Wellington on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. free. Please notify me not later than Aug. 4th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7th, at Harlow Common. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge to all advising me before Aug. 4th. A business meeting will follow tea. (Buses will be running down from Wanstead through Epping and up from Saffron Walden through Bishop's Stortford.) All ringers welcome. — Claud Beeston, Hon. Sec., 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Axbridge on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Clifton (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Tower open 2.30. Buses start from Collin Street 1.30, 2.40, 4.5, Bartons Greyfriar Gate 1.45, 2.45 and every hour onwards. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mrs. H. Butler, Clifton, Notts, by Thursday, Aug. 5th. All ringers welcome. The Rectory gardens will be open to the members. F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 21, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 5.30.—W. Hughes, Hon. Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District. — Next quarterly meeting at Whitwell on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, provided by the Vicar, for those who notify me before Tuesday, the 10th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, 'Collingwood,' Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. W. V. Mason) at the Rectory, at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly endeavour to let me know not later than Wednesday, Aug. 11th?—E. W. Day, Hon. Dis. Sec., 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin.

**HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.**—There will be no Sunday service ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford, throughout August. Church closed for renovations. Practices as usual from the 17th prox.—George W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

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**THE PARISH CLERK AND HIS DUTIES.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I shall be much obliged to you if you will give me a little space to supplement my advertisement appearing among your notices. The resignation of our clerk, after twenty-nine years' service, renders a new appointment necessary. As in most country parishes, the office includes the various duties attaching to the church and churchyard—cleaning, lighting, heating, bell-ringing and other details. (For digging graves the clerk makes a special charge.) Canon law provides that the clerk shall be 'of honest conversation, and sufficient for his reading, writing, and also for his competent skill in singing.' In our case we require a man with a good tenor voice. We also want a change-ringer in elementary methods—a bob-caller will be acceptable—but one, like the late James Washbrook or Mat Wood, not above ringing well-struck call-changes for the benefit of the 'weaker brethren.' Naturally, such a church official must be a regular communicant.

I imagine readers making the ironical comment that the authorities of Kington Magna Church 'don't half expect something for £18 a year!' But given the qualifications, the actual hours of work amount on the average to quite a few in the week. Obviously, the man appointed needs to have an independent occupation. A shoemaker could well ply his trade here. A jobbing gardener, or any man handy with a spade, scythe and reaphook, could find a fair amount of employment. We can, as stated, provide a small allotment, and by an apt coincidence a good house and spacious garden, with apple trees and pigsty all complete, will be vacant at Michaelmas, and can be let under certain conditions at a very reasonable rent. Many applications for the house have been received, but it is being held open at present for this purpose. An early reply to the advertisement is invited. Needless to say, any applicant should be a genuine and devoted churchman.—Yours obediently,

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Kington Magna.

**PRINCE'S VISIT TO WEST HERTS.**

At St. Mary's, Apsley End, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the West Herts Hospital, on Tuesday, July 20th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Tompkins 1, J. Stopp 2, C. Henley 3, A. Brinklow 4, A. V. Good 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

CHICHESTER.—On Wednesday, June 23rd, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: T. Doick 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, A. D. Rowe 3, H. J. Tucker 4, W. E. Titchhurst 5, C. Button 6, J. H. Blake 7, C. Smithers 8. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. C. Button hails from Yapton, and F. Bird from Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

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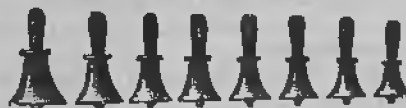
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### SHROPSHIRE'S EXTENDED ASSOCIATION

The re-establishment of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild as an association for the whole of the county of Shropshire is a welcome step for the advancement of ringing in that part of the country. For some years past little has been heard of the organisation which was supposed to unite the ringers of that area, and in Shrewsbury, particularly, which should have been the centre round which the Guild should, as it were, have revolved, there has been an obvious falling off in loyalty to the Archidiaconal scheme. It was not surprising, therefore, that the interest in the Guild should slacken in the towers further afield, but changes of influence seem now to have suggested not only a revival, but a more extended scope for the society. The whole of Shropshire is to be included in the new organisation, and it is in future to be known as a county association.

The tendency in recent years has been towards diocesan areas for ringing associations, but in this case diocesan status could only have been secured by amalgamation with the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, which is already a flourishing and active organisation, and the Stoke-on-Trent Society, making one comprehensive Guild for the Diocese of Lichfield. This, presumably, is a step which has not been contemplated by any of the societies concerned, and Shropshire is still apparently 'to paddle its own canoe,' if we may borrow the metaphor.

The attitude of the Hereford Diocesan Guild towards the reorganised area remains to be seen, for, as far as we are aware, nothing has been suggested as to the exclusion from the activities of the new association of those parishes in Salop which are situated in the diocese of Hereford. There is no reason, of course, why the two societies should not work side by side in the same area, but there is sometimes a little feeling of jealousy when an association extends its boundaries to overlap those of another society. This is one of the difficulties which will always exist while some societies define their areas on a county basis and others adhere to diocesan divisions. We are not suggesting that there is any likelihood of friction between Shropshire ringers and the ringers in the diocese of Hereford, but, in the absence of any specific reference to this question in the report that has been furnished, we hope that the matter has not been entirely lost sight of by those who have now decided upon a county association for Salop. Everyone will wish well to the new organisation. There is room in the county for much spade work, and happily there are among the members a number of enthusiasts who will doubtless see to it that under the auspices of the new association every effort will be made to foster and spread the art of change ringing.

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## TEN BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 1 Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 6
* ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 2	* JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7
FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... .. 8
JAMES MARSH ... .. 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 9
ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 5	ALBERT A. GRIFFITHS ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

\* First peal of Caters. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Tomlinson and Hindle, of Blackburn, also for Mr. J. Ridyard, of Southport, and Mr. J. Marsh, of Aughton.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 22, 1926, in Three Hours & Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

* ISAAC BENNETT ... .. 1 Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 5
THOMAS ROBERTS ... .. 2	* DAVID VINCENT ... .. 6
† FRED HOPPER ... .. 3	* JACK DOVE ... .. 7
* THOMAS H. WISE ... .. 4	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. Rung on the occasion of the Sunday School outing, and also in honour of the coming of age of the eldest daughter of the ringer of the third.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

HARRY W. MARTIN ... .. 1 Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... .. 2	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 4	W. ARTHUR SKINNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (No. 2).

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday. This composition in 3 long and 3 short parts is now rung for the first time.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 1 Treble	EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. 5
HERBERT E. ROBBINS ... .. 2	HAROLD KENT ... .. 6
CHARLES MASON ... .. 3	JOHN FLINT ... .. 7
ERNEST WAGSTAFF ... .. 4	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal by the ringers of 4 and 6, whose ages are 13 and 15 respectively.

TADCASTER.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5026 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 1 Treble	HENRY CLAYTON ... .. 5
MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... .. 2	* HERBERT E. PICKERING ... .. 6
† ROBERT LANCASTER ... .. 3	FRED ADDISON ... .. 7
* ERNEST LINDLEY ... .. 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal on the bells by a lady ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Laura Lancaster.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten 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.	
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5	RAYMOND PHILPOIT ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 7	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE W. STIERRE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

ALTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES!

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
H. EVANS ... .. Treble	E. E. HAM ... .. 5	W. PERRY ... .. 2	A. EVANS ... .. 6
V. LOWIEN ... .. 3	A. HARDIMAN ... .. 7	G. NOAKES ... .. 4	H. SUTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. HARDIMAN.

This is the first peal on the rebung bells, also the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on the St. Lawrence's bells by an entirely local band.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES!

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.		Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.	
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. 6
JOHN BURLES ... .. 3	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 7	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 4	EDWARD HADLOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Isaac George Shade, who had promised to stand in this attempt.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty 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	JOHN M. CAPPER ... .. 5	ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 6
FREDERICK R. EVANS ... .. 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7	JOHN HAYES ... .. 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER, SEN.

\* First peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES!

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. Treble	CECIL NICE ... .. 5	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	REG. V. JOHNSON ... .. 6
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7	BERNARD WELLS ... .. 4	JOHN S. MORLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal.

CHESTER.—On Monday, July 26th, at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: R. Sperring 1, J. Hayes 2, S. Jones 3, G. R. Jones 4, J. Swindley 5, J. W. Davies 6, Keith Hart (conductor) 7, G. F. Sperring 8. Mr. K. Hart hails from Brighton.—Also a course of London Surprise Major, with Mr. H. R. Dew, of London.

LYDD, KENT.—On Saturday, July 17th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Parkin 1, J. Livermore 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, S. Driver 4, H. Baker 5, J. Downing 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, E. Prior 8.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES!

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. LEWIS ... .. 5
ARNOLD HILL ... .. 2	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 6
OLIVER GREATHEAD ... .. 3	FREDERICK CLARK ... .. 7
PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. 4	ROBERT SARSBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE  
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES!

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
FREDK. J. COLLUM, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 5	GEORGE COLLUM ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... .. 6
SIDNEY A. STAGG ... .. 3	FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 7	LIONEL J. COLLUM ... .. 4	OSCAR ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN.

\* First peal with a bob bell.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES!

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.	
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Treble	JOHN SOUTER ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 3	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 7
CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY  
George Howlett was elected a member of the Guild prior to starting for the peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES!

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.	
FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 5
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 2	HARRY MOSS ... .. 6
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 3	WALTER BARRETT ... .. 7
ERNEST POPPY ... .. 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES!

Tenor 18 cwt.	
HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 3	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	FRED PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.  
Rung as a compliment, on the eve of his wedding, to Mr. A. F. Bailey, a much respected member of the 'tall hat' band.

A NOISY PEAL.

Elsewhere we record a peal of Double Norwich Major rung at Mildenhall, Suffolk, on Thursday, July 29th. It was originally intended also to attempt a peal at Elveden, Suffolk, but time did not permit, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was therefore rung as follows: Fredk. R. Borrett 1, A. G. Harrison 2, W. C. Rumsey 3, J. Souter 4, E. E. Grimes 5, E. F. Poppy 6, C. J. More (conductor) 7, G. Howlett 8. These bells are so noisy in the ringing chamber that it is very difficult to make anything out of them or even to ring them at all. The band were just beginning to get the 'hang' of them after the quarter-peal of Stedman.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Margaret,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. Treble	OLIVER SIPPITTS ... .. 5
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 2	† GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 3	* WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

\* First peal of Surprise. † 150th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours & Six Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Andrew,*

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	HAROLD CLARK ... .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2	JAMES FLUBY ... .. 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3	* WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 7
WALTER ARNOLD... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. I. G. Shade, for many years a life member of the Association.

**CARISBROOKE.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. flat.

HARRY BARTON ... .. Treble	* FRANK TAYLOR ... .. 5
† PERCY REYNOLDS ... .. 2	* SIDNEY MOODY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. CHAMBERS ... .. 3	WALTER SCOTT, JUN... .. 7
WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... .. 4	* EDWIN BRETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal with a hob bell. This quarterly district peal was arranged in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen to the parish on the above date.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, August 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Michael,*

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. Treble	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 5
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 2	* STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 6
OLIVER SIPPITTS ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

\* First peal in the method. First-peal of Cambridge on the bells.

**BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

*At the Marble Church,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

First peal of London on the bells and by the association.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Friday, July 23rd, at St. Thomas' Church, a 1,260 of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: H. Hooper 1, F. A. Burnett (conductor) 2, G. Holifield, sen., 3, G. Holifield, jun., 4, F. W. Burnett (first quarter-peal) 5, F. Barron 6, H. Aitken 7, F. W. Rogers 8. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Prince of Wales' visit to Portsmouth. Also a 504 and a 419, conducted by F. W. Rogers and H. Aitken, with C. Shepperd and Mrs. Burnett ringing 2 and 4.

**EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Peter,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 6
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7
* FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

\* First peal of London on an inside bell. First peal of London on the bells.

**KIRBY, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Michael.*

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. Treble	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
JAMES FLUBY ... .. 3	HAROLD CLARK ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. NEVARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

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

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

**SWAINSWICK, BATH.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, July 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in D.

* HERBERT J. MERRITT ... Treble	JESSE HALLETT ... .. 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 5
FRANK MERRITT ... .. 3	GEORGE BREWER... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CROCKER

\* First peal away from tenor.

**GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. James,*

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

Being eight 120's of Stedman, seven of Plain Bob, eight of Old Doubles, nine of St. Simon's and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

* CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... .. Treble	MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 3
* MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 2	HARRY BAXTER ... .. 4
	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal of Doubles.

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

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

Being one 720 of Plain Bob, and two each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2	GEORGE W. BIDDLEPH ... 5
HARRY PARKER ... .. 3	THOMAS HURD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes*

*At the Church of St. Margaret,*

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

KENNETH SEWARD ... .. Treble	FRED GINN ... .. 4
JOHN SMART ... .. 2	ARTHUR JOHN GINN ... .. 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVIS ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

**FOR THE BEGINNERS.**

**HINTS FOR YOUNG CONDUCTORS.**

We would ask correspondents who send us paragraphs for insertion under this heading to indicate that they are intended for this column.

It is pleasing to be able to announce that the first of the helpful hints which we intend to give for young conductors is to be contributed by that well-known ringer, Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, than whom no one has had more experience in helping young bands. For fifty years Mr. Williams has been doing spade work, whilst his skill as a conductor is too well known to need comment.

**CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

Before attempting to shine as a conductor, the beginner should learn to ring and strike correctly, and be able to ring the method in hand, free from mistakes. When that stage has been reached you can then concentrate on calling.

I will deal with Bob Doubles first. Although, as an odd-bell method, Plain Bob is not now encouraged, the calling of Bob Doubles provides the A.B.C. or foundation for most of the methods to follow.

Having made yourself proficient in ringing Bob Doubles, and wishing to call, I would suggest, for a start, that the fifth bell be rung, and every time you pass the treble in 3-4, that is, when you are going to lie the four blows behind, you call a 'Bob.' With the fifth, this is really at the end of the course; and if this is done three times in all, or, put in the way that composers set out their peals, 'twice repeated,' the 120 changes are produced. It will be noticed that the work of the fifth is never disturbed by a bob. This bell keeps doing the work which comes to it in a plain course, and it is called the 'observation' bell.

On Thursday, July 29th, at St. Laurence's Church (Thanet), 540 Grandsire Caters: S. Gee 1, S. G. Twyman (first as conductor) 2, A. W. Friend 3, W. E. Pitman 4, W. J. Jarman 5, T. W. Scott 6, W. G. Birch 7, J. Blythman 8, A. E. Jarman 9, C. S. Bird 10. First by all except ringers of 4, 5, 9, and tenor.

At the Parish Church, Whalley, Lancashire, on July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: \*H. Hargreaves 1, J. Wrightson 2, \*O. Exton 3, \*B. Potts 4, \*W. Procter 5, \*T. Hoyle 6, A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, \*H. Pickup 8. \* First quarter-peal and first attempt.

**MR. ALBERT COPPOCK'S 100 PEALS.**

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor, 4 methods	1	
Minor Treble Bob	1	
Grandsire Triples	1	
Grandsire Caters	3	
Stedman Triples	18	9
Stedman Caters	2	
Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Caters	1	
Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	28	13
Oxford Treble Bob	5	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	12	6
Superlative Surprise Major	12	7
Norfolk Surprise Major	3	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	1
London Surprise Major	2	1
Spliced Treble Bob Major	1	
	100	42

Rung in 20 towers, 5 counties, and for 5 societies.

**CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.**—On Thursday, July 22nd, 720 Double Oxford Minor: W. Thomas 1, A. E. Richards 2, H. W. Wilde 3, G. Jones 4, W. Clarke 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Jones 1, R. Maddock (conductor) 2, W. Thomas 3, W. Clarke 4, J. Morgan 5, A. E. Richards 6.

**DEATH OF MR. ROBERT RICHARDS.**

**PASSING OF ANOTHER NEWCASTLE STALWART.**

The Durham and Newcastle Association and the Cathedral Guild in particular have suffered a further great loss in the passing of Mr. Robert Richards, whose death occurred on July 24th. It is fitting that 'Bob's' obituary should be told in high esteem, for his was a character of dominant influence, full of original thought and scheme. They say that most of the reforms of this world, sometimes unfortunately accompanied by revolutions, have emanated from the wits of the 'cobbler,' and our old friend was no exception to this. His reforms and suggestions, however, were all to the good of ringing, and the improvement in the working of the association of which he was most emphatically part of the backbone. Much of this was done in such a modest retiring manner that no one knew from whom the ideas came. Though Mr. Richards was well short of the ordinary span of life—he was only 56—he had done as much or more than any other man in the North of England for the Exercise, and he will live long in the memory of his ringing friends. He had very strong views on the propriety of ringing unmusical methods, and no amount of persuasion would get him to ring in a peal or even a touch of Superlative. London and Cambridge he was fond of, and rang many peals of both. He was a very safe method ringer, and in his days of good health rang the tenor-in on all the heaviest peals in this district. He had rung only 98 peals with the Northern Association, but they were all of good quality. When required he could call a touch of Stedman Caters or Cinques more intelligently than most conductors, and his first essay at calling a peal in this neighbourhood was Holt's Original.

Through a long, distressing and painful illness he was most patient and cheery, and even had a leg removed to prolong his useful life. Even this did not deter him from mounting the Cathedral stairs and ringing for service, but the disease eventually wore down his magnificent spirit, and his ringing came to an end over six months ago. He leaves a widow and many sorrowing friends, not only in these dioceses, but all over England, and they will never know his like again.

Following so quickly on the passing of dear old Alf. Hillier, the association has lost two of its finest and most intelligent supporters. Both had been members of the committee for many years, Bob on the sub-committee and a peal referee.

He was buried in St. Nicholas' Cemetery on Tuesday, July 27th, with all the honours ringers can give on these sad occasions. The Vicar of Newcastle, Canon G. E. Newson, and the president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Rev. A. W. Lister, Rector of St. Stephen's, South Shields, officiated at the cemetery. After the burial service Canon Newson gave a kindly appreciation of Mr. Richards' good qualities, embodying much of what has been written above, deploring the great loss the Cathedral had suffered in losing the services of two such fine helpers in Church work as Mr. Richards and Mr. Hillier.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. C. L. Routledge, J. Keen, W. H. Barber and W. Story (four of his oldest friends). The bells of Newcastle Cathedral were afterwards rung half-muffled, in the manner he had requested before his death—he had seen it done in Norwich, where he had lived and rung some years before coming North. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 56 times, to record his age, and then the bells were set one by one starting at the treble and finishing with the tenor, the 'whole pull and stand' going the whole time. A most beautiful effect and very impressive.

A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted later, which failed, but a quarter-peal in the same method was brought round afterwards to his memory. The ringers in the whole pull and stand were: C. L. Routledge 1, W. Story 2, Wm. Holmes 3, Rev. A. W. Lister 4, A. Payne 5, W. Shuckford 6, J. Foreman 7, W. Baskill 8, J. Keen 9, W. H. Barber 10, R. Thompson 11, E. E. Ferry 12.

The service was attended by ringers from all the neighbouring towers as a token of respect to departed merit. **C. L. E.**

After Mr. Richards' death we received a letter written by him on May 6th, and which he had requested should not be posted until after his passing, which he realised could not then be long delayed. In this letter he spoke with gratitude and heartfelt thanks of the kindness which he had received from the members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild through his long illness, a kindness which had taken the very practical form of a weekly collection among the members. 'They will never tell you what they have done,' said Mr. Richards, 'but the magnificent spirit of comradeship which they have shown should not go unrecorded.' This letter from Mr. Richards was a deeply pathetic document, coming as it did in such a way that it conveyed the intimation of his death. In it there was no word of complaining, although the brief facts of his long illness which the letter recorded made it obvious that his later years had been full of intense suffering. It was indeed a letter written in heroic spirit and out of the gratitude of a dying man's heart in appreciation of the kindness of friends who had been friends indeed.—Ed. 'R.W.'

**REDENHALL.**—On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Borrett 1, G. Howlett 2, W. Eldridge 3, J. Eldridge 4, G. Gower 5, C. Clarke 6, R. Riches 7, W. Barrett 8.

NOTES BY THE WAY.  
THE RINGING MATCH AT FLIXTON.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

All the peals to which I referred in last week's 'Notes by the Way' were only practice for the great match which was to come off on June 24th. The preliminaries were all settled, and the remainder of the stake money paid in. The judge was Joseph Grayson, of Birmingham. Two men, Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, and Jonathan Hague, of Manchester, were appointed to take off the lead ends as they were rung. And four 'censurers' were chosen — Thomas Ogden and John Moss representing Ashton, and John Wolstencroft and Daniel Bamford representing Oldham. The lead-takers and the competing bands alone were allowed in the belfry while the ringing was going on. They were locked in, and the key kept in the possession of the judge. This was to prevent any interference by outsiders either to help or hinder, and was probably not an unnecessary precaution when we remember that there was a lot of betting on the result, and a good many people besides the ringers, and those not altogether the most desirable of people, were interested in the success or failure of the various bands.

The duty of the lead takers was to see that the peal was rung truly without any shifts, and that every bob was duly called and made. Two censurers were locked by themselves in a convenient room near the tower, where they could hear the bells. Their duty was to judge of the quality of the ringing. Every missed dodge, every bell too wide or too close was noted, and marked down as so many 'faults.' At the end these faults were added up, and the band which had the fewest number debited to them won the prize. The judge's business was to decide any point on which the censurers disagreed. He was not otherwise called upon to express an opinion, but when he had to settle anything his decision was final. This was the ordinary procedure in prize ringing, and was in use in Devon and some parts of the North down till about forty or fifty years ago.

The best known among these officials is Joseph Tebbs. He was the composer of one of the early peals of Stedman Triples, a peal with a multitude of bobs and singles which has been rung a good many times down to recent years. Shipway referred to him as 'that ingenious composer, Mr. J. Tebbs, of Leeds,' and included two or three of his peals in the 'Art of Ringing.' One is a 5,600 of Cumberland's Exercise, an obsolete method rather difficult to compose peals in; another is a 5,040 of Treble Bob Royal; and another is a peal of Grandsire Caters, 'a curious production having in so few as 5,579 changes the sixty 8g's and the sixty 978's.' A very interesting 10,080 of Treble Bob Major is also given us by Tebbs. Tebbs may have composed it independently, but there is good reason for supposing that this was the peal the Norwich Scholars rang at Coslany in 1727.

That Tebbs was fully competent to judge of the truth of a peal is shown by the following incident. Somewhere about 1820 a band, made up of ringers from Leeds, Wakefield and the district, went for a 14,000 of Treble Bob at St. Laurence's Church, Pudsey. The peal was the composition of Hugh Wright, and was at that time the longest produced in the method. After they had been ringing about six hours a shift occurred between the third and fifth. The conductor did not notice it, but Tebbs, who was outside listening, did. He sent word up to Hewitt, of Wakefield, who was calling, and Hewitt,

when he came to one of his observation places, found it was so, and stopped the bells. Tebbs rang in several peals, the most notable being a 12,320 of Treble Bob Major at Otley on August 27th, 1814, when he, with assistance, rang the tenor; and 10,080 Bob Major at Leeds on December 27th, 1790; when he rang the tenor and called the bobs. He died on February 14th, 1836, aged 68 years.

Wolstencroft was an Oldham man, and a good ringer. He seems to have been a thriftless, happy-go-lucky sort of person, who never would work as long as there was enough food in the cupboard for one meal, holding, as he said, that one meal without work was better than two meals with work. His mother was a well-known character in Oldham, and was usually called in the Lancashire dialect, 'Owd Mally.' Her son from this got the name of John O'Mally, which was further corrupted by the original recorder of this ringing match to John Amellows.

On the day before the 24th of June both bands and a great number of their supporters betook themselves to Flixton. The ringers put up at the Dog and Partridge, an inn adjoining the churchyard. The rest had to sleep where they could, and for the most part in the open air, for there was nothing like sufficient accommodation in the village. At 6 o'clock next morning the two bands turned out, and after a walk in the fields, returned to breakfast. Then the censurers tossed up to decide which was to make the first attempt. Oldham won, and just before eight o'clock they were locked in the tower. They raised the bells in peal (which would be part of the test), rang rounds for a few minutes, and at eight struck into changes for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. Directly after half-past ten the bells came round, amid the loud cheers of their supporters, and the judge immediately gave his verdict that they had rung a true and complete peal in 2 hours and 33 minutes. This was very fast time, almost as fast as the quickest of their practice peals. It could hardly have been expected that they would have equalled the time of the practice peals, for those were rung on their own bells, and now in the match they had other things to think of besides speed. They had to avoid 'faults,' and it would never have done to have lost the peal through trying to rush the bells too fast. The band stood as follows: James Taylor treble, Robert Coope 2, Henry Hindle 3, Joseph Newton 4, William Rigby 5, Joshua Kershaw 6, John Whitehead 7, James Gartside tenor. Conducted by Joseph Newton.

It was now the Ashton men's turn. After greasing the bells and inspecting the ropes, they raised the bells in peal, and struck into changes at eleven o'clock. There was a certain Oldham man, named Abraham Fitton, who had been a very good ringer, but who had gone blind. Like many blind men, his sense of hearing had become very keen, and, as he still kept up his interest in ringing, he had acquired the gift of accurately following ringing by hearing, and could take down course ends outside the tower. There was also the publican, John Travis, who was one of the promoters of the match, and whose interest in prize ringing was chiefly in the money he made by the betting. Travis took Fitton with him to Flixton, and engaged a quiet bedroom for him in a cottage near the church, where he could listen to the ringing and report if anything happened in the peal. Soon after the Ashton men had passed the half-way single Fitton sent word to Travis that the conductor had made a miscall.

After he was convinced that this was the case, Travis went into the churchyard and began backing the Oldham men with anyone who would take his bets. As the Ashton men were still ringing, and ringing excellently well, he had no difficulty. In due course the Ashton men finished, and, on coming out of the tower, were greeted by their supporters with a rousing cheer, which quickly changed into surprise and disappointment when the prize was awarded to Oldham.

(To be continued.)

#### BOYNE HILL RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place on Friday, July 23rd, of Mr. L. W. Copey, of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, after a long illness patiently borne. He had been suffering from diabetes for several years, but only took to his bed on the previous Sunday.

He had been a ringer at All Saints', Boyne Hill, for twenty years, and was foreman of the ringers for the last fifteen years, being always at his post till within a fortnight of his death. Ever a regular and punctual ringer, his place will be hard to fill. He was not a large peal ringer, and never kept account of what he had rung, but he estimated his total at about sixty. He was a native of Romford, where he first started ringing, and afterwards went to Leicester and then to Ealing.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday, July 27th, at All Saints' Churchyard, four of his brother ringers acting as bearers. There was a very large number of floral tokens, including one from his brother ringers in the shape of a bell, and a wreath from the Cookham bell-ringers, etc.

On Tuesday evening the following rang, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, deceased's favourite method: A. Martin 1, W. A. Garraway 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, A. Walker 4, J. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, A. Walker 7, T. Goodchild 8. Afterwards the 'whole pull and stand' was rung fifty-five times to correspond with the deceased's age.

#### HYDE BAND'S FIRST SURPRISE MINOR.

At Hyde, Cheshire, on Tuesday, July 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 26 mins.: W. Shaw 1, A. Haughton 2, J. Brierley 3, J. Shaw 4, T. Wilde (conductor) 5, A. Hough 6. First 720 of Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the band.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held on Saturday, July 24th, at Almondsbury, where the bells were available from 2.30 p.m. The methods rung were Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Major. The association form of service was conducted by the Rev. T. C. Fowler, of St. George's, Bristol, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Rev. Canon R. G. Wood).

Tea followed on the Vicarage lawn, kindly provided by the Vicar. Halfway through the meal the rain came down in torrents, and a hasty retreat had to be made inside the Vicarage, where the large drawing-room served to accommodate the party.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), and 55 members were present, representing 20 towers. The chairman welcomed the visitors—Miss N. G. Williams, Messrs. F. C. Rich and W. H. Crocker (Bath), C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon), and A. H. Drew (Dorchester), the latter having cycled over 60 miles from the old Wessex town during the morning. He also welcomed their vice-president, Rev. T. C. Fowler, again among them, and hoped they would see him more often. He congratulated him on his 'ruby' wedding that week.

The following members were elected: Mrs. F. Jewell, associate member; Messrs. V. Wills (Olveston), performing member; and A. H. Drew (Dorchester), life member.

It was resolved to hold the next two monthly meetings as follows: At Marshfield on Saturday, August 28th, when a motor omnibus will run from Bristol; and Abson on Saturday, September 25th, where the peal has been renovated. Particulars will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. J. W. Jones said no doubt they had read the sad news in 'The Ringing World' of the death through an accident of one of their life members—Mr. Isaac G. Shade. He knew him personally, having rung several peals with him, and he asked the meeting to stand in respectful silence to his memory.

The chairman moved votes of thanks to the Rev. T. C. Fowler for coming to take the service, the organist (who came from Olveston), the organ blower, and, last but not least, to their kind host, Canon Wood. Although the last-named was not present, his son, Mr. H. S. Wood (who is a very keen ringer) was with them, and he was asked to convey their thanks to his father on his return. Mr. Wood promised to do so, and said his father would always give them a hearty welcome.—Thanks were accorded to the ladies for waiting at table.

The bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand that the Peal Books of that old London Society, now defunct, 'The Trinity Youths,' cannot be traced, and a gentleman interested in their preservation for the purpose of placing them in the British Museum, is prepared to give a reward of £10 for their recovery for this purpose.

The bells of St. Mary's, Chorley, are now at the Loughborough Foundry, Messrs. Taylor and Co. having in hand the contract to rehang the peal in all new fittings, including iron headstocks and ball-bearings. When they are re-installed they will be on a lower level in the tower.

After ringing a peal at East Tytherleigh, Hants, on Monday, the band called at Lockerley, where, by kind permission of the Vicar, touches of Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise were rung on the fine peal of six. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells outside on the green, much to the pleasure of the Vicar and his friends.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned that three peals have been rung in one day (on December 26th, 1900) at East Tytherleigh, and on another occasion three Surprise peals—nearly. Cambridge and Superlative had been safely accomplished, but someone put 'paid' to London when it was well on the way.

It was on the return journey to Romsey, by wagonette, in the dark of the night, that the writer heard the late Mr. I. G. Shade sing a song for the first and only time.

Trowell Church tower is, subject to the approval of the Bishop of Southwell, to have erected in it the clock from the Nottingham Exchange. It was at Trowell that two well-known members of the Exercise learnt the rudiments of change ringing, and the village has given its name to one of the methods in the Minor Collection.

It is hoped that, with the gift of the clock, the parishioners will make an effort to get the ring of six recast, for, we are informed, they are a peculiar peal for a clock to strike on. There is now a band at this church ringing Grandsire Doubles under the instruction of Mr. E. C. Gohy.

Thurstans' masterpiece—his four-part of Stedman Triples—was called for the first time on August 8th, 1842. It is, of course, impossible to say definitely, but it is probably a fact that this composition has been called more often than any other, not even excepting Holt's ten-part of Grandsire.

Exactly 150 years ago next Thursday a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester.

The Union Scholars rang their first peal on August 12th, 1749. This was a 5,040 Bob Triples, rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, composed and conducted by Henry Hubbard.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Hugglescote on July 10th should be credited to the Midland Counties Association.

The Somerset tour, which begins at Wrington on Saturday, includes visits for peal attempts to the following churches, as at present arranged: Sunday, Clevedon; Monday, Weston-super-Mare and Winccombe; Tuesday, Congresbury and Wraxall; Wednesday, Chewton Mendip and Shepton Mallet; Thursday, Ditcheat and Evercreech; Friday, Mells and Mere; Saturday, Yeovil and East Coker.

## HEAVY METAL.

### THE BELLS IN SOMERSET TOWERS.

In looking through the recently issued report of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, one thing in particular which impressed itself on my mind was the weight of metal in the peals.

Every branch has not recorded the weight of their tenor bell, so that a complete average cannot be arrived at, but from those which are given some interesting figures can be ascertained.

In the area covered by the association there is one peal of twelve with a 30 cwt. tenor.

Coming to ten-bell peals, there are five affiliated to the association with tenors varying in weight from 20 cwt. to over 57 cwt., and giving the high average of 38 cwt. tenors—truly a good weight.

The weight of forty-six peals of eight which are recorded give an average tenor weight of over 21 cwt. per peal. The lightest of these has a tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs., while the heaviest has a 35 cwt. tenor. Again an uncommonly high average.

Next we have the weights of sixty-eight peals of six, the lightest being 8½ cwt. and the heaviest 29 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs., giving the remarkable average of 15 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs. But even the Queen Camel tenor of 36 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs. is not included in this return.

Peals of five also hold their own, for of the eleven given, varying between 18½ cwt. and 8½ cwt., the average is 12½ cwt.

One can thus see that the county of Somerset offers exceptional facilities for heavy bell work from Minor to Royal, and give to men of muscle every opportunity to test their strength and endurance.

T. HERVEY BEAMS.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On July 6th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: R. H. Stevens 1, A. Binfield 2, R. J. Birch 3, S. Baker 4, S. Binfield 5, G. Turner 6, C. R. Millway (conductor) 7, J. Coppin 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—For the patronal festival at St. Margaret's Church on Tuesday, July 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Gilbert (conductor) 1, W. A. Cooke 2, P. Belsey 3, J. Gull 4, J. H. Champion 5, W. J. Walker 6, C. Belsey 7, R. Moore 8.



## THE LATE MR. SHADE'S 1,450 PEALS.

### HOW HIS WONDERFUL RECORD WAS BUILT UP.

Such a peal record as that of the late Mr. I. G. Shade is so remarkable that our readers will, we are sure, be interested to hear something more about it than the brief information which is conveyed in the tabulated totals of his performances. It forms a striking example of the enthusiasm which a man may develop in the art of ringing, for Mr. Shade, during the fifty years that he occupied in compiling his total of 1,450 peals, must have travelled thousands upon thousands of miles. He had rung peals in nearly every English county, and in Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and on all numbers of bells from six to twelve. With the one exception of the record made by Mr. William Pye, his is an unparalleled performance.

Mr. Shade's first peal was Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, on April 30th, 1875, when the late Mr. James Pettit called Holt's Original. During the few succeeding years peals were few and far between, and there being no regular paper for ringers at that period, the details of Mr. Shade's performances at that time have been lost. His first eight peals, however, were all Grandsire Triples, his first as conductor being the sixth that he had rung. In this performance he gave conspicuous evidence of his ability, for, although he had never previously called a peal, he conducted Holt's Original as his first essay in this capacity at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley. His ninth peal was a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Alphege's, conducted by William Baron. Mr. Shade's first excursion into Sussex, where he was afterwards to ring many peals, was on July 23rd, 1881, when he called the Original at the little town of Hurstpierpoint. This was his tenth peal, and thereafter there is a complete record of all his performances, in the keeping of which his friend, Mr. John J. Lamb, has been the diligent recorder.

Strangely enough, after the peal at Hurstpierpoint, Mr. Shade brought further of note until the year 1884, when, on March 1st, he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by William Coater at St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green. His next peal was his first of Kent Treble Bob Major, which he called at Mottram, in Cheshire, for the Manchester Cathedral Society. Thereafter, for three of four years he called most of the peals he rang, including Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob, and he also took part in a memorable performance at St. Giles-in-the-Fields with the College Youths, when a picked band rang, for the first time, Holt's Original non-conducted. It was looked upon at that time as one of the finest things that had ever been done in change ringing. This was on October 23rd, 1884, and evidently Mr. Shade had made careful preparation for the performance, for two days before he had conducted the same composition at St. Mary-atte-Bow. Many of his peals round about this period were rung with the College Youths, and one with the St. James's Society, for these were the days when the territorial associations were in their infancy, in fact many of them had not then seen the light. In 1885 he visited Manchester again, and rang a peal of Treble Ten, conducted by John Thorp, for the United Counties Association, a society long since defunct. Among the famous conductors of that day under whom he rang were Pettit, Coater, Mat. Wood and Murray Hayes, and from that time onward one can find the names of practically all the famous ringers in his peal book.

On his visits to Manchester and district in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886 he rang peals of Kent Treble Bob Major and his first two peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal. His first 'long' peal was a 6,240 Kent Treble Bob Major, which he conducted at Bethnal Green on May 7th, 1887. His first peal of Stedman Caters was rung under the auspices of St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, at Aston in 1888, and with the same society at the famous Bull Ring Church he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques in the following year, both these being conducted by his old friend, Harry Bastable. On April 9th, 1892, at Bethnal Green, he called a 7,040 of Kent Treble Bob.

### HIS FIRST SURPRISE PEALS.

His first peal of Double Norwich was rung at Cuckfield in Sussex on May 26th, 1894, conducted by Mr. George Williams, and of Superlative at Crawley, Sussex, on August 25th of the same year conducted by Mr. James Parker. In September he took part in a Winchester Guild tour in Hants, and attempts from the 15th to the 19th resulted in the ringing of three peals of Double Norwich, one of Stedman Triples and two of Superlative. In the following months came a succession of peals of Superlative in Sussex, and further visits to that county and Hampshire in the next year resulted in a considerable addition to his list of peals of Stedman and Superlative. Most of his other peals at this time were rung with the Kent Association.

Mr. Shade's first peal of London Surprise was at Crawley on May 10th, 1896, and of Cambridge Surprise Major on October 3rd, 1898, on the Winchester Guild tour (then an annual event), when, between the Saturday and Wednesday, three peals of Cambridge, two of Superlative and one of Stedman were rung. Meantime, on August 2nd, 1897, Mr. Shade rang in the one day a 6,336 Kent Treble Bob Major at Woolwich, and a 6,000 Bob Major at Erith, the latter being his first in this method! At Erith, too, on December 26th, 1898, he took part in a 10,464 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by Mr. William Pye, and at the same tower, on April 3rd, 1899,

he was one of the band that rang the 15,072, the then record length, of Double Norwich, which was also conducted by Mr. W. Pye, the time being 9 hrs. 24 mins.

Peals came now in increasing numbers. His first hundred had taken over twenty years to accumulate, but his 200th peal, which he scored on January 20th, 1900, was reached but little over four years later. On March 24th, 1900, he rang his first peal of Maximus. In the same year, between October 6th and 17th, he rang no fewer than eleven peals, six of them on a Norwich Guild tour, beginning with his first peal of Grandsire Cinques, at Ipswich, and including Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and the remaining five with the Winchester Guild, including three in a day at East Tytherleigh. Peals followed thick and fast in succeeding years, mainly of Stedman and the Surprise methods on eight bells; Stedman Caters and Cinques, and Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus on the higher numbers. The counties around London, as well as the towers of the metropolis itself, were his happy hunting ground, and the majority of the peals were called by Mr. William Pye, with whom, as we mentioned last week, Mr. Shade rang altogether 875 peals.

### VISITS TO IRELAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND.

There were week-end excursions to more distant places, and in 1901 came the first tour in Ireland, when the first Surprise peal out of England was rung, and, on the way home, the first Surprise peal in Wales, in both of which, as in the other tower bell peals rung on that trip, Mr. Shade participated. His first peal of Surprise Royal was conducted by Mr. William Pye at St. Magnus', London Bridge. This was New Cambridge.

He took part in a tour in Scotland and the North of England in 1902, when peals of Stedman Caters were rung in Edinburgh and Newcastle on the same day. But of the many tours in which Mr. Shade took part none was more successful than that in September, 1905, when he stood in twelve peals in a week, and of these it is worth giving some details: Saturday, September 12th, Stedman Caters at Christ Church, Bristol; Monday, the 14th, Stedman Caters at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, followed by that great performance of Stedman Caters at the Cathedral, when Mr. William Pye rang the 72 cwt. tenor single handed, a feat never equalled before or since; Tuesday, September 15th, Stedman Caters at Taunton and Superlative Surprise Major at Bridgwater; Wednesday, September 16th, New Cambridge Surprise Major at Martock and Stedman Triples at Glastonbury; Thursday, September 17th, Stedman Triples at Long Ashton, and Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Nicholas', Bristol; Friday, September 18th, Stedman Cinques at Cirencester, and Stedman Caters at Cheltenham; and Saturday, September 19th, Stedman Cinques at Painswick. That is, we imagine, one of the most prodigious week's ringing that has ever been undertaken and brought to a successful conclusion, although in the following year another trip to Ireland produced no fewer than eleven peals. At Whitsun, 1905, there was another special trip to Ireland, the principal object of which was a peal at Waterford Cathedral, and this was duly brought off, a peal of London Surprise Major being rung. In the meantime the 500 peal mark had been passed, for at this time Mr. Shade was averaging round about 60 peals a year. All sorts of methods in all sorts of places added steadily to the total, the most noteworthy points which can be gathered from his peal book being the various tours in which he took part. For instance, the same year that he went to Waterford, he shared in a tour in Lancashire and Derbyshire; in 1906, in which year he rang his first peal of Bristol Surprise, there was a week's excursion in Cheshire; in 1907 it was again Cheshire, with an incursion into Wales; in 1908 it was Derbyshire and Notts.

### RECORD PEALS.

The year 1909 is ever memorable for the great performance at Loughborough. In that peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters, which occupied 12 hrs. and 1P mins., Mr. Shade rang the 2nd, and he is the second member of the band to cross the bourn—Bertram Prewett was killed in action in 1918. There was another visit to Ireland for two or three days in 1909, and in 1910 the tour was in Norfolk. South Wales was the attraction in 1911, when twelve peals were rung, in nine of which Mr. Shade took part. That same year he joined in a little excursion to Sussex, when, within the space of 48 hours, there were rung the first peal of Cambridge Royal in the county and peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major and Stedman Caters.

The outstanding performance of 1912 was the 15,264 Bristol Surprise at Hornchurch, Essex, rung in 9 hrs. 49 mins. on Whitsun Monday, and later in the year Mr. Shade joined a tour in Wessex, which included peals at Wroughton, Sherborne and Yeovil. He reached his 1,000th peal on April 26th, 1913, when he rang Bristol Surprise at St. James's, Clerkenwell. A month before that he had rung his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The tour in that year was in Devon and Cornwall, and incidentally a trip to Cambridge, which resulted in peals of Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques being rung in one day.

January, 1914, produced for him four peals of Stedman Cinques on four consecutive Saturdays, and on Easter Monday he shared in the ringing of four Surprise peals in one day, the only time that this has been done. We said last week that these peals were rung in four different counties. That was an error, as two of them were

ring in Surrey, but they were in four different methods. The peals were: Bristol at Egham; London at Chertsey (both in Surrey); Cambridge at Staines (Middlesex); and Superlative at Old Windsor (Berks). A trip to the Midlands came in the first days of August, and then the war put an end to peal ringing for the time being. From August 8th, 1914, to November 9th, 1918, Mr. Shade rang only four peals, and these muffled for various special reasons. But peace brought a resumption of activities, although some of the names that had figured in Mr. Shade's earlier records were no longer there, and no one felt their absence more than Mr. Shade. Among those who were missed there was none whose loss was more keenly felt than Bertram Prewett, with whom Mr. Shade had rung some hundreds of peals.

In 1919 touring was resumed, and Cheshire was visited once more. There was an Essex tour in 1920, and one in Beds and Bucks in 1922, followed, in 1923, with a tour in Sussex and an increasing number of peals in a great variety of methods in Kent. The year 1924 was Mr. Shade's record year for peals. He had rung 83 in the year 1902, but in 1924 he exceeded this total by one. Having by this time retired on pension, he was able to devote even more attention to ringing, and he joined in tours in Norfolk in June, in Norfolk and Suffolk in August, and in the twelve-bell week in September, when peals of Cinques were rung at Leicester, Birmingham, West Bromwich, Painswick and Cirencester. Last year he had one trip to Durham and Newcastle, and another to Lancashire, Westmoreland and Cumberland. Indeed, there were very few counties in England, besides the considerable number in Wales and Ireland, in which Mr. Shade had not rung a peal.

#### SEVENTY-EIGHT 'DOUBLES.'

There is not space to go into other individual performances in which Mr. Shade shared, though many of them were interesting, for there were first peals in methods in various counties and in some of the spliced ringing which he had done with Mr. Edwin Barnett's band, the first of their kind ever rung. It is worthy of note, however, that during his long career Mr. Shade had on no fewer than 78 occasions rung two peals in a day: three times he had rung three in a day, and once four in a day. Six times he had rung over 40 peals in a year, three times over 50, four times over 60, three times over 70, and twice over 80. He had rung twelve-bell peals in 23 different towers, but in how many towers in all he had rung peals we are at the moment unable to say. The total number of peals which Mr. Shade rang was 1,450, and he had conducted 54, the majority of them before the end of the year 1897.

A review of Mr. Shade's long ringing career is necessarily taken up almost entirely with his peal ringing activities, because it is only of these that there is any permanent record. But Mr. Shade did much more than this. He was ever ready to assist beginners, he took his full share of service ringing, and, when at home, was always in his place at his own church. The fact that he had gone to the city for a practice on the night he met his death is testimony to his general keenness, and probably few men have ever done more than he has to put their ability at the service of others.

#### MISS SHADE'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am desired by Miss Shade to express her most sincere thanks to the numerous change-ringing friends of her beloved brother for their valued letters of sympathy, as well as the personal tribute paid by those attending the funeral at Charlton Cemetery. Such kindly thoughts for Miss Shade in her hour of trial have brought her much comfort, and will not soon be forgotten.—Yours faithfully,

FRED W. THORNTON.

Greenwich.

At several association meetings tributes have been paid to the late Mr. Shade, and muffled peals were rung at Gravesend and Earl's Colne, as recorded in their proper place.

At St. Alfege's Church, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 31st, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Isaac G. Shade, who was for upwards of fifty years a ringer at this church. A peal attempt in the same method failed through the bad 'go' of the 4th bell. E. E. Richards 1, H. Hoskins 2, J. J. Lamb 3, G. H. Daynes 4, A. C. Mason 5, W. Berry 6, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 7, E. Alex. Young 8.

#### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The 53rd quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 17th. There was a good attendance, and the fine peal of eight bells were set going soon after 3 p.m. Tea was served on the lawn at the Denbigh Arms, and 36 sat down.

At the invitation of the Vicar, the meeting was held on the Vicarage lawn. In the absence of the president, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver took the chair. Nuneaton was selected for the October meeting, and Shilton and Whitnash for August and September.

The bells were kept going until 8 p.m., the ringing including Grand-sire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

#### SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION FORMED.

##### ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD UNDER NEW TITLE.

A meeting to re-form the old Salop Archidiaconal Guild into an association for the county of Shropshire was held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 24th, and was largely attended, ringers being present from many Shropshire towers, together with visitors from Birmingham, Crewe, etc.

The business meeting took place in St. Chad's vestry, the Ven. Archdeacon Lambart presiding. The Rev. F. Tennison (secretary to the old Salop Guild), Preb. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale), Revs. E. C. Pigott (Moreton Corbet), H. S. T. Richardson (Hopesay) and F. E. Overton (St. Chad's, Shrewsbury), were among those present.

The chairman said that they wanted to get the Guild, which practically lapsed for a short period, going again on a sound basis. With that object they had invited all who were interested in church bell-ringing to that meeting.

The old rules, with some suggested amendments, were considered, and the meeting decided to change the title of the Guild, which would be known in future as the Shropshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.

On the motion of Mr. W. Saunders, Coalbrookdale, the meeting invited Major Trevor Corbett to serve as Ringing Master, and, in accepting office, Major Corbett impressed on bell-ringers that they were church workers; that bell-ringing was not the end of their work for the church.

Rev. F. Tennison consented to continue to act as secretary, and Mr. E. Rodenhurst was elected to join him in the office.

Mr. W. Short, Shrewsbury, was appointed instructor.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the Rev. J. Mackay, who, the chairman remarked, did a good deal for the old Guild.

The Archdeacon, replying to a vote of thanks, said that by the law of the land the parson had control over the tower of the church, and in most parts of the country he was in sympathy with the bell-ringers; but occasion might arise when it was not expedient to ring the bells.

Touchees of Grand-sire and Stedman Caters were rung on St. Mary's bells before the meeting, and Grand-sire and Stedman Caters and Cinques and Treble Bob Royal at St. Chad's during the evening.

#### ANOTHER ESSEX EIGHT.

##### DEDICATION OF TWO TREBLES AT KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.

On Sunday week, the two new treble bells at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, were dedicated at matins by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, in the presence of a large congregation. Ringers attended from Assington, Ardleigh, Braintree, Great Bentley, Great Bromley, Colchester, Clacton-on-Sea, Great Cornard, Edmonton, Earls Colne, Feering, Greenstead Green, Mistley, Romford, Swindon, Sudbury, Thorington, Thorpe-le-Soken, Tondering and Weeley, about forty in all, including Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. W. J. Nevard (district Master), Mr. R. W. Stanward (district secretary N.E. Division), Mr. W. J. Butler (district secretary S.W. Division), Mr. F. Claydon (district Master N. Division), Messrs. D. Elliot, W. Duffield, F. Sheppard, and many other well-known ringers. During the service a few rounds were rung, and immediately after service 304 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Almond 1, W. J. Nevard 2, F. Claydon 3, W. Keeble 4, C. H. Howard (conductor) 5, D. Elliot 6, W. J. Hazell 7, A. Saunders 8. During the afternoon and evening touchees were brought round in all the standard methods.

The work was carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who also supplied the treble to the old ring of five and erected the steel frame a few years ago. The completed octave is a very musical ring, and the 'go' is excellent.

The arrangements for ringing were admirably carried out by the evergreen veteran, Mr. W. J. Nevard.

#### LLANDAFF AN MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

A well-attended quarterly meeting was held at Blaenavon on Saturday, July 31st. The bells, a light ring of six by Rudhall, were raised early in the afternoon and kept busy until 4.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. D. Ivor Jones) officiated at the service. The address given was on the history of bells, their customs and uses, and was most interesting. The church looked very beautiful, the whole of the interior, including the chancel, having just been painted and decorated by volunteer workers of the parish.

Tea followed the service, and had been very generously provided by the ladies of the parish.

At the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, reference was made to the death of Mr. Isaac G. Shade, of Greenwich, under such tragic circumstances, and the usual mark of respect was shown by all standing in silence. Mr. Shade was a life member of the association.

The representatives to the Central Council meeting gave their report, for which they were thanked.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Caldicot.

Several new members were elected, including the Vicar as an honorary member.

The weather was delightfully fine, the exceedingly hearty welcome given was much appreciated, and the visit greatly enjoyed.

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**

The summer meeting was held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 24th. After a thunder-storm, with rain coming down in torrents at intervals in the morning and early afternoon, the sun came out about four o'clock to cheer the soaked motorists. The view of the very fine old castle of Raby, with the deer scattered about the extensive well wooded park surrounding the old pile, was well worth the journey. A few hundred yards beyond the castle is the fine old church of Staindrop. The tower here, up to the end of 1923, had contained a 'tubby' ring of six bells. These have given place to a very fine ring of eight (tenor 13½ cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The 'go' and tone give pleasure to all who ring or hear them. Staindrop is so far away from everywhere that it was newly four o'clock before a full band of eight men had arrived. From that time onward the bells were kept going in various methods, thirty-three ringers taking part, representing the following towers: Newcastle Cathedral, St. John's and St. George's, Holy Trinity and St. John's, Darlington, Tanfield, Gosforth, and the local ringers. Five o'clock found thirty ringers and friends seated round the well-laden tables at the Central Cafe. The Bishop of Tanfield asked the blessing before tea. Although his lordship is not the oldest member as regards length of membership, he is looked upon as the 'father' of the Guild, for he has only two or three milestones to pass to complete his four score years.

This was not a business meeting, but Mr. Story, on behalf of those present, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. C. Spervies) for the use of the bells, and also a vote of condolence with Mrs. A. F. Billier and family upon the death of her husband, who will be greatly missed by all members of the association. He was most regular in his attendance at the meetings, and a good ringer in all standard methods.

The Tanfield contingent arrived in good style in a private motor with 'Harry the Great' in charge, and the Bishop bringing up the rear just in time for tea.

Afterwards, some had a pleasing stroll about the very pretty countryside, and some returned to the tower for more ringing. The shades of night brought a most enjoyable afternoon and evening to a close.

**A NORFOLK RING RESTORED.**

**VILLAGERS DELIGHT IN HEARING THEIR OLD BELLS AGAIN.**

The bells of the village of Neeton, in mid-Norfolk, a soft-toned peal of six, with the tenor 14 cwt., which have been silent in the tower for over fourteen years, have just been overhauled and rehung, fitted with new steel headstocks, the old wood frame has been strengthened with angle and fitch plates, and new ropes have been supplied. The work has been done by Mr. A. Bowell, bellhanger, of Ipswich. On Monday evening of last week a company of ringers visited the tower to have a trial ring, but long before their arrival the tower was packed with village folk anxious to watch the proceedings and get a knowledge of the art. They showed keen interest in watching such a mechanical wonder as the new sallies going up and down, followed by the mellow tones of the bells blending from the campanile. Ringers from Fakenham and other parishes joined in touches of Oxford Minor and Grand-sire Doubles, followed by a 720 of Bob Minor: H. Cooke 1, A. W. Baldwin 2, Bertie Simpson 3, C. S. Tutill 4, G. Cooke 5, Robt. Cooke (conductor) 6. The occasion formed quite a pleasing and interesting evening, and a little encouragement in this way should help show unenlightened brother ringers the proper way to ring. Neeton is near Swaffham, with its grand peal of eight, and forms one of a group of six-bell towers with the bells all in good order and available for ringing.

**STONHAM ASPAL BELLS.**

**VISIT OF SUFFOLK GUILD MAY LEAD TO RESTORATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Stonham Aspal on Saturday, July 31st, and was attended by about twenty members, representing the towers of Debenham, Earl Soham, Wetheringsett, Framsen, Helmingham, Otley, Ufford, Bury, Ipswich and Lavenham. Two visitors were present in the persons of Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, and Mr. T. Fitzjohn, of Scartho, Grimsby.

The fine ring of ten at the Parish Church were kept going to the tune of Kent Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, also Bob Royal, London and Cambridge Surprise Major, and Stedman Triples, with two courses of Bob Major to help on some of the local band. Tea was served at the Ten Bells Inn, and was followed by a short business meeting, at which the Rector presided, supported by the Guild secretary (Rev. H. Drake).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Southwold at the end of the month, if this can be arranged.

The Rector (Rev. —, Wonacott) was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and several belfry elections were confirmed.

Some of the bells at Stonham Aspal go rather badly, and as a result of the meeting the Rector became so much interested that he decided to have them inspected by a bell-hanger, and it is to be hoped that they will eventually be put into good order.

**THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.**—On Saturday, July 17th, 720 Double Court Minor: E. Youngs 1, E. F. Poppy 2, H. Moss 3, A. J. Herry 4, B. Blaxall 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6. The first 720 Double Court by Poppy, Moss and Blaxall.—On Saturday, July 24th, 720 of Double Oxford Minor: C. Nunn 1, E. Youngs 2, H. Moss 3, G. Kemp 4, E. F. Poppy 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6. First 720 of Double Oxford by E. F. Poppy and H. Moss.

**RINGING IN BOSTON, U.S.A.**  
**A WEEK-END AMONG THE BELLS.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I claim a small space in your paper as to our doings out West for the week-end of July 10th, when we had a busy time and a happy meeting of friends from a wide area. Although this is a large country, we can make arrangements to meet here and help to satisfy their hunger for a pull. So we had with us Mr. J. Oldham (from Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, England), who was over on a business trip—perhaps he will say later what he thinks to this country—Mr. Weatherby, from Montreal, who wanted again to feel what a bell rope was like, and had travelled 500 miles to do it; Mr. E. Randall from New York, 250 miles from here, and he had not handled a rope for eight years. Mr. Warren Sturgis, of Groton School, who was away on his vacation, travelled 140 miles to join us; and Mrs. A. A. Shurtleff (president of the Boston Guild) came a distance of 50 miles to be with us. Our secretary, Mr. Richard Newton, had made all arrangements for our meeting and ringing at different towers, and first we made our way to Hingham on Saturday afternoon. This place is 18 miles out of Boston, and some went by cars and others by train. We did our best to satisfy our wants of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples on a peal of 10 bells installed in a brick tower, in memory of the Stowell family and dedicated November 25th, 1912. But the bells might have been put up better for ringing, as the 6th rope hangs nearly in the centre of the floor.

After the meeting we returned to Boston, and next morning took another car ride to Groton Schools, 40 miles away. These bells, however, do not go any too well in a weak frame, and we were not very sorry when we were asked to stop ringing through sickness near the church. These bells could do very well with the attention of a bell-hanger to put them in a good, strong frame. After lunch, partaken of by some on the lawn, and by others by the wayside, we went on to Perkins' Institute for the Blind, at Watertown, where we had a good afternoon's ringing on a good peal by Mears and Stainbank. The bells hang in a fine tower, close to the Charles River. Later, we journeyed on into Boston to ring for service at the Church of the Advent on another good peal, where some good Grandsire Triples were brought round and our day to a close, after ringing in three towers and travelling nearly 100 miles to do it. Then came the farewells, and we had to make towards our homes in different parts of the country with pleasant memories of the time we had had together, and hoping to meet again.

Although we do not get regular Sunday ringing here, we can, through our worthy secretary, get together when we have visitors coming to this part of the world, and make them feel as if they are still in the 'Old Country' by having a pull. If at any time there is anyone who is thinking of making a trip, the secretary will be pleased to give them as much information as possible.

Those who took part in the ringing were: Mrs. A. A. Shurtleff, Mr. J. Oldham (England), Mr. Weatherby (Montreal), Mr. E. Randall (New York), Mr. Richard Newton (Boston), Mr. G. Goodhead (Boston), Mr. W. Bashford (Boston), Mr. J. Laker (Boston), Mr. Tony Price (lately returned from England), Mr. G. R. Henson (Everett), and Mr. W. S. Sturgis (Groton School).—Yours truly,

G. R. HENSON.

**DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have to point out that the length of my peal of Double Norwich (four-part) appearing in your issue of April 18th, 1924, is 5,312 and not 5,120 as stated. This composition has only been rung to my knowledge on one occasion, at Holy Trinity, Loddon, on March 29th, 1924, for the Norfolk Guild, Guild Collection No. 66.

I regret the error, and append a peal of 5,120, containing the same qualities as the 5,312 but with 8 singles less.—Yours truly,

GEORGE H. CROSS.

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At Halesworth, Suffolk, on June 3rd, in honour of the King's birthday, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells during the day, including 1,008 Grandsire Triples: W. Pierce 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, F. Peck 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS. BRISTOL GUILD'S TWO TRIPS.

Early in the year St. Stephen's Guild decided, as an experiment, that two half-day trips should take the place of the customary Bank Holiday outing, and on Saturday, June 5th, the first of these excursions took place. The members with a few friends, including the Rector and Mrs. Thomas, made a trip by charabanc. Stourton, a lovely, old-time village just over the border of Wiltshire, was the first place of call, a special permit having been granted to Mr. Cave for the party to view the mansion (the seat of Sir Henry Hoare). This fine old house is full of the most rare and wonderful art treasures imaginable, and was quite worth the time given to the visit. Tea was taken at the Spread Eagle, and was followed by some of the party taking a stroll through the charming grounds of Stourton House, while others made use of the peal of six at the church, and a band of handbell ringers was made up for a fete which was being held at the Rectory. The next move was to Bruton, where the visitors were welcomed by an old Guild member, Mr. Geo. Naylor, and the ringing of Stedman Doubles took place on the six bells at the Parish Church. The stay here was short. At Shepton Mallet the party met yet another old member of the Guild in Mr. Charles Millard, and here touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were rung, after which the homeward journey was begun, Bristol being reached at 10.30, after a most enjoyable afternoon.

The second of the outings took place on Saturday, July 10th, when again the glorious county of Somerset was selected. Wells was the first place of call. Permission had been obtained to ring for half an hour only on the unsurpassable peal of ten at the Cathedral (this was extended to three-quarters of an hour by the lenient steeplekeeper). Two touches of Stedman Caters were rung and enjoyed by the ringers. The next stop was at Glastonbury, and the party were met by Mr. Trim, the steeplekeeper of the Parish Church. Touches of Stedman Triples and London Major were rung, and after a substantial tea a move was made for Burnham-on-Sea, where Mr. G. Chamberlain had the bells up and waiting for the party. While the non-ringing members were enjoying the breezes on the sea-front, the remainder were indulging in Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major, three of the local ringers taking part. Bristol was reached shortly after eleven o'clock, the Guild being perfectly satisfied with their selection of the two half-day holidays, which proved so delightful in every way. The ringers wish to thank the clergy for the use of their bells and the various steeplekeepers for their kindness in having everything ready.

### A TOUR IN ESSEX.

The Stowmarket company had their annual outing on Saturday, July 17th. A party of fourteen started from the headquarters, The Post, at 7.30 a.m., by charabanc, and the first stop was made at Sudbury, where at St. Gregory's Church bells were placed at the disposal of the company. Here a few touches were rung before the party went on to Halsted, eight miles away. Here they found the bells running well. Two of the local company took part in a touch with the visitors, but the stay had to be very short. Dinner at Earls Colne, where Mr. Clayton had arranged a splendid meal, which was well served and much enjoyed, after about 35 miles' drive, was the next important item. Here Mr. Tarrant proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Clayton, also the host and hostess, for the kindness shown in arranging and catering for the party. After this a move was made to the church, where several touches were rung on the very musical peal, and much enjoyed. The next run was to Great Tey, where there is another good peal of eight in quite the old style of belfry. Some of the small bells do not sound very well when being raised, but in peal the ring was very passable. The last and best tower of the day was Colchester. Here the party were met by Mr. Nevard, Mr. Bumpsted and Mr. Duffield. A welcome tea, arranged by Mr. Nevard, was ready at Day's Restaurant, and after this had been enjoyed a move was made to the tower, where the best ringing of the tour took place. The bells are of very fine tone and go well. Mr. Nevard took a rope in a touch of Double Norwich, Mr. Duffield called a musical touch of Stedman, and Mr. Bumpsted stood in a touch of Oxford, this concluding the ringing for the day. After looking round the town, a move was made for home, which was reached at 11 p.m. The company wish to thank the various incumbents and steeplekeepers, also Mr. J. Nevard, Mr. Clayton and their guide, Mr. Tarrant. The following methods were rung during the day: Bob Major, Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, etc.

### ST. PETER'S, CARMARTHEN.

On Thursday, July 22nd, ringers of St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, had their first annual outing. The party left Carmarthen by motorbus at 8.30 a.m., and Haverfordwest was reached about two hours later. After a stroll through the town, dinner was served, and ringing took place afterwards, the Vicar welcoming the visitors in the belfry. After a very enjoyable time, the party proceeded to Tenby, where tea was arranged, and afterwards the tower was visited, where another happy hour was spent. Mr. Claude I. Davies, of Liverpool, who was on a visit to Carmarthen, accompanied the party. The homeward trip was begun at 9 p.m., and Carmarthen was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a very enjoyable day. The St. Peter's ringers desire to thank Mr. Rogers, of Haverfordwest, and Mr. Jenkins, of Tenby, for so ably arranging the ringing in their respective towers.

### PUTNEY RINGERS IN WILTSHIRE.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Putney, had their annual outing on July 17th and 18th, and the venue chosen was the Trowbridge and Westbury district of Wilts. The secretary had the party out at 6.15 a.m., which was a bit of a strain for some (himself included), and 7.15 saw all safely aboard the train at Paddington, eleven men answering the roll. A good run to Chippenham and forty minutes to wait, gave an opportunity to make a hurried tour of the town, but no ringing was either contemplated or performed. On (by permission of the railway authorities) to Melksham, and the time having arrived when one might refresh, a slight lunch preceded a visit to the Parish Church, where hung a peal of Taylor's of very recent date, with tenor of about a ton. Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were accomplished, pleasure being expressed at the good going, while the Simpsonians were elated with the tone. Having been hurried up by Mr. Secretary, all were able to catch the train to Trowbridge, where dinner was partaken of at headquarters. The programme said Westbury next, and this tower being duly reached, some of the standard methods were rung. This secretary man gave one no rest, for he demanded that his charges should catch a train for Frome, which was accomplished by a hair's breadth. Arrived at Frome, the visitors were escorted round the historic church by the sacristan, and then raised the bells for more ringing. After tea, the party pushed on to Trowbridge, where they had the pleasure of meeting some of the local ringers, and Stedman Caters, Kent Royal, and a bit of Double Norwich were accomplished. Afterwards they adjourned to 'a place, etc.' History may relate how some heroic souls rang a course of Grandsire Caters in spite of the 'plaudits' (?) of the company present. 'Ringing for service this morning,' said Mr. Secretary at breakfast next day, and with the locals this was duly done, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal being the order. The rest of the morning we were allowed to have to ourselves, but he was soon after us again, for, said he, 'Our Teddy is to call a quarter of Grandsire this afternoon.' Result, the party were hounded off, regardless of those who wished to 'nap,' to Beckington Abbey, where hung a very useful and tuneful eight in the old style and of not much weight. However, 'twas not to be, for someone had the nap all the same, and 'stand' was called at about forty minutes, everybody voting the bells topping. More ringing was done, and then back to headquarters to tea. Brave spirits went for more Stedman Caters, 'If we have to run for the train,' said they. They got 'em, too. A good journey brought the Putneyites back to London at the very respectable hour of 10.15. It might be mentioned that the country was looking its best, the weather was better than expected, and the help and welcome received from steeplekeepers and ringers generally went a long way towards making the outing the success it was, and the company take this opportunity of expressing thanks to all the gentlemen who did so nobly for them.

### ERDINGTON RINGERS AT WESTON.

The ringers of the Parish Church, Erdington, held their twenty-first annual outing on Saturday, July 17th, and visited Weston-super-Mare. The party numbered 17, including the wives of the ringers and Rev. C. W. d'Ombrain, M.A. Leaving Birmingham at 8 a.m., Weston was reached shortly after 11 a.m. The ringers went straight to the Parish Church, and were met there by Mr. Parker, one of the local men. The bells were soon going in various methods, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Treble Bob and Plain Bob being rung. The party then adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where a good repast was served, and presided over by the Rev. C. W. d'Ombrain, M.A. In the afternoon the visitors all made their own arrangements for sight-seeing, and then returned to the hotel for tea. After tea, the secretary, Mr. J. Preston, reminded the members that it was the twenty-first annual outing of the society. They had had many successful outings, but this year had ventured to a seaside resort, and he trusted they had all enjoyed it. They had also for the first time brought with them one of the clergy, and were proud to have him with them. The speaker also hoped they had many more pleasant outings in store.—Mr. W. J. Meers said a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to Mr. Preston for the way he had arranged the outing. He went to a lot of trouble to make these outings a great success. On behalf of the company Mr. Meers also thanked all those who had subscribed to the outing and made it one of the best in the history of the society.—Mr. C. Cottrell seconded the vote of thanks.—The Rev. C. W. d'Ombrain, M.A., said it gave him much pleasure to be with them, and he had enjoyed himself very much. He would also like to add his appreciation of the work of the secretary. He had known him for some time, and knew he was always willing to do anything he could for the benefit of the parish.—The secretary briefly replied to the vote of thanks.—The party then made the best of the time left before leaving Weston. Home was reached shortly before midnight, after a most glorious and splendid day. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Weston for the use of the bells and Mr. Parker for his kindness in having everything ready.

### READING RINGERS AT OXFORD.

On Saturday, July 17th, the ringers, with friends, of St. Giles' tower, Reading, had their first summer half-day's outing—a party of twenty going by charabanc to Oxford, where they were welcomed by Messrs. Finch and Clinkard. The object of this visit was to test the Washbrook Memorial trebles in the peal at St. Ebbe's, and this lovely

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## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**COLERNE, WILTS.**—On Sunday, August 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from the last part of Holt's Original) in 45 mins.: \*H. Weeks 1, J. Greening Taylor 2, F. Canning 3, J. Hallett 4, G. Jones 5, H. Taylor 6, A. Prince 7, \*J. Weeks 8. \*Members of the local company. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the cross, flags and tablet by the Rector, Rev. H. W. St. Leger Chambers, A.K.C., assisted by Field-Marshal Lord Methuen, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.; placed in the church in memory of the men of Colerne who died in the Great War.

**OSWESTRY.**—At St. Oswald's Church, on Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. W. Lidbetter (Isleworth) 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, H. Kynaston 8.—For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire: T. Marshall 1, J. Hughes 2, R. Kynaston 3, H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, R. T. Evans 7, G. Beaton 8. This quarter was kindly arranged for H. W. Lidbetter by the Oswestry ringers.

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—At St. James's Church, on Sunday, July 25th (St. James's day), for the patronal festival and Sunday School sermons: For 7 o'clock Holy Communion, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, for morning service 720 London Surprise, for afternoon service 720 Cambridge Surprise, for evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Holmes (conductor) 1, J. Miller, jun., 2, H. France 3, W. Nelson 4, J. T. Miller 5, J. Ryding 6.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, July 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Common (first quarter-peal), 1, Ray Curtis (first inside) 2, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 3, H. B. Payne 4, F. White 5, F. Mursell 6, F. Gale 7, J. H. Nash 8. Arranged for S. Common.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, July 18th, 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, B. Clark 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasdell (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who belongs to Havant.

**HASTINGS.**—On Sunday afternoon, at Christ Church, Blacklands, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. Livermore 1, Miss G. Clift 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, A. Levett 4, S. Driver 5, J. Downing (conductor) 6, H. Baker 7, L. Giles 8.—For evening service, another quarter-peal in 50 mins.: L. Giles 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, S. Driver 3, J. Livermore 4, W. Oakley 5, J. Downing (conductor) 6, H. Baker 7, D. Buse 8. These quarter-peals were rung on the occasion of the visit of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Falkland Isles.

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little octave was soon going well to Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

The big end men expressed surprise at the statement displayed on the wall that the tenor was actually under 5 cwt., when more weight might have been expected, but the 'go' and tone of the peal were considered excellent, although there was some difficulty in hearing one or two of them in the lower, especially the treble, to which possibly some day a sounding pipe might be fixed. The well-designed tablet placed in the church, at the belfry entrance, to Mr. Washbrook's memory and describing his great ringing abilities, was duly admired by all, and more especially perhaps by one of them who had the privilege of first learning change-ringing from this great instructor in the first Victorian Jubilee year, and subsequently knowing him so well. The return journey was made through Crowmarsh and Henley, reaching home about 11 p.m., a most enjoyable run on a perfect day.

## FARNHAM, SURREY.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, accompanied by their wives and friends to the number of 30, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 17th.

Leaving Farnham in a saloon bus at 7 a.m., they journeyed by way of Odiham and Swallowfields to Reading, which was reached at 8.40 a.m. The ringers then made their way to St. Giles' Church, where they were met by Mr. A. W. Osborne, of the local band, and a pleasant hour was spent in ringing on the splendid peal of eight. After a stay of just over two hours in Reading, the journey was resumed, the destination being Windsor, which was reached at 12.30 p.m. The party then broke up to enjoy themselves in their own way, most of them visiting the Castle and going through the royal apartments during the afternoon. The ringers visited St. John's Church, where they were met by Mr. T. Smith, steeplekeeper, and the bells were kept going for nearly an hour. Whilst in the belfry they were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. Hamilton), some of whom were known to him when he was curate at Farnham a few years ago. The return journey was made by way of Staines and Virginia Water, a stop being made at the latter place for about an hour for the purpose of having a view of the lake and waterfalls, the journey then being resumed, and Farnham reached at 9.30 p.m., everybody having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers wish to thank the incumbent of St. Giles', Reading, and St. John's, Windsor, for so kindly granting permission for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Osborne and Smith for meeting them and having everything in readiness at their respective towers.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Aug. 19th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—GUILDBOROUGH District.—A special meeting will be held at Wellford on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, Aug. 7th. 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.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Wellington on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. free.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7th, at Harlow Common. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. A business meeting will follow tea. (Buses will be running down from Wanstead through Epping and up from Saffron Walden through Bishop's Stortford.) All ringers welcome.—Claud Beeston, Hon. Sec., 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Axbridge on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Clifton (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Tower open 2.30. Buses start from Collin Street 1.30, 2.40, 4.5, Bartons Greyfriar Gate 1.45, 2.45 and every hour onwards. All ringers welcome. The Rectory gardens will be open to the members.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 21, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 5.30.—W. Hughes, Hon. Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Next quarterly meeting at Whitwell on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, provided by the Vicar, for those who notify me before Tuesday, the 10th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, 'Collingwood,' Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. W. V. Mason) at the Rectory, at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly endeavour to let me know not later than Wednesday, Aug. 11th?—E. W. Day, Hon. Dis. Sec., 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin.

**ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey (12 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Green Dragon, Market Square, 5 p.m.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, and C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E. 17, Hon. Secs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Thursday, Aug. 12th.—R. R. Lewis, South Bar, Banbury.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Bolton Police have kindly placed their bowling green and athletic ground at the disposal of ringers and friends on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Arrangements as before.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, August 21st. Tea on table 4.30 p.m. Meeting and social following. Will all ringers and friends intending to be present send number to Mr. Roland Hall, 63, Stourton Street, Rishton, not later than Tuesday, 17th? Price of tea and social not more than 1s. 9d. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at about 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. R. Exton, Springfield Terrace, Scorton, near Garstang, not later than Tuesday, Aug. 17th. Buses every 30 minutes from Tithebarn Street, Preston.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Yateley on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All those requiring tea please advise me early.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.**—There will be no Sunday service ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford, throughout August. Church closed for renovations. Practices as usual from the 17th prox.—George W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

#### SILVER WEDDING.

**JENNINGS—SILK.**—August 6th, 1901, at the Parish Church, Symondsburry, Bridport, Dorset, by the Rev. F. W. Mansel, M.A., Rector, assisted by the Rev. Canon H. R. W. Farrer, M.A., R.D., Rector of Bridport, Chas. Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Jennings, of Allington, Bridport, to Ada Eunice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Silk, of Symondsburry. Present address, Sunnyside, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

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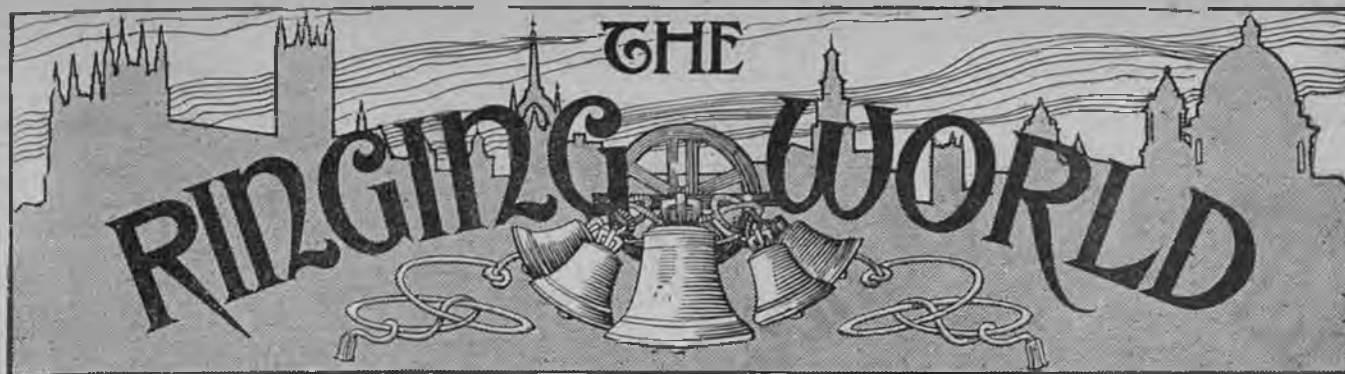
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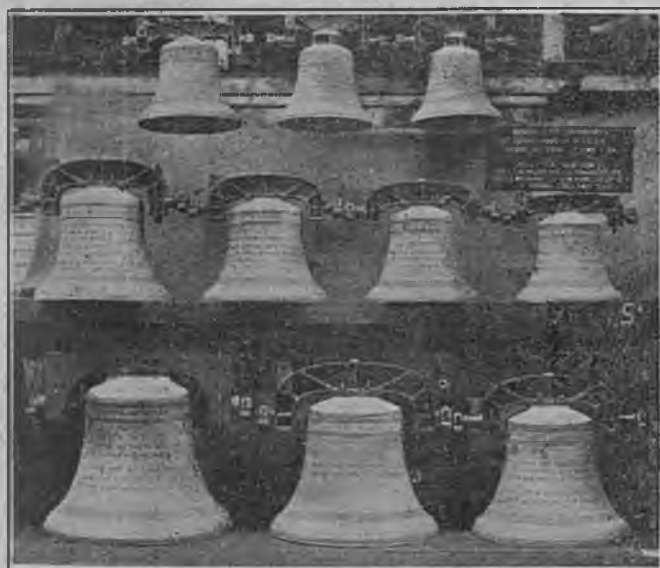
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## A SPEEDING-UP REQUIRED.

A general review of the position of the Exercise at the present moment leads one to the almost inevitable conclusion that, in the last two or three years, there has hardly been the progress which might have been expected. The most encouraging feature of this period has been the amount of bell restoration carried out practically all over the country, but apart from this there have been few indications of any real forward movement. We have had societies, like the Norfolk Guild, lamenting the lack of interest in their organisation and their meetings; we have had men like the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild calling for a greater display of local enthusiasm; we have seen among some associations a net decrease in effective membership, and what must have been apparent to all, an all round falling off in keenness, if keenness in ringing is to be measured by the number of peals recorded. There is nothing at the moment to be alarmed about; it is probably only a passing phase, but it is well that a warning note should be sounded.

For a few years after the war ringing rapidly made good; but there seems to have come a lull in the progress, and it corresponds to some extent with the trade depression which has settled on the country. It is possible that there may be some relation between the two; for partial or complete unemployment would be almost certain to affect the activities of many ringers, who, as a whole, are members of the wage-earning class, and consequently are suffering from the present economic conditions. Be this as it may, we think the various Associations and Guilds should seriously consider what steps they can take to deal with a situation which, while being at present no menace to the art, might, if allowed to develop, cause a serious set-back to the Exercise.

We seldom read of any society even discussing ways and means of increasing either membership, interest or knowledge. They are, for the most part, content to let those join who will; to leave individuals to work up their own enthusiasm and educate themselves in the art. Pre-tentious lists of instructors may appear in reports; but it is seldom that any of them are employed. The work of many of our associations wants overhauling, and, in not a few cases, speeding up. In this the members will look to their officials, but this is not entirely the officials' job. There will be work for the rank and file; they must not only do the 'gingering up,' but shoulder some of the task themselves. Officials with initiative and enterprise are essential, but a handful of men cannot do all the detailed work. They can and should organise, but every member of an association should realise that he, too, has some responsibility; that it is his task to bring in new

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE . . . . . 1	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM . . . . . 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT . . . . . 2	HARRY R. ROPER . . . . . 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY . . . . . 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE . . . . . 9
GEORGE E. SYMONDS . . . . . 4	WILLIAM PYE . . . . . 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING . . . . . 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD . . . . . 11
JAMES BENNETT . . . . . 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET . . . . . Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6093 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES . . . . . 1	ALBERT HILL . . . . . 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT . . . . . 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING . . . . . 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT . . . . . 3	WILLIAM LEWIS . . . . . 8
WILLIAM RANFORD . . . . . 4	JOHN J. JEFFERIES . . . . . 9
*CYRIL TANSELL . . . . . 5	CHARLES CAMM . . . . . Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN H. SWINFIELD . . . . . 1	JOSEPH SLADE . . . . . 5
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD . . . . . 2	JOHN CURTIS . . . . . 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON . . . . . 3	JOHN HOPE . . . . . 7
JOHN HOUGH . . . . . 4	*PERCY GRICE . . . . . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

\* First peal. This peal was arranged for Mr. John Hope, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, who was visiting in the neighbourhood.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

GEORGE ARCHER . . . . . 1	*GEORGE GOWER . . . . . 5
*ALBERT HARRISON . . . . . 2	CHARLES CLARKE . . . . . 6
*GEORGE HOWLETT . . . . . 3	*RUSSELL RICHES . . . . . 7
WILLIAM DENT . . . . . 4	FREDERICK BORRETT . . . . . Tenor

Composed by C. LANG.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First in variation.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN.—On Saturday, July 31st, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, W. C. Jones 2, J. J. Jefferies 3, F. Lawrence 4, W. Ranford 5, C. Camm 6, S. T. Holt (conductor) 7, W. C. Dowding 8. First quarter in the method by the ringer of the 4th.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Treble	MAORICE SMITHER ... .. 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. 2	KEITH HART ... .. 6
ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 7
ARTHUR T. VERRELLS ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

**CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 3	*FREDERICK J. TILLET ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This was Mr. William Pye's 1,500th peal, and Mr. G. E. Symonds' 200th peal.

**OLD CLEEVE.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, August 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

GEORGE CRIDLAND ... Treble	ALFRED BRYANT ... .. 5
FRANK BURNETT ... .. 2	CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 6
JOHN GRATTON ... .. 3	ROBERT EATON ... .. 7
NORMAN CHURLEY ... .. 4	ALBERT J. STEVEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

First peal by Old Cleeve Guild, and the second peal rung on the bells since they have been augmented to eight.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**

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On Thursday, August 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5
RICHARD THOMPSON, JUNR. 2	JOHN FOREMAN ... .. 6
JOSEPH POWELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM STORY ... .. 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 4	ALBERT M. HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

First peal on the newly recast bells. Mr. Keen's 251st peal.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, August 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	SAMDEL J. HECTOR ... .. 5
RONALD G. BECK ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 7
GILBERT H. HANDING ... .. 4	REGINALD F. BECK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

**TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Three Hours & Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH ... Treble	ALFRED KING ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	ARTHUR E. SEARMAN ... 6
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 7
ALBERT FLEET ... .. 4	*HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

\* First peal of Surprise Major away from the treble, and a member of the local band.

**WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.**  
**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMOND,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPPOSITION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS BUTLER, SENR. ... Treble	WILLIAM CATHRALL ... .. 5
CHARLES LEE ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7
HAROLD EDWARDS ... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

Arranged for Mr. Wallater, of Willenhall, Staffordshire. This is the first peal rung for the above association, and the ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 6 were elected members prior to starting for same.

**HANDBRIDGE, CHESTER.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	*JAS. SWINDLEY ... .. 5
JOHN HAYES ... .. 2	GEO. R. JONES ... .. 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 3	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 7
JAS. H. RIDING ... .. 4	SAM JONES, JUNR. ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by SAM JONES, JUNR.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. S. Jones' first peal of Major as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Thos. Riding and Miss Phyllis Leigh, of Crewe.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM LATTER ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIRE ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARNE ... .. 6
WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.	
GEORGE PRESTON ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
*FREDERICK C. BENDER ... .. 2	FRED LAMBETH ... .. 6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... .. 3	ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 7
*ALFRED H. DREW ... .. 4	WALTER S. B. NORTHOVER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal. Also first peal of Stedman in the town of Bridport. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jennings.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
GEORGE WIFFEN... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... .. 3	HAROLD CLARK ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE  
W. J. Nevard's 300th peal.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

WALTER BINGHAM ... .. Treble	ARTHUR S. ROBINSON... .. 5
RONALD E. JOHNSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM BURGAR ... .. 6
MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT ... .. 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN... .. 7
THOMAS O'HARA ... .. 4	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY  
Rung for the 71st birthday of the Vicar of Dore. First peal and first attempt as conductor on eight bells; and first time at Dore that a peal has been called by one of the churchwardens. Ringers of 4 and 6 are from Sheffield, 7 from Norton, the rest being the local company.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

WM. HAZELDINE... .. Treble	W. ARTHUR WESTON... .. 4
JAMES STANWAY ... .. 2	HARRY WHITEHUT ... .. 5
LESLIE HIGGS ... .. 3	JONAH COTTRELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

All the ringers hail from Biddulph Parish Church.

HORSINGTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERIC WADMAN ... .. Treble	† WILLIAM SHUTE ... .. 4
* JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

BRISTOL SURPRISE IN NORTH WALES.

On Bank Holiday, August 2nd, at the Church of St. Thomas, Rhyl, Flintshire, 704 Bristol Surprise Major was rung by members of the North Wales Association: J. H. Riding 1, R. Sperring 2, E. Jenkins 3, W. Bibby 4, J. E. Bibby 5, J. B. Penton 6, H. W. Wilde 7, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 8. This was the first touch in the method by all except the ringers of 3rd and tenor, and is believed to be the first by the North Wales Association.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 7 different compositions. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.	
* PHILIP NORMAN BARTON Treble	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... .. 4
CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 2	ERNEST KIMM ... .. 5
WILLIAM STIBBONS ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by N. GOLDEN.

\* First peal.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT HOWARD... .. Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD ... .. 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 2	ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HARRY BAXTER ... .. Treble	JOHN KING ... .. 4
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 2	GEORGE BASHFORD ... .. 5
DAVID VINCENT ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the treble ringer. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Miss Moore.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob, and 1,440 of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN... Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 4
* CYRIL D. NICHOLAS ... .. 2	JOHN KING ... .. 5
MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal in more than one method on an inside bell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT 17, NORTH SIDE, CLAPHAM.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7-8
WILLIAM H. HEWITT... .. 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.  
Rung after meeting short for Cinques.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CORK, 5, NEW STREET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	* GEORGE WIFFEN... .. 7-8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

**FOR THE BEGINNERS.**

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Those who are attempting to call Bob Doubles from the hints which appeared in this column last week will soon find, if they have not already done so, that there is not enough interest to be continually ringing the fifth or 'observation' bell. They will, therefore, be looking to see how the other three bells are working at the bobs. If you prick out the figures and examine them, you will see that each of these so called working bells is called:—

'IN' (which means running straight in to take the treble off lead, instead of dodging in 3-4 down).

'OUT' (which is running straight from lead out behind, instead of making 2nd's place), and

'MAKE THE BOB' (which, of course, is the 4th's place, and returning to lead, instead of dodging in 3-4 up).

In the full 120 changes each of the three bells is called into each of the three positions, but, of course, beginning in a different place. One is called 'In,' 'Out' and 'Make the Bob'; another is 'Out,' 'Make the Bob' and 'In,' and the third one 'Make the Bob,' 'In' and 'Out.' The importance of recollecting this will be found on the higher numbers, for it is an infallible rule for remembering the course you are in.

At Rayne, Essex, on August 3rd, Basil Redgwell conducted his first 720, which was Plain Bob. It was also the first 720 by J. Claydon, J. Gentry 1, G. Wiffen 2, J. Claydon 3, H. Reason 4, H. Redgwell 5, Basil Redgwell (conductor) 6.

Six ringers of Rishton, Lancs, rang their longest length of Bob Major on Wednesday, August 4th, when they scored 1,230 changes in this method, the only members of the band who had previously rung a quarter-peal of this method being the ringers of the sixth and tenor: W. Aaron 1, R. Hall 2, A. Yates 3, A. Ingham 4, A. Lord 5, F. Read 6, J. Hirst 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8.

On Thursday evening, August 5th, at Ightfield, Salop, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by the whole pull by the local ringers: C. Ellison 1, A. Ellison 2, W. H. Ellison 3, J. Ellison (conductor) 4, H. Ellison 5, R. H. Faulkner 6.

**MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS' 200 PEALS.**

With the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Henley, Mr. G. E. Symonds has rung 200 peals as follows:—

Methods.	Tower Bells. Rung. Condt.	Handbells. Rung. Condt.
Maximus, Cambridge Surprise	1	
" Double Norwich Court Bob	1	
" Duffield	1	1*
" Forward	1	1*
" Oxford Treble Bob	1	
" Kent Treble Bob	1	1*
Cinques, Stedman	11	5
" Grandsire	1	1* 1
Royal, Cambridge Surprise	3	2
" Double Norwich Court Bob	1	
" Oxford Treble Bob	1	1* 1
" Kent Treble Bob	4	2 1 1*
" Bob	1	1* 1 1*
Caters, Stedman	6	2 2 2
" Grandsire	2	2* 2 2*
Major, Bristol Surprise	1	
" London Surprise	1	
" Superlative Surprise	7	1
" Cambridge Surprise	5	4*
" Double Norwich Court Bob	22	15*
" Oxford Treble Bob	13	9
" Kent Treble Bob	15	12
" Bob	19	17* 9 5*
Triples, Stedman	18	9
" Grandsire	26	22† 5 2*
" Bob	1	1*
Minor, one to six methods	14	9
	178	118 22 15

\* Conducted first peal in the various methods. † One silent.

**GALLEYWOOD'S RESTORED BELLS.**

ESSEX CELEBRATION MEETING.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Galleywood on Saturday, July 31st, on the occasion of the celebrations in connection with the restoration of the bells. These have just been rehung on ball bearings, the frame has been considerably strengthened, and a set of guides fitted, which has made ringing much easier than used to be the case at this tower. Messrs. Day and Sons, of Eye, have carried out the work.

A large congregation assembled at the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Roughton), who said that their hearts were filled with thanksgiving for the way in which their endeavours had been blessed. The work was costing £147, and they had been able to raise £139 19s. 3d. mainly by voluntary subscriptions without having to resort to whist drives or dances.

The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, and Mr. R. Mead presided at the organ. The choir rendered the anthem, 'Praise ye the Lord,' the congregation joining in the concluding verses. The Rev. Denyer, of High Roding, gave an excellent address. The collection amounted to £5 4s. 2d., so that only a small sum is left outstanding.

A touch was rung on the bells as the congregation left the church. Tea was served in a marquee, about 50 ringers sitting down. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. Green, district Master. Several new members were elected, including the Vicar as an honorary member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Broomfield in September.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, to the organist, and the Rev. Denyer for his address. He said the Vicar was to be congratulated on the way in which he had raised the money for the restoration, and it was pleasing to know that he had not had to resort to whist drives and dances. He referred to the death of Mr. Shade, who was a member of the association, and it was proposed that a vote of condolence be sent to his sister.—This was passed by the members standing in silence.

The methods rung during the evening included Cambridge Surprise.

**DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN THRAPSTON RINGER.**

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Daniel Redhead, of Thrapston, Northants, who passed away suddenly on Saturday morning, July 31st. Deceased was working up till midnight, Friday, and, after retiring to bed, complained that he could not get to sleep. His wife got up about 5 o'clock and made him a cup of tea, thinking he would get off to sleep after it, but after lying down a short time she heard a noise in his throat, and Mr. Redhead passed away before a doctor could arrive. The facts were communicated to the coroner, who deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Dan, as he was known, was an ardent churchworker. For about 28 years he had been vice-captain of St. James' Church ringers, and could always be relied upon on Sunday or practice night. He was a safe ringer and a good striker, always willing to help a learner. He was for a number of years a sidesman, a member of the Church of England Men's Society, and a trustee of the Royal Oak Lodge of the Nottingham Order of Oddfellows. The number of peals he had rung was 53, as nearly as the writer can ascertain. They consisted of Double Norwich (6), Kent Treble Bob (11), Plain Bob (11), Oxford Treble Bob (3), Grandsire Triples (2), Minor (17), Doubles (3). He was a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, formerly the Central Northants Association.

The deceased was 54 years of age, and his place will be hard to fill. His character was one that may worthily be copied by many.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday, August 4th, the service being of a quiet and impressive character, conducted by the Rector, Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, assisted by the Rev. F. C. Westacott, Rector of Wilby. The bearers were two of his fellow-ringers and two of his workmates. A number of members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild attended to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased, viz.: Messrs. R. G. Black (general secretary), J. Nickerson (branch secretary), F. Stubbs (treasurer), W. J. Gilbert, F. Kirk, G. H. Roberts, E. Mayes, T. Wilson, A. Smart, W. Cheney, G. Jeffs, sen., G. Jeffs, jun., J. Coleman, A. Smart, A. Brown, W. Perkins, J. R. Main, J. King, also a number of Oddfellows and fellow-workmen.

Immediately after the interment, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled by J. Nickerson (conductor) 1, J. Coleman 2, Fred Stubbs 3, W. Cheney 4, A. Wilson 5, T. Wilson 6, G. Jeffs 7, F. Kirk 8. In the evening other members of the Guild rang short touches, and on Sunday the bells were rung half-muffled for service.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—On behalf of my sister (Mrs. D. Redhead, of Thrapston) I sincerely thank my fellow-ringers who attended in such numbers to pay their last tribute to the late Mr. D. Redhead at his funeral on Wednesday, August 4th. Also for the beautiful wreath sent, and the extreme kindness and sympathy shown to my sister in her sudden bereavement.—Yours sincerely,

F. BARBER.

## SOME THOUGHTS ON SIMPSON TUNING.

'PEPPERY'S' CAUSTIC COMMENTS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the three letters on Simpson tuning by J. Hunt, P. O. Laffin and 'Bow Tenor.' All three are very good friends of mine—at least, I believe the first two are in that category. I know the last is—the tenor, I mean, for I regret to say that I have not the pleasurable honour of knowing who the writer happens to be. 'Tis, however, but a treat in store. I agree with these three gentlemen in toto. In fact, I agree with all who favour us with such columns in your valued organ. I wish your paper was a daily, then I could agree with such a lot more friends and with what they all have to say. I might also have the pleasure of agreeing with one or two gentlemen I know—alas! very few—who really know something about this subject—what metal is, what the effects of time and usage will be on metal subjected to different treatment, what effect on elasticity is attained when metal is subjected to the two systems of tuning: the mechanical operation of the one is known as turning in the lathe, and the other the old hammer and chisel system.

I daresay many of your readers will smile when I suggest that there is a difference in effect, notably the bell-founders, but they don't make me lose one wink of sleep, as I know that they have their own pet axes to grind, and I am glad to know that that is so, because when several men each have a pet theory which they wish to persuade the great and long-suffering B.P. to accept, sooner or later an advance is made in the right direction. The only people who won't smile when I say that difference in the treatment of metal will have an effect on the elastic life of metal are the few experts in metallurgy whom we have the honour to number in the ranks of our Exercise. Mr. E. H. Lewis is one of them, and he has not yet spoken. When he does speak, your columns will not longer be troubled by the vapourings of myself and others who possess 'that little knowledge which is such a dangerous thing.'

To return, however, to the letters in your issue of July 16th, there is no doubt that the subject of the acoustic properties of towers, taken in conjunction with their situation as to surrounding buildings, has never yet been efficiently dealt with. When towers are built, the fact that they are to be the future housing of an expensive musical instrument is not even looked at. A tower in these days is a mere ornament, a fetish to be attained at all costs because a church does not look finished without one. It is an expensive luxury, of no use whatever, if it contains no bells or clock; the grave-digger's tool shed, equipped with a pigeon loft, would answer equally well, at about one-hundredth part of the cost; and as to a means of calling people to worship, a good ship's syren would arouse the choir boys equally well, and they would squabble to pull the string just as much as they now fight to pull the ting-tang, and the parish would not be any more vitriolic in the local Press on the subject.

But there is no doubt that many a good peal has been damned, and many a poor peal boosted up, on account of the acoustic properties of the towers they have been hung in by lucky chance. Just to take one good peal that never had a chance to be anything else but a nuisance, its worst qualities magnified a hundredfold, take St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. Were these bells hung in Evesham steeple and Evesham bells transported to Glasgow, I fancy we should hear a different tale told. Glasgow defects would be lost and Evesham's enhanced; and if Pershore bells were hung in Jewry steeple, oh, lor! And yet Pershore are a very good peal. I believe that those who claim that such bells as Lavenham Tenor, Queen Camel Tenor, Wells and others like them are tuned on Simpson's principle, are technically wrong; they never were, because the men who cast them knew nothing of this later-day system or science. They did not even boast a tuning machine—a hammer and chisel or an axe was about all their tuning kit comprised. The fact that these bells conform to Simpson's principles (has it ever been proved?) was a happy accident, plus the excellent acoustic properties of their housings, which resulted in these landmarks they left behind. But I must say that with all our advance and the science at our command to-day, not even half the peals which leave the foundry to-day are the equal in quality of Macclesfield or Bradford Cathedral. But more important than all this tuning fetish is the casting of the bells. I think, if you look at the bells which have weathered a matter of two or three centuries and are now claimed to be Simpson bells, you will find that the thickness of metal at the various points on the contour of the casting will be found to conform to what they would be if they were cast to-day and tuned on Simpson's principle. What is more important, how were they tuned?—with a hatchet! Modern methods are not always perfect, neither are ancient ones, nor are all ancient bells perfect. Just compare Worcester Cathedral with Paisley for quality: some shock you will get.

It is easy to calibrate such castings. Cannot someone give us such a table accurately set out? I cannot do so, as I have neither the ability, the time nor the inclination. The latter I say advisedly, because I believe that if Simpson tuning pleases about fifty thousand parishioners who are paying for the bells, against eight or ten ringers who want the tap-note system, the pound notes will have their way against the tap notes every time. I know which I like to ring, they know which they like to hear, and as the years roll on they will get it—I shan't. Friend Hunt says when he orders a ring of bells he will order the old style; so shall I. I shall order a couple of rings like St. Paul's and Bow, and a replica of 'Pats' and Exeter, but I shall take

good care that I put them in towers like Quex Park with similar surroundings—museum and all, Sir, in which to store those who do not like St. Paul's and Bow. And if ever I can afford to order such glorious bells as those I have mentioned, I shall also be able to afford the band to ring 'em. Eh? Oh, yes; I know where to find 'em. My two brothers will be there, and, yes, my alter ego—the best company in London he is. I could find someone who knew three courses with a coat behind the ninth tuned on Stedman's principle, and you may be sure you would always find 'prime' ringing there; and I'd fetch Jack Perfect from Bingley to roll the tenth along, and when we landed down, our three courses well and truly laid, who would pronounce the 'Benneydiction' over us? Well, who would? Only one is qualified, that I know. He did it for me once, and I hope he'll live to do it again—tuned on Stedman's principle.

It is quite true that you cannot ring Simpson peals as quickly as you can the old-fashioned ones, and the reason is that the Simpson bells emit a much greater volume of sound—i.e., the quantity of reverberations emitted by each bell is greater in Simpson bells than in tap-note bells, and it is necessary to allow some of this to escape before you strike another bell, or else the result is discordant, or, as I have heard it called, 'one solid mass of metal,' or a near approach to firing. But if you notice the time taken to ring five thousand changes on a new Simpson peal and then ring the same number of changes on the same bells ten years later, you will be able to do it ten minutes quicker, and then you don't seem to have packed the bells too close together. Why? 'Q.E.D.' quoth Euclid.

I do not blame the founders for trying to make the contract as large and lucrative as possible; I blame the Church authorities who place those contracts for allowing themselves to be talked into the larger job. The founders are business people, and it is a very good thing for the Exercise that that is so, or else we should not be pre-eminent in the matter of bells as we are to-day. We should still be stagnating in 'the slough of despond of the Middle Ages.' I hope the founders won't think I am crediting them with all the advance made in the science of casting bells; the demand for bells to ring changes on creates supply. If all ringers suddenly decided to stop ringing for a decade, the founders could shut up shop at once.

I believe that Simpson casting is to be preferred to Simpson tuning. I have been told that a certain modern Simpson ring of twelve came out of the sand so near to what was required that at least half the bells were hardly scraped in the machine. In my very humble opinion these bells will retain their breath, or, to be correct, their volume of sound, longer than those bells which have been heavily skirted, because in a casting the heart of the metal is always softer, or more pliable, than the exterior, and the softer the metal the sooner does it become inert—i.e., the nearer you cut to the heart of the casting the more do you undermine its resilient life. I have been dubbed 'an old fool,' 'a fanatic,' 'a theorist with bees in my belfry,' but there is no smoke without fire, and my very good friends the founders (no, not the enemies, Sir) would not bestir themselves to bestow their nomenclatic favours upon me if there were not still 'some oil' left in my lamp!

The twelve bells I have in my mind would suit Mr. Laffin, as the trebles are well weighted and toll a good tale; the tower is in a good situation as regards the surrounding buildings and on a hill-top. I think Mr. Laffin is correct about heavy bells which are 'lucked up' and hung in ball bearings; being 'short gaited,' it takes more out of the ringer in a peal in an even method, as the bells don't help themselves much, and must be 'put' into their places; they don't cut and rise at the dodges as easily as they might do. But a heavy bell, well lucked up and hung on ball bearings can be rung behind with the minimum of effort; hence the opinion one often hears expressed that 'you can ring her with a piece of cotton.'

I do not profess to know much about heavy-bell ringing compared with William Pye, Henry R. Newton, Reuben Sanders, James George and Charlie Kippen, just to mention a few. I have been ringing big 'uns, but the above remarks are prompted by the little experience I have had during my short ringing career, during which I have handled almost one thousand different tenors. I agree with Mr. 'Bow Tenor.' I hope I know him, because I also believe that Simpson tuning is condemned because of one or more lots of noisy howlers. I would not have it otherwise, but the howl of one or more bells in a tower is often accentuated by the acoustic properties of the position of those particular bells; but no one has yet given us a scientific reason for the existence of that howl or what it really is, neither has it yet been explained why in some towers the howl starts when the bells start, but in others the howl starts after half an hour's ringing has been done. I have heard it described as 'the overtones.' In some cases the overtones are pleasant; in others they are too prominent, and these are the sort that get on one's nerves. Be that as it may, the howl exists, so, as it exists, perhaps someone will be kind enough to 'parse and analyse' it for us. What a chance for some budding scientist to 'let his light shine before men.'

But even as many Simpson bells are condemned by their howl, so are many good ancient bells condemned for the same reason, viz., the acoustic properties of their housing. They certainly don't sound to advantage lying on sand in the foundry. Vandalism in these days is almost unheard of where our church is concerned, except in connection with the bells. If 'Bow Tenor' were ordained and called to preach a sermon, it would, without doubt, choose for its text Hebrews xiii. 14, and I for one would say with very good reasons for doing so, and as a

recessional hymn, 'We love the place, O God, wherein Thine honour dwells.' Poor bells; honour seems to have been eliminated on the score of redundancy and inconsistency substituted in its place where the belfry is concerned. If the choir stalls which date from, say 1818, are a bit—well, 'choir worn' (you all know what lads you were when you were choristers and had a new knife), they must be carefully restored; none of the old wood must be touched, nothing must be taken away or renewed; only that which the worms and choir have eaten must be replaced, because this ancient relic was given to the church by one of our forefathers. Uncle Tom Cobley, to wit, gave the oak, and the village wood spoiler carved the stall ends, so a faculty is obtained to restore them. THEY must not be scrapped; oh no, our pious forefathers gave them. But the bells, they are out of sight of all except the parish jackdaws. One never thinks of giving the bells a dose of furniture polish. It may be, and often is so, that a three hundred years' accumulation of filth, and the acoustic properties of the tower and its position, in conjunction with surrounding buildings (which were not there when the bells were put in), may be responsible for the evil reputation they have attained. That is not thought of at all. Antiquity and sentiment are set at naught where bells are concerned. The choir stalls are mediocre, rotten, crude of design, but in the lime-light; the bells may be three times as old: they are not in the lime-light, so they must go, and the ringers have no say in the matter, for has not our Central Council, that 'tree of knowledge of good and evil' of all things campanological, decided that ringers do not know anything about bells?

Therefore, when the founders step in, theirs is the last word, for they have had presented to them by our own Parliament a two-edged sword wherewith to cut down all opposition to their wishes:—'But, my dear Vicar, even the Central Council admits that ringers know nothing about bells.' I can just hear it being volleyed at the Rev. O'Flynn's bowed head.

Dear Jim, bells that one likes don't suit everyone; beauty is in the ear as well as the eye of the beholder, so Simpson may be the thing to suit the parish, and they pay the bill. Dear Percy, the founders have not yet spoken. One of them has written a few disjointed remarks, void of logic, and another has passed a few—oh, so few—remarks, but the facts have never yet been published in the same way that Mr. E. H. Lewis' 'stress and strain on towers' has. Dear Bow Tenor, good old bells are few and far between, and as the years roll on they get few and further between, and in another fifty years there will be none (but that fact won't trouble me), as the good new bells will never make good old ones: they'll be bad long ere their tuners have passed to their repose and back in the melting pot midst the acclamation of Vox Populi.—Yours very sincerely,

SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

### RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Mayes, of Ringstead, Northants, have just celebrated their golden wedding. Both are natives of the village, where they have lived all their lives and have brought up a family of two sons and three daughters. For about fifty years Mr. Mayes has been a ringer at the Parish Church, and was one of the first members of the Central Northants Association, now the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. A lifelong abstainer and non-smoker, Mr. Mayes is wonderfully active and young-looking for his 73 years. In addition to being a ringer, Mr. Mayes has for many years been a sidesman at the Parish Church, and has always been ready to help in any good work. Needless to say, he and his wife are highly respected in the village, and they received many congratulations on completing their half-century of married life.

In honour of the event the bells were rung to numerous touches, including 720 Oxford Bob, by: R. C. Loveday (Thrapston) 1, A. Baxter (Ringstead) 2, W. J. Gilbert (Raunds) 3, G. H. Roberts (Ringstead) 4, F. Kirk (Raunds) 5, F. Chapinan (Ringstead) 6.

Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Mayes entertained the ringers and other friends to a splendid repast, and good wishes were expressed for their continued long life and good health.

### A SILVER WEDDING PEAL.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Bridport, on Saturday, was arranged in celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jennings. It was to have been rung at Wyke Regis, where Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have made their home, but owing to local difficulties it was transferred to Bridport. Messrs. Drew and Benger came from Dorchester as reserve men, and through one of the original band not turning up, and Mr. T. Hervey Beams not being anxious to ring, they both scored their first peal. Several previous unsuccessful attempts for a peal of Stedman Triples have been made at Bridport.

After the peal, the band were entertained to a lobster tea at the Greyhound Hotel by Mr. Jennings, and hearty congratulations and good wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, Sunday, July 18th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: W. C. Lindsey 1, F. W. Webb 2, F. Gardener 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft 5, Geo. T. Craft (conductor) 6.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, for morning service, at St. Swithin's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor in 40 mins.: F. W. Bennett, senr., 1, T. J. H. Wise 2, S. E. Bennett 3, F. W. Bennett 4, I. P. Bennett 5, A. H. Bennett (conductor) 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. William Pye has set up a new great record by ringing his 1,500th peal. This he accomplished at Henley, Suffolk, on August Bank Holiday.

Three generations of the Mash family have held the office of tower-keeper at Southwark Cathedral, formerly St. Saviour's, Southwark, and Mr. Thomas Mash, the present holder of the office, having been 33 years in this service, completes a link of a century of bell-ringing at this famous steeple. His father, the late Mr. George Mash, was for 30 years in charge of the tower, and his grandfather, James Mash, was a ringer there a hundred years ago. This must be, we imagine, a family record.

The pending opening of the new ring of twelve at York Minster is a reminder that August 19th is the anniversary of the opening of the peal of ten at this sacred fane. There had previously been a peal of twelve (the first in the country), but they were recast. This peal of ten were eventually destroyed in a fire in the year 1840.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Deane Rectory, Overton, Basingstoke, writes: It would be a favour if the gentleman who spoke to me at Ipswich concerning some old letters from Birmingham would kindly communicate with me.

By a slip we stated in these notes last week that Henry Hubbard called the peal of Bob Triples which was the first peal by the Union Scholars. The composer and conductor of that peal was John Holt.

The first peal of Double Norwich in Wales was rung at Rhyd on August 13th, 1883.

Sunday is the anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was rung by the Norwich Diocesan Guild on August 15th, 1908.

Another notable Norwich Guild peal was the 10,080 Double Norwich, rung at Henley, Suffolk, in 5hrs. 50mins., on August 16th, 1902.

A peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung on the 'late lamented' Coventry bells on August 17th, 1812.

At Keighley, Yorks, on August 18th, 1811, 'a peal of 5,376 Cambridge Surprise Eight-in, the first in the north of England,' was rung.

## RESTORATION OF YORK MINSTER BELLS.

The new ring of twelve bells at York Minster will be dedicated at 4 o'clock evensong, on Sunday, August 29th.

A 'Ringers' Day' is being arranged for Saturday, September 4th, when the bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

## SOMERSET TOUR'S UNLUCKY START.

### ROAD ACCIDENT TO MR. AND MRS. A. H. PULLING.

The Somerset tour, which began last Saturday, opened in unfortunate conditions. While on the way to Wrington from Queen Camel, Mr. A. H. Pulling riding a motor-cycle, with Mrs. Pulling in the side-car, was involved in a smash. Mr. Pulling was not much hurt, but Mrs. Pulling, unfortunately, was thrown out and sustained concussion, which necessitated her removal to Sherborne Hospital, where, according to a report sent off on Monday, she was going on as well as could be expected. The accident kept Mr. Pulling out of the first part of the tour, and considerably damped the spirits of the whole party. Kent Treble Bob Major was substituted for Royal at Wrington on Saturday, and rung in 3 hrs. 40 mins. Superlative was rung at Clevedon on Sunday, Mr. Oliver Sippetts stepping into the breach as conductor.

Her many friends among ringers will wish Mrs. Pulling a speedy recovery. Two years ago Mrs. Pulling was president of the Ladies' Guild.

## BROADCASTING OF BOW BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Being one of the 'kids' who were 'kidded' to 'listen in' to Bow bells on Saturday evening, July 31st, may I ask the question, Was it really the 'Ancient Society of College Youths' that were giving the performance? We 'country youths' have always looked to the A.S.C.Y. as IT, but after the above-mentioned 'stunt' I am wondering what sort of job they would make of Plain Bob Maximus! I have heard the A.S.C.Y. tap off Stedman Cinques très bon, so am thinking it must have been some other society acting as substitutes on the 31st.

To whatever society it was, 'ancient' or 'modern,' I would offer this advice: Leave duck-hunting alone until a few lessons have been received from the monks of Buckfast Abbey.—Yours sincerely,

UNCLE PETER'S BIG NEPHEW.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Monday, June 14th, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: W. S. Higginson 1, G. H. Edward 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, sen. (composer and conductor) 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, sen., 8. Arranged for Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, this being his first quarter-peal in the method, and also the first quarter-peal in the method for Mr. T. Butler, sen., as conductor.—Haley's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on May 25th in 53 mins. by the same band and conductor, and Brooks' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on June 7th in 54 mins., with R. Biggs taking the place of E. V. Rodenhurst and conducting same.



**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The Coalbrookdale ringers and all others interested will, I feel sure, have read with very great interest your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of last Friday. You very wisely mention and remind us of the attitude that might be taken by the Hereford Diocesan Guild. An explanation here might, therefore, be most helpful to all concerned.

For about twenty years Coalbrookdale ringers have been loyal supporters and subscribing members to the Hereford Diocesan and the Salop Archidiaconal Guilds, while the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe has been an honorary member. It is also a fact that the Coalbrookdale ringers have been the only annual subscribers to the Salop Guild for several years, and it was largely due to their annual subscription for 1926 being sent that sufficient interest was aroused for the revival and extension of the Guild. I think, then, all your readers will agree that if county towers will follow the example of Coalbrookdale all will be well. Coalbrookdale is over 50 miles from Hereford, being situated right on the extreme border of the diocese, whilst it is only 12 miles from Shrewsbury. No matter how loyal we feel towards our diocesan Guild, it is very expensive to attend the annual meeting held at Hereford. On the other hand, it is a real joy and pleasure to meet as a whole, if only once a year.

To be quite clear, I feel sure if the members and those desirous of becoming members in the county will loyally work together, all will be well. Our object in life, whatever our lot or bit or work may be, should be to do it thoroughly, without personal or selfish motives. In conclusion, I feel sure there is a great future in front of the new and extended organisation, providing unity and fairness be our aim. Shrewsbury with St. Chad's 12 and St. Mary's 10, Coalbrookdale with 10 and lots of nice 8's, together with many peals of 6 and 5 bells, will give scope for those of us who are willing to teach.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SAUNDERS

Coalbrookdale.

P.S.—It may be interesting to note that Coalbrookdale will still remain loyal as ever to their diocesan Guild.

**HEREFORD GUILD MASTER WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATION.**

Dear Sir,—I must heartily congratulate the Shropshire Association upon their very wise decision in forming a county association. I personally think it the only thing to be done; and if those with the ability and time at disposal will only put their backs into the work, good results should be attained.

I must say, on behalf of the Hereford Guild, that Shropshire need not fear that Hereford will do anything to impede this work. We have realised for some time that something should be done which the Hereford Guild have found it impossible to do in the far-off Salop part of the diocese. As the Hereford diocese extends to within about four miles of Shrewsbury and then northward to Coalbrookdale and Bridgnorth, which means 50 miles or more from the city of Hereford, anyone would quite realise the difficulties of access.

I am well aware that there is plenty of talent in the Bridgnorth area, and they can cater for themselves, but the same cannot be said of other districts which only struggle on. I sincerely hope that all districts that are now affiliated to the Hereford Guild will remain so, and at the same time do all they possibly can to help the county association. No member of the Hereford Guild knows better than myself the difficulty we have had of late in reaching these districts to help them, and I do not suggest for one moment that we want to get rid of any of them, as the Shropshire members have been most loyal and helpful to us.

I feel very strongly upon the matter of an association for each county, for in these remote parts progress is slow, as, often when associations have to cover more than one county, some parts are seldom, if ever, visited by the officials of the Guild.

I quite intended to be present at the Shrewsbury meeting, but found it impossible owing to the wet afternoon, and as I should have had to ride a motor 'bike' 58 miles each way in pouring rain, I decided to remain at home.

CHARLES EDWARDS,  
Master, Hereford Guild.

**THE LATE MR. I. G. SHADE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest Mr. Joseph Sykes' letter on the late Mr. Isaac Shade, with whom I have had the pleasure of ringing on several occasions. The peal of Stedman the writer mentions as his first in the method was also my first of Stedman, as well as the late Mr. Alf. Grimes' first in the same. Altogether there were three firsts of Stedman in the band, ably conducted by our worthy top scorer, Mr. William Pye, on November 13th, 1902.—Yours very truly,

W. E. PITMAN.

Canterbury.

**BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Friday evening, August 6th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grand sire Triples in 49 mins.: T. Samuel 1, M. Bend 2, J. R. Jackson 3, C. H. Jallands 4, J. W. Kirtton 5, C. Hallam 6, A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, R. Jackson 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to C. Briggs, a member of the local band. Also a birthday compliment to C. H. Jallands.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****VISIT TO THE 'CATHEDRAL OF THE DOWNS.'**

A delightful afternoon was spent at Alfriston, on Saturday, July 31st, when a meeting of the Eastern Division was held. The following towers were represented: St. Peter's, Brighton, St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, Pevensey, Waldron, Lewes, Heathfield and Hellingly, together with members of the local band. Messrs. W. L. Hulbert and Lanadum, of Clippenham and Bristol, were also present. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Marchant Pearson). Tea was provided at Ye Olde George Inn, to which 26 members sat down.

At the business meeting Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair. Several new members were elected.

Following discussion, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Brightling if convenient.

After the meeting, the members returned to the church, where the points of interest in the building were eloquently described. The church is of cruciform shape, with central tower. This latter contains a peal of six bells, the tenor weighing about 8½ to 9 cwt., cast about 1390-1400 by William Wodeward, a London founder; the fifth was cast in 1698 by John Wood, an itinerant founder; the fourth in 1597, by a founder unknown; the third in 1811 by Thomas Mears, and recast in 1908 by Mears and Stainbank; second in 1698 by John Wood; and treble in 1819 by Thos. Mears.

The bells are rung from the floor of the church in full view of the congregation, as no ringing chamber can be provided owing to want of height. The bells are reached from the churchyard by means of an iron ladder, to the north transept roof, and thence by a trap door. They hang in a medieval frame of oak, which stands about 8 feet high, and when viewed from above presents a very remarkable composition of additions, patchings, etc., and altogether makes the most curious assemblage passing as a bell frame to be seen anywhere. The bells are on one level, and all swing in the same direction. The task of greasing the bells at any time is not an enviable one, especially when the wind blows a full north-westerly gale. In such circumstances the steeplekeeper undoubtedly uses the greatest of prudence, which comes before valour. The church, which is dedicated to St. Andrew, is called the 'Cathedral of the Downs,' and it well merits that title, situated as it is in the heart of the hills, with the placid waters of the river Cuckmere running close by. The village is one of the most picturesque in the county of Sussex, and contains very ancient inns. Many a scene between smugglers and excisemen has been witnessed here.

Great thanks are due to the Vicar and churchwardens for the welcome offered to the association members, who spent a most interesting afternoon.

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.****DISTRICT SECRETARIAL CHANGES.**

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Aylsham on Bank Holiday, when the ring of ten bells of the Parish Church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Manley). The luncheon was served at the Black Boys' Hotel. The secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) announced that the president (the Dean of Norwich), owing to an engagement, regretted that he would be unable to preside. The Rev. J. W. S. Tomlin, principal of St. Boniface College, Warminster, who was in charge of the parish during the Vicar's absence on holidays, was therefore voted to the chair. Supporting him were the secretary and the following members of the committee, viz.: Messrs. G. H. Cross, W. B. Duncan, and W. J. Howson, and representatives from Norwich, Northrepps, Loddon and Aylsham, etc.

The secretary moved the election of the following new members:—Victor H. Robinson and Herbert A. Skipper, both of North Elmham; and also the re-election of Messrs. John Aldis, jun., Richard Baldry and George Pointz, all of Saxlingham. The following belfry elections prior to a peal on May 26th, 1926, were ratified, viz.: Mr. Frank Davey, of Exeter, Mr. Thomas Groombridge, of Chislehurst, and Mr. Frank Hoggood, of Reading.

Mr. Robert W. Cooke was elected district secretary for the Fakenham district, in the place of Mr. Charles S. Tuthill, who had resigned.

The secretary announced the resignation of Mr. George T. Peggall, district secretary for Wymondham, and said that he had at present no nomination to put before the meeting, and proposed writing to the district requesting the members to meet with the view of nominating a district secretary in the place of Mr. Peggall.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. W. S. Tomlin for presiding, and at the close of the meeting the members adjourned to the belfry for more ringing until the evening.

**HOME FROM U.S.A.**

At Bocking, Essex, on Wednesday, August 4th, at the Parish Church, 1,314 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, W. Radley 3, B. Redgwell 4, G. Wiffen 5, H. T. Reason 6, W. H. Hammond 7, L. W. Wiffen 8. This was rung to meet Mr. W. Radley, who has resided in the United States for several years and is on holiday in his native parish. He was formerly a Bocking ringer.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE SEQUEL TO THE FLIXTON CONTEST.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I do not pretend to understand the ethics of betting, but John Travis' betting on a certainty seems a very unsportsmanlike action, in fact a dirty trick. There is another point worth noting in connection with this ringing contest at Flixton. The listeners did not know that a miscall had been made; neither, it is likely enough, did the men who were ringing. But the conductor knew, and he still went on and brought the bells round at the proper time. He could hardly have expected to throw dust in the eyes of Tebbs and the other lead taker who were inside the belfry, even if the censors, who were outside, failed to notice the mistake. But I am afraid it shows that all the peals which are supposed to have been rung were not above suspicion.

There is no method which is so easy for a clever and unscrupulous conductor to fake as Grandsire Triples. The three lead course peals—the Bob and Single peals—used to be called 'Bob and Swindle' peals because the large number of Singles gave an easy opportunity for conductors to put a shift of course right by adding or omitting one. But those were not the real 'swindle' peals. The frame work of composition on the three lead course plan is a pretty rigid one. Very little deviation from correct calling will upset the regular work of the sixth or the fifth, and be at once noticed by the band. In a peal like Holt's Original the conductor can usually do what he pleases, and provided that the second and sixth are not called before and the plain course is rung somewhere about seven hundred changes from the end, nothing would happen to cause suspicion. There was one fully authenticated occasion where a conductor started to call Holt's Original and finished up with Pennings' one-part. In that case, as at Flixton, there happened to be a man outside who had good enough an ear to follow what was going on. I am not suggesting, of course, that such faking of peals was ever a common thing, but undoubtedly it has happened.

I do not know what the Ashton men's time was; as they did not ring a true peal it would have been without any value for comparing with the other times. The ringers were: Jonathan Wild treble, Thomas Dewsnap 2, Samuel Moss 3, Thomas Hammond 4, Aaron Walker 5, Joseph Burgess 6, James Moss 7, Charles Greaves tenor. Conductor: Jonathan Wild.

After the match both bands were entertained by a Mr. Wright. This gentleman was a magistrate, and a great lover of bells. He gave the seventh at Flixton, and it was chiefly due to him that the rest of the money for the new ring was collected. As a consolation prize he sent ten guineas to a Major Lees, of Ashton, to be divided among the losing band:—'Mr. Wright begs to present his best compliments to Major Lees, and to request that he will take the trouble to divide ten guineas among the Ashton-under-Lyne ringers, as a small compliment due to their merit on this day in delighting the villagers of Flixton with the most excellent peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples.—Flixton, Midsummer Day, 1808.'

So ended this most famous ringing match. Such a thing would be quite impossible nowadays. The betting was an ugly feature, and the use of the church tower for a money contest was in every way undesirable. Otherwise, the match seems to have been carried out in a fine sportsmanlike manner. We should condemn any such

thing nowadays, but it would not be fair to condemn these men of a hundred years ago. They had the active support and encouragement of leading church laymen, and, if not the support and encouragement of the clergy, at any rate their consent. Men's ideas and standards were different then from what they are now. The other day I came across an account of a church dignitary who, in the early days of the nineteenth century, used to boast that he made three hundred pounds a year by betting on the cricket matches at Lord's.

The Ashton men and their supporters returned home, light in pocket and heavy of heart. They were bitterly disappointed at the loss of the match; the ringers felt sore at losing after having rung the length and rung so well; the others were angry about the trick that Travis had played on them. Moreover, we may be sure that many of them had been drinking freely, and were in a quarrelsome and excited condition. Presently some of the baser sort began to whisper among themselves that the missed bob was not so innocent as it looked. The thing was a planned affair; the conductor had been 'got at,' and to benefit his own pocket had sold his band and his supporters. Under the conditions it did not take long for the whispered suggestion to become a certainty. With angry cries a mob surrounded the cart where Wild was, and was hardly prevented from doing him bodily injury. So furious was the outcry that he thought it safer to take an opportunity of slipping away from the party, and not thinking it safe to go home, he went away for the night to Stockport. Bad news travels fast, and long before the party reached Ashton the report was all over the place that their men had lost through the treachery of the conductor. A big crowd assembled to meet the returning ringers, and all were bent on showing their feeling towards Wild, and likely enough of dealing out personal punishment.

When they were disappointed by his absence they made a lay figure out of rags and straw to represent him after the manner of a Guy Fawkes; they set this astride a horse, and, having paraded it round the town with jeers and curses, hung it from a pole which they thrust out from the window of the church tower, and then set fire to it. A silly and childish exhibition, but one with a very ugly side to it.

A few days later, hoping the excitement had calmed down, Wild returned home. But, although he does not appear to have been molested, he found that nobody would speak to him. His protestations of innocence were utterly disregarded. Everybody was absolutely convinced of his guilt, and not the less so because they could not possibly have had a shadow of proof of it. The fact that he had gone away would no doubt be quite sufficient to condemn him. No man would employ him, he was turned out of his lodgings, and the very tradesmen were afraid to sell him food to eat. He had to return to Stockport, and for twenty-six years he was an exile from his home. Even if he had been guilty, the punishment was surely heavy enough.

Most conductors have at one time or another missed a bob, and we all know how easy it is to do so. Just a momentary lapse of the memory or the attention, at the critical time, and the thing is done. Half a minute later you realise your omission, and it is then too late. A ringer can make a mistake and can put himself right, or be put right; but a conductor has, except in very rare cases, no second chance. Fortunately, people have not

now any occasion to suggest that a missed bob means treachery to the band who is ringing. There is not the slightest reason to suppose that Wild was not perfectly innocent in the matter. He is described as a mild, harmless, inoffensive fellow. In after years, when speaking of the Flixton match, he would cast his cap on the ground, and exclaim, 'Sithee, if ah sowed um, ah hope my hed may drop in my hat!'

But such things as selling a match were not unknown in those old prize ringing meetings. Where there was a lot of betting on the result there was necessarily a lot of people of the most undesirable sort, who cared nothing for the ringing as ringing, but only for what money they could get out of it. We have seen the trick that John Travis played. Men like him were quite capable of trying to bribe a ringer to lose the match by making a mistake, or, if it were the conductor, making a miscall. And it is to be feared that not all the ringers were always proof against temptation. The rule that the belfry should be locked and only the ringers and the lead-takers allowed inside was made necessary by attempts to partly cut a rope or drop sand into the bearings while a particular band was ringing.

(To be continued.)

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE ISLEWORTH BELL FUND.

Another successful meeting of the South and West District was held at Twickenham on Saturday, July 31st, between 60 and 70 members and friends being present. Ringing of short touches to suit both the probationers and Surprise ringers was the order of the day, under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. R. Holloway, and was much appreciated, the methods ranging from Grandsire to Bristol.

A service was conducted by the Rev. E. P. Cole Sheane (Vicar), after which the ringers adjourned to the Church Hall for tea. The usual meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. Etherington (churchwarden), the Ringing Master, and Mr. G. R. Mackman.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality and welcome, and the Vicar, in reply, said nothing gave them greater pleasure than to welcome the association to Twickenham, and to know how the members appreciated their welcome.

Six new members were elected, and much regret was expressed at the lamentable death of Mr. I. G. Shade, beloved and respected by all the ringing fraternity. As an act of reverence and respect, members and friends rose, and with bowed heads remained in silence for two minutes.

The hon. secretary made another appeal for the Isleworth Bell Fund, first for a silver collection, and a copper one to follow, to bring the fund up to £100. This was successful, all members and friends responding most liberally, and, in return, received the secretary's best thanks. The amount collected, with one or two donations, was £3 4s. 6d. One rare and valuable coin was found in the plate, viz., a golden half-sovereign; and should any reader of 'The Ringing World' be interested in collecting rare coins, the secretary would be pleased to make them a present of this one, if they first send along a pound note or two towards the fund.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the host and lady helpers, Mr. Mackman and the Twickenham ringers, the Ringing Master, and all who helped to make the meeting a success.

Handbell ringing and more touches on the church bells brought a most enjoyable and pleasant afternoon to a close.

#### LIST OF DONATIONS.

Grant from the South and West District, £26 5s.; grant from the North and East District, £5; donations: Mr. F. A. Milne £5, Rev. H. M. Relton, D.D. (Vicar), £5 5s., Mr. H. Edgley (churchwarden) £5 5s., Watney, Combe, Reid and Co., £5 5s., Mr. C. S. Bird £1 1s., Mr. J. A. Trollope £1 1s., Mr. R. Holloway 10s., Mr. W. H. Hollier £2 2s., Mr. W. Pickworth 15s., Isleworth ringers £3 15s., Baling ringers (St. Mary's) 7s. 6d., Southgate ringers 10s. 6d., St. Giles-in-the-Field 5s., Anonymous £1, Anonymous £1, Mr. J. Stilwell £2, Mr. C. F. Hare £1 1s., Mr. E. Denyer 10s., Mr. Olive Embleton-Smith 10s., Mrs. O. Embleton-Smith 10s., Mr. Malcolm Waite 10s. 6d., Mr. Dick Waite 10s. 6d., Mr. A. F. M. Tuke (Kumbo, Nigeria) 10s., Mr. J. R. Mackman 10s., Mr. A. Harding 10s.; collections: Isleworth meeting 15s., Staines meeting (St. Peter's) £1 3s., Feltham meeting 4s., Fulham meeting 16s., Chiswick meeting 15s. 6d., Sunbury-on-Thames meeting 14s. 6d. First acknowledgment, £75 15s.

All donations will be thankfully received by: Mr. W. J. Bridges, manager, Barclays Bank, Isleworth, hon. treasurer to the fund; Mr. W. H. Hollier, hon. secretary, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4; or any of the committee, viz.: Messrs. H. Edgley (chairman), J. A. Trollope, R. Holloway, R. Mackman, F. Beadle.

### 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.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Gardiner 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, Miss Hanson 3, J. Elsworth 4, F. Viney 5, P.C. Orchard 6, R. Grater (conductor) 7, C. Knowles 8. Specially arranged for the ringer of the treble, who is on a visit to the town from the Isle of Wight.

**LEWES.**—At Southover Church, on August 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service, and also for the birthday of Mr. John Steadman: W. Ward 1, D. White 2, R. E. Dawe 3, W. Boyes 4, S. Scrivens 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. Steadman 8.

**HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 1st, 1,280 changes of Little Bob Major: J. Ison 1, G. Thompson 2, C. R. Belton 3, A. D. Aldham 4, S. White 5, T. W. Wright 6, E. H. Stoneley 7, F. Cotton (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Thompson.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—For evening service at St. Mary's Church, Sunday, August 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, on the back six, in 28 mins. (tenor 28 cwt.): H. Else 1, A. Symonds 2, C. V. Hare 3, T. Hare 4, E. J. Newell 5, Geo. T. Croft (conductor) 6.

**LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.**—At Holy Trinity Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: \*W. Green 1, \*J. Terry 2, J. W. Simpson 3, N. Bower 4, S. Barraclough 5, H. Simpson (conductor) 6. \* First 720.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, August 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Prior 1, B. Clark (Havant) 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, G. Upshall 5, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th.—For evening service, 464 in the same method, J. Read ringing the 2nd.

**ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Large 1, G. Large 2, G. E. Large 3, F. Boswell 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, C. W. Locke 6.

**OLD LEAKE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 1st, for evening service, 720 changes of Bob Minor: R. Atkinson 1, Miss Elsie Lakin 2, J. W. Lakin, sen., 3, P. Lakin 4, G. W. Houghton 5, J. W. Lakin, jun (conductor) 6.

**ERITH, KENT.**—On Sunday, August 1st, for evening service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., by the following: F. J. Cullum, sen., 1, G. Cullum 2, S. A. Stagg 3, R. A. Cullum 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, D. Robinson 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Edmund's Church, for morning service, on August 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Tom Tebbutt 1, J. Dove 2, F. Hopper 3, I. Bennett 4, John Mackay 5, E. Sibby 6, T. Wise (conductor) 7, A. Monk 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, August 1st, at St. Mary's, Lambeth, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. C. Moya 1, T. H. Tafender 2, R. D. Marshall 3, W. Hardy 4, B. Clarke 5, J. W. Wyatt 6, S. Burditt (first touch of Stedman Triples, and is from Desborough, Northants) 7, C. Maul (first quarter-peal) 8.

**HOUNSLOW.**—On Sunday, August 1st, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: C. J. Tucker, jun., 1, W. Sparrow 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, F. E. Hawthorne 4, F. G. Goddard 5, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 6, J. Kent 7, J. Milner 8.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD.**—On Sunday, April 11th, for morning service at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Springham 1, R. Hayden 2, A. Levey 3, H. M. White 4, F. Bird 5, W. Tarling 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, W. T. Prior 8.

### HEREFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 17th, the Holmer ringers, with their two churchwardens and Messrs. C. Edwards, A. W. Davis, H. Hurcombe, H. Symonds and W. Taylor (invited guests), had an enjoyable outing. Leaving Hereford at 8.30 a.m., ringing took place on the heavy ring of six at Dymock. Newent was the next stop, where the party were met by ex-Sergt. J. Williams. At this church there is another heavy six and a well-kept ringing chamber. Mr. Williams kindly volunteered to act as pilot to Corse, which would have proved a difficult route to find without him. The nice ring of six here is in good order. The party went on to Gloucester for lunch, and there took leave of Mr. Williams. Churcham and Huntley were afterwards visited, and at both these places it was found the bells did not 'go' any too well. The next stop was Foy, where the Rector had invited the party to tea with the Ross district members, and an enjoyable two hours were spent in strolling in the gardens and ringing on church and handbells. Hereford was reached at 9 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

**RINGERS' OUTINGS.****NORTHANTS RINGERS IN RURAL TOWERS.**

On Thursday, August 5th, a very pleasant day's ringing was spent by the following members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild:—Mr. and Mrs. H. Clark (Kingshorpe), A. Marlow (Watford, near Rugby), P. Amos, J. Bennet and T. Wise (St. Edmund's, Northampton), E. Sibley (St. Peter's, Northampton). The weather was ideal when a start was made from Northampton at 9 a.m. for Bugbrooke, and although the party then numbered only four, writes 'T.W.', 'we were not discouraged by the fact. The bells were soon got going, and some good 120's of Grandsire were brought home considering the conditions of the bells. It was here we picked up Mr. A. Marlow.

A tablet in the belfry is inscribed as follows:—

'He that rings and breaks a stay, half a crown will have to pay;  
He that rings in spurs and hat, a quart of ale will pay for that.'

Mounting our cycles again, Dodford was reached, where the Rev. J. W. Strong gave us a hearty welcome, and was very interested in our day's work. On the road again, Newnham came in sight by the scheduled time, and here we expected to do big things. Some delay was experienced, however, owing to the ropes having been recently repaired. Finding a local ringer, we contemplated ringing the six bells, but on commencing ringing the treble proved too much for Percy Amos, and the rope disappeared from view on the go-off. Being somewhat disappointed with Percy's performance, we rang the remaining five and managed to get through a six-score. Some discussion then took place as to the cause of the catastrophe, and the ropes were severely censured.

We then had lunch at the village inn, where we heard such a bad account of Badby bells that they were struck off the list, and Everdon was made the next objective and safely reached. The Rev. F. Churchill came along and set us going. The bells pealing, soon brought a member of our Guild to strengthen us, it being Mr. Atterbury, who was on holiday there. While ringing Stedman, Mr. Sibley came along, looking very hot. We were all very pleased to have his company, and greatly admired his pluck in reaching us so promptly. On reaching the ground floor, the Rector showed us the beautiful work about the church. He was very pleased to learn that the Daventry Branch of the Guild had been formed, and hopes to attend the Staverton meeting with a view of learning more about the Guild and forwarding the movement.

Awheel again, Farthingstone was the next place. Here, owing to the three front bells having no stays and the 2nd only half a wheel, I leave the reader to guess what happened. Lichborough possesses a beautiful peal of five. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman went well, and I have orders to reserve a date for a peal. Unfortunately, ringing was out of the question at Cold Higham owing to a funeral. Patishall brought back memories of losing a peal after ringing two and a half hours. Mr. J. W. Haynes left his job of preparing shallots for pickling and joined us at this church, and the bells were got going to Minor. After tea, Mr. Clark's free wheel had to be rectified, and Percy's tyre sprang a leak. At Gayton, ringing in three methods was indulged in, and at Blisworth, the last place of call, the Rector greeted us heartily. This brought our tour to an end. May I express my thanks to all ringers who assisted me in making the outing such a success, also the clergy in allowing us the use of the bells.'

**ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD, HARWICH.**

The Harwich ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, August 7th. The party, numbering 15 with a few friends, drove by charabanc to Bury St. Edmunds, which was reached at 12.30 p.m. After sight-seeing, the company sat down to a capital spread at the Rose and Crown, nicely served by Host Gaskin. Tracks were then made to St. Mary's Church, and the fine ring of eight were soon set going to Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, with the assistance of some of the local band. At the Norman tower, Grandsire Caters were brought round on this fine ring of ten. The journey was then continued to Sudbury, where the Church of St. Gregory was visited, and great interest was taken in the skull of a former Bishop. Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells, and after tea handbell ringing was indulged in. Tunes were rung, and double-handed touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob brought round. Harwich was eventually reached at 11.30 p.m. The ringers wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells, also Messrs. Chinery and Watson at Bury and Mr. Dixon at Sudbury for having things in readiness, and all those who helped to make the trip so successful.

**A SUSSEX TOUR.**

The annual outing of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, company was held, as in former years, on August Bank Holiday, and took the form of a motor trip in Sussex. Starting from Tunbridge Wells at eight o'clock in favourable weather conditions, the course was set through Coleman's Hatch and over the lovely Ashdown Forest to Cuckfield, the first halt. Here the bells were set going to Superlative, and a first class course was tapped off, followed by Grandsire for the less advanced members, Stedman with local ringers standing in, and finishing with a course of Cambridge. The next call was at Bolney, the original 'eight' of Sussex, where Superlative and Grandsire were rung and other methods attempted. Next came Henfield, a lovely eight from Loughborough, where Superlative, Cambridge, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, after which came lunch, well deserved and thoroughly enjoyed. A move was next made for Steyning, where there were more failures than successes, all being somewhat sleepy after the

lunch and the heat of the afternoon. All sails were then set for Shoreham harbour, where the ringing chamber has no windows, and all ringing has to be done by gas light. Courses of various methods were rung, and then a move was made to tea. Afterwards by the coast road to Brighton. Tea seemed to have awakened the travellers, and good rounds were rung on the ten at St. Nicholas' by the novices, many of whom saw ten bells for the first time, followed by courses of Treble Ten, Stedman, and Grandsire Caters. Finally came the Sussex 'Mecca' of ringers, St. Peter's, where Messrs. Rickman and Keith Hart were waiting together with Mr. C. W. Clarke. Here was rung an excellent course of Treble Ten, followed by a course of Superlative and a touch of Stedman Caters conducted by Mr. Hart. This finished the programme for the day, and the bonnet was then turned towards home, Tunbridge Wells being reached at 10.30. All enjoyed the day's outing, and join in thanking the Church authorities for their donation to the funds, Mr. W. Latter, in whose capable hands were the arrangements, for his staff work, and the incumbents, steeplekeepers and ringers at the various churches for permission to ring and having things in readiness.

**AMONG EAST YORKSHIRE TOWERS.**

The ringers of Hemingborough Church had their outing on August 3rd, when they were accompanied by Mr. H. Morley, of Selby Abbey, Mr. R. B. Smith, of Howden, and ringing friends. The party left at 7.30 a.m. by motor-bus for Hedon via Hull, visiting the church and having a pull on the peal of six (tenor 17 cwt.), which want a 'doctor.' They went on to Patrington, where is a nice peal of 6 (tenor 11½ cwt.), and from there to Withenssea, where dinner was served. In the afternoon they proceeded to Hornsea, and had 'a trot on the prom,' then on to Middleton-on-the-Wolds via Driffield, where tea was provided. Here they enjoyed a pull on the grand peal of 6 (tenor 13 cwt.), and continuing the journey via Market Weighton to North Cave, where there was further ringing on the peal of six (tenor 11½ cwt.). The methods rung during the day were: Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and St. Clement's. The party reached home at 10.30 p.m. The arrangements were made and the conducting done by Mr. W. A. Hudson.

**WARMINSTER RINGERS IN DORSET.**

The ringers of the Minster, Warminster, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 24th. Accompanied by the Rev. A. R. Bellars, the party of twenty left Warminster by charabanc and car at 8.15 a.m., and proceeded to Mere, where the bells were soon swinging to Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Yeovil was the next objective, and the visitors were charmed with this fine ring of 10 (tenor 45 cwt.). Several members of the party had not previously rung on ten bells, but with the assistance of two local ringers a touch of Grandsire Caters was attempted; unfortunately, however, this came to grief. The journey was then resumed, and Lyme Regis reached about 1 p.m. Here an excellent lunch was partaken at the Cosy Restaurant, through the generosity of Canon Jacob (late Vicar of Warminster), who, to the great regret of all, was unable to be present. After lunch, the belfry was visited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major brought round. The party then disbanded, to seek enjoyment in various ways, until 4.30, when the road was again taken. Bridport was the next stop, the party being met at the church by Mr. W. S. B. Northover. Ringing was indulged in for about an hour, after which full justice was done to a sumptuous 'knife and fork' tea at the Wessex Temperance Hotel, where Mr. T. Hervey Beams was awaiting the visitors, and afterwards accompanied them to Bradpole. Good use was made of the short time allotted for ringing here. The last item on the programme was a halt at Dorchester, where Mr. W. J. Simons met the party. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, and the homeward journey was then resumed, Warminster being reached about 11.30 p.m. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and hearty thanks are extended to Canon Jacob for his kind hospitality, also to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, and to all ringing friends who met the party on the tour and so helped to make the day such a successful one.

**HIGH WYCOMBE RINGERS' TOUR.**

The annual outing of the All Saints' Church, High Wycombe, took place on August Bank Holiday. The party, to the number of eighteen, left Wycombe by train, and on arrival at Maidenhead took bus to Old Windsor Church, the first stopping place. After some enjoyable ringing on this light peal, the trippers 'ran into' the Caversham ringers with the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who were also touring the district, and the visit was thus made additionally interesting with friendly chats and reminiscences. Windsor Parish Church was the next venue, and after a number of touches on these bells a move was made to Peasod Street, where Messrs. Denny had a fine meat tea in readiness. This was well served and equally well relished, 'the cups that cheer' being particularly welcome, as was also the rest and quietness after mingling with the 'madding crowd,' for, as one tersely put it, 'all the world and his wife must be at Windsor to-day.' To Slough was the next item, and here again a good many touches were indulged in, a capital 'let down' and a stroll round the town and then to the station in good time to catch the train for home, which was reached safely and in good time, after a fine outing favoured with brilliant weather. Thanks are extended to the foremen of the towers visited, and especially to Mr. T. Smith, of Slough, for his very valued assistance, which helped to make the outing so enjoyable.

[Reports of other Outings are unavoidably held over.]

**SINGLE METHOD 'CAMBRIDGE' EXTENSIONS.**

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Cambridge Surprise, if converted into a double method, would be a Regular Method spoiled.

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Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
12345678	1234567890	123456789012
21436587	2143658709	214365870912e
12463857	1246385079	124638507912e
21648375	2164830597	216483059712e
26143857	2614385079	261438507912e
62418375	6241830597	624183059712e
62143857	6214385079	621438507912e
26418375	2641830597	264183059712e
62481735	6248103957	624810395712e
26847153	2684019375	268401937512e
28641735	2864103957	286410395712e
82467153	8246019375	824601937512e
28467513	2846091735	284609173512e
82645731	8264907153	826490715312e
86254713	8628401735	862840173512e
68527431	6892047153	689204715312e
86254731	8629407513	862940751312e
Lead-head	6892045731	689204573112e
15738264	6980254713	698025471312e
	9608527431	960852743112e
	6980254731	698025473112e
	Lead-head	698025473112e
	1573920486	157392048612e
		10698e254731
		Lead-head
		157392e4t608

At the moment I am not prepared to say that a peal of Major in this method is possible because there are seven false course-ends to every course—i.e., 32546, 24365, 53624, 46253, 65432, 63542, 56423.

In one method, 'Crofton' Surprise, seven false course-ends do not prevent peal production, but whether peals are possible in Cambridge Single Major is at present an unsolved problem.

The Royal is a true method, which is certainly an advantage in peal composition, and for this reason is worthy of the attention of ten-bell ringers.

In my next article I propose to show how 'London' Surprise Minor can be converted into a true double method, and to prove that in its double form it can be extended on even numbers to infinity.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Aug. 19th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. District meeting at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 5.30.—W. Hughes, Hon. Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District. —The next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District. — Next quarterly meeting at Whitwell on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, provided by the Vicar.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, 'Collingwood,' Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. W. V. Mason) at the Rectory, at 5 p.m.—E. W. Day, Hon. Dis. Sec., 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin.

**ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.** — A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey (12 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Green Dragon, Market Square, 5 p.m.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, and C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, Hon. Secs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting.—R. R. Lewis, South Bar, Banbury.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The Bolton Police have kindly placed their bowling green and athletic ground at the disposal of ringers and friends on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Arrangements as before.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held at Ackworth on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells ready early. Tea 1s. 6d. each (members affected by the strike free). Committee meeting 4.15, to decide shield contest. A kind invitation is offered by the Rector and ringers.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District. — A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, Aug. 14th. The bells (8) will be ready at 2.45 p.m. Tea at the Sow and Pigs' Hotel at 4.45. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by Thursday, the 19th.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, August 21st. Tea on table 4.30 p.m. Meeting and social following. Will all ringers and friends intending to be present send number to Mr. Roland Hall, 63, Stourton Street, Rishton, not later than Tuesday, 17th? Price of tea and social not more than 1s. 9d. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at about 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. R. Exton, Springfield Terrace, Scorton, near Garstang, not later than Tuesday, Aug. 17th. Buses every 30 minutes from Tithcarn Street, Preston.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30; also Liss (6). Service 4.30, followed by tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, the 17th inst., the number requiring tea. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Dis. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Yateley on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. B. Hesse, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Next Meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, 21st August. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All those requiring tea please advise me early.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. G. een, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, and James Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Secretaries.

**N. STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The meeting arranged to be held at Betley on Aug. 21st has been unavoidably cancelled.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Great Addington (6), on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Will those who are coming to tea please inform me by Tuesday, Aug. 17th?—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at St. Luke's, Derby. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Ringing at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar after service, and business to follow. Will those who require tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Enfield (St. Mary Magdalene), on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45, but please advise me. St. Andrew's bells open from 7.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea afterwards.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, Ledbury.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Oldswinford on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Brecon on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Towers of St. Mary's and St. David's Churches open for ringing from 10 a.m. (8 and 6 bell towers). Service 3 p.m. in Havard Chapel of the Cathedral Church. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence), by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop, 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify the hon. treasurer (Mr. Chas. Powell, 2, North Road, Brecon), by Aug. 21st without fail the number to be expected for tea.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., National Provincial Bank Chambers, Neath, Glam.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Hursley on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Aug. 24th.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

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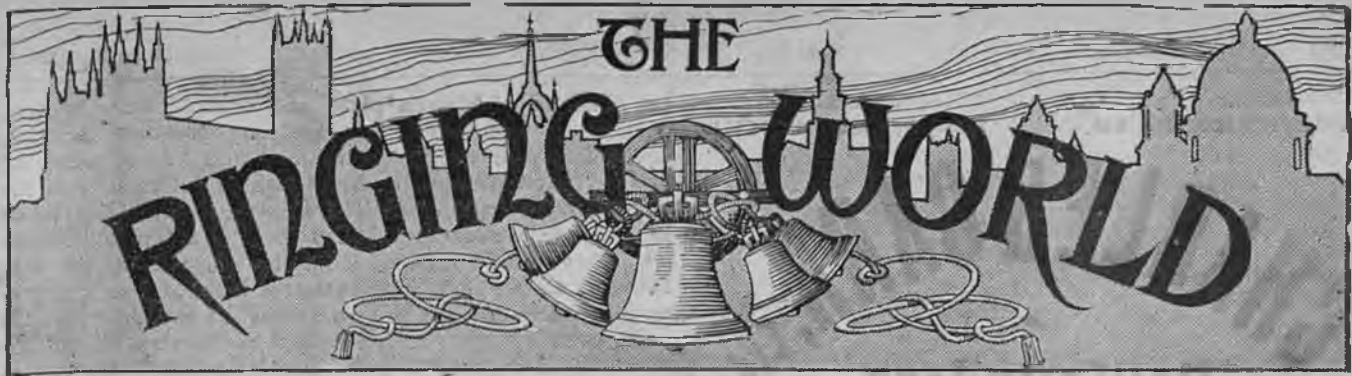
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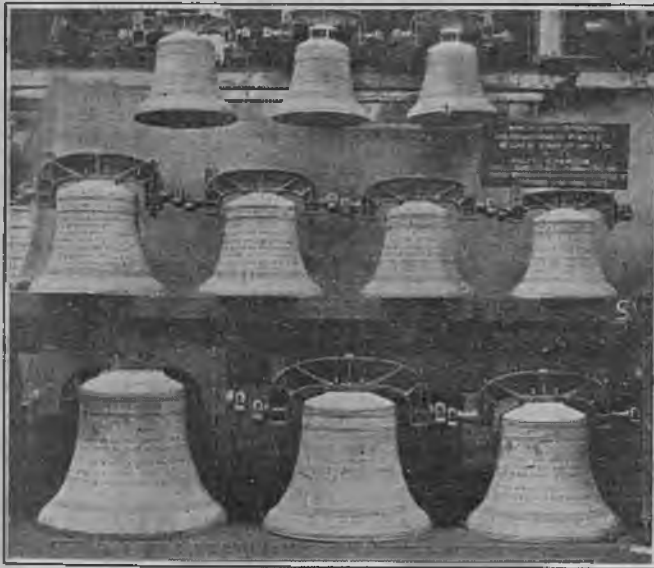
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## FATE OF CITY BELLS.

It is probable that the proposals for the demolition of a number of city churches and the disposal of their sites will be advanced a considerable step further when Parliament reassembles in the autumn. The House of Lords has already approved, and the House of Commons will, in the coming session, be asked to approve of a Measure setting up the machinery by which the scheme can be carried out. 'The Union of Benefices and Disposal of Churches (Metropolis) Measure, 1926,' details the procedure to be followed when schemes are framed and it authorises the disposal of church property and the application of funds thus acquired when such schemes, after passing through the various stages, have received the approval of His Majesty in Council. For the purposes of the Measure the 'Metropolis' is defined as including eighteen Rural Deaneries in the Diocese of London; nine Rural Deaneries in the Diocese of Southwark, and three of the Rural Deaneries in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

When this Measure becomes law, one of the first things, presumably, will be a scheme for the demolition of the nineteen 'condemned' City Churches and the disposal of their sites. Upon the fate of these churches, as churches, ringers may have their own individual views; but with the fate of the bells which they contain the Exercise at large is directly concerned. Six years ago, when this particular scheme was first mooted, the Central Council, at Northampton, passed a resolution 'urging the desirability of preserving all towers in the City of London in which there are notable rings of bells.' This resolution misfired, because, as it afterwards transpired, it was forwarded to a committee which had ceased to exist. In 1923, at Salisbury, another resolution expressing the hope that no sanction would be given to any further demolition of churches in the city, designed by Wren, was shelved by 'the previous question,' largely on the ground that such a motion was outside the purview of the Council.

We are now approaching a time when London will, in all likelihood, be faced by a scheme under the Measure (unless, as is most improbable, it is defeated in the Commons). The City is perturbed about it, and the City Council has already raised its voice in opposition. As a collective body the Exercise may, perhaps, desire to leave the defence of the churches to others; but what of the bells? The scheme, as at present projected, leaves some of the towers standing, notably, from the ringers' point of view, St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge; and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, but does it follow that the bells will be left intact and available for ringing? Although the Measure specifically deals with

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the disposal of church plate and organs, bells are not particularly mentioned, but we may presume they are covered by the words 'furniture' and 'hereditaments,' and in that case can be dealt with in common with the bricks or the hassocks. The Central Council intervened in the case of Coventry bells; there is a ten-fold reason why they should take in hand the question of the City bells, to ensure that, in the case of those where it is proposed to demolish the towers as well as the churches, the bells, even if recast, are re-erected in churches where they can be used for their original purpose; and, in the towers which are to remain, that they continue to be available for use, and that means are provided for their upkeep, or that, alternatively, these, too, may go to other churches where they can be utilised. Unless some steps are taken in time to secure these ends it is possible that many of the London bells may be lost in the wholesale clearance which is contemplated, and we urge the Central Council, not only to keep in touch with all that is going forward in this direction, but to take such action as will enable them to safeguard the bells.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

*JOHN LEE ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER... .. 6
*HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 3	*AMOS W. CLARK... .. 7
*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of London as conductor and first attempt. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Frank E. Darby (a member of the Beddington Society) to Miss Salter, of Carshalton.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

LIONEL J. COLLUM ... .. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 7
JOHN BURLES ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

It was intended to ring Cambridge, but one of the band having to work, the treble man at the last moment kindly filled the vacant place, and rang his first peal of Stedman.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, August 9, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. E. GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. J. BASTON ... .. Treble	FRED BIRKS... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	ALBERT G. HUNY ... .. 6
THOMAS PERRY ... .. 3	JOHN PERRY ... .. 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 4	*BENJAMIN ROBBINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

\* First peal, and belongs to the local band. Rung after meeting short for Stedman, W. J. Baston kindly taking part and making up the band.

CADOXTON.—On Sunday, August 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., being 480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire: H. Matthews 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, C. Lake 3, D. J. Lewis 4, G. I. Lewis 5, P. Lake (first quarter) 6.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Barthomley, Cheshire. Includes names like John Parker, George H. Crawley, Arthur Allman, Albert Crawley, Albert Astbury.

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Triples.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Croydon, Surrey. Includes names like John Lee, Miss Freda E. Orr, John F. Galyer, Thomas G. Bannister, Amos W. Clark, Frederick E. Collins, Charles W. Roberts, Charles H. Kippin.

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN. The conductor's 160th peal for the above association.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Barton-on-Humber, Lincs. Includes names like Harold Eastoe, Herbert I. Mingay, George M. Kilby, Stephen Bromfield, J. Benjamin Bodd, Charles W. Taylor, Arthur W. Hoodless, Walter Ayre.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WALTER AYRE. \* First peal in the method, and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Desborough, Northants. Includes names like John King, Cyril D. Nichols, Miss C. E. Hepburn, Harry Baxter, Walter T. Wilson, Charles W. Bird, Samuel Burditt, Robert G. Black.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK. \* First peal in the method.

HORNINGS HEATH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Hornings Heath, Suffolk. Includes names like Frederick Borrett, William Clover, Albert Harrison, Alphaeus Berry, James Betts, William Rose, William Steggall, Ernest F. Poppy.

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by F. BORRETT. \* 200th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Includes names like Harry Argyle, Thomas W. Chapman, Walter Malins, Abraham Wilkerson, Ernest Stone, Joseph B. Fenton, Joseph A. Fenton, John W. Chandler.

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 1/2 cwt. in G.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Anstey, Leicestershire. Includes names like Miss Mary L. Cufflin, George S. Morris, William Willson, Jun., Harold J. Poole, William Willson, Sen., Ernest Morris, Redvers F. Elkington, Frederick H. Dexter.

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Hillingdon, Middlesex. Includes names like Joseph J. Pratt, Thomas H. Taffender, Frederick W. Elliott, Percy E. Jones, Frank Corke, Joseph Milner, William Rogers, Fredk. W. Goodfellow.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Caterers.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at King's Norton, Birmingham. Includes names like Albert Walker, James E. Groves, Thomas H. Reeves, J. Frank Smallwood, George F. Swann, William A. Webb, Albert E. Norman, John Neal.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung on the occasion of the 51st birthday of Mr. Harry Withers.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Sedgley, Staffordshire. Includes names like John Ray, Samuel J. Hughes, David Heathcock, Wilfred Fullwood, Percival R. Pope, Gilbert Guest, John Goodman, Benjamin Fullwood.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. After the peal, the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. B. Fullwood, whose hospitality was very much appreciated.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the peal at Galleywood, Essex. Includes names like Alfred Richell, Reginald Thrift, Thomas Lincoln, Arthur Head, William Lincoln, Dr. Spencer Phillips, George Green, Harry Sharpington.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\* First peal on eight and a member of the local band. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings, and the 'go' is very good. The ringers thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for entertaining them at the Vicarage to a splendid tea after the peal. Messrs. Lincoln (2) hail from Whittle, Head and Thrift from Chelmsford, Green and Richell and Dr. Spencer Phillips from Great Baddow.

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

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BEDDARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. COOPER... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 4	JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble	*HARRY PARKER ... .. 5
*GEORGE VERNON ... .. 2	WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 6
*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	†ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
*CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 107). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Oxford. † First of Oxford Major. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

USEK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SUMMERS ... .. Treble	JOHN CLARK ... .. 5
WALTER T. BENNETT... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. 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 on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt.

MISS KITTY WILLERS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 2	EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. 5
*FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 3	ROBERT HOWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

\* First peal of London Minor.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford, Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

HENRY WIBBERLEY ... Treble	THOMAS HURD ... .. 4
ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 2	THOMAS HILDITCH ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

A. W. Hall hails from Cheadle (R.C.), T. Hurd and T. Hilditch from Burslem, the rest from Norton.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Burslem, on Saturday, a date touch of 1,926 changes of Minor was rung. It comprised 126 changes of Ipswich, 240 each of Cambridge, Violet and Woodbine, and 360 each of Duke of York, Kent and Oxford, and was rung in 1 hour and 6 min. by: John Barker 1, John E. Wheeldon 2, John Cartledge 3, Arthur W. Hall 4, Thomas Hurd 5, Thomas Hilditch 6. This is the first date touch by ringers 1, 3 and 5, who hail from Cheadle (R.C.). Arranged and conducted by John E. Wheeldon.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE Treble	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. 4
CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 5
ERNEST KIMM ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal and first attempt. With this peal, six members of the Buxton company, under the instruction of Mr. Duffield, have now rung their first peals, all at the first attempt.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4
RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 2	*FRED G. CLARK ... .. 5
†LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal away from the treble. † First peal in the method inside. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Ronald Russell, one of the local ringers. The band wish to tender him their sincere thanks for the kind way in which he and his mother entertained them after the peal.

THE ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

JOINT MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

For the third year in succession, a joint meeting of the above associations was held at Waltham Abbey, and again proved an attraction, some 40 ringers being present. From about 3.30 until 5, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Stedman Cinques were rung, and although age, represented by Mr. Joe Rayner, of St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, did not join in the ringing, youth, represented by the young enthusiast in knickerbockers from Woodford, was not at all backward, and succeeded in ringing a good touch in the last-named method, which should stimulate him to further success in the art. Tea was served at the Green Dragon, and in spite of the service being slow it was none the less sure, and everybody enjoyed a nice meal.

As usual, there was no business, but Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex Association) read letters of apology for non-attendance from Mr. C. H. Howard (Master, Essex Association) and Mr. F. A. Milne (president, Middlesex Association).

The hon. secretary of the latter association (Mr. C. T. Coles) spoke of the objects of the meetings, stating that the continued support given to them was a sure sign of their being appreciated. He was exceedingly pleased to see Joe Rayner with them again, in spite of his 90 odd years, and hoped he would be enjoying those meetings when he was 100.

Mr. F. J. Pittow (general secretary, Essex Association) said that he quite agreed with the objects of these joint gatherings, and he hoped they would be extended. The Essex Association had held joint meetings with neighbouring societies in other parts of their area, and it was all for the good of ringing.—Mr. E. J. Butler (district secretary, Essex Association) also welcomed the ringers present.

After a good touch of Stedman Cinques had been rung, a well-struck course of Cambridge Maximus, arranged for the benefit of the Saffron Walden contingent, was brought round, and the proceedings were brought to a close with more Stedman Cinques, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Royal and rounds on twelve for the boys, who, it is hoped, will next year be able to take part in something better. Mr. W. Pye proved himself a good ringing master, and saw to it that all were served, and in this he was ably assisted by 'Brother Bob' and other well-known ringers.

THE RECENT BOW BROADCAST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As another 'juvenile' who, unfortunately(?), did not hear Mr. Roughton's broadcast lecture on July 31st, and its accompaniment, but has heard quite a lot about the latter, may I point out to fellow-members of the College Youths directly concerned that such a badly staged affair as this appears to have been does not enhance the dignity of the society, and even brings ridicule upon members who were quite innocent with regard to it?

Perhaps the 'Noble Scroof' now find the ordeal at Bow 'a little too much' for them; if so, it wouldn't be a bad idea if they 'sublet' these jobs. Recent events have proved that there are quite a number of people in London capable of dealing with really big undertakings at Bow, and who would not therefore be expected to come to grief over simple ones.

I enclose my name for reference, if required.—Yours faithfully,

'COFFEE POT.'

THE SOMERSET 'BAG.'

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
RONALD T. BECK... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
PRYCE TAYLOR ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method and of Major on the bells.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
PRYCE TAYLOR ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

First peal of Major on the bells.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 9, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
PRYCE TAYLOR ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 4	*ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* 850th peal.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
REV. CAN. G. F. COLERIDGE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5
PRYCE TAYLOR ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 6
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 11, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*REV. CAN. G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	*FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

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

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

REV. CAN. G. COLERIDGE ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6
PRYCE TAYLOR ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN.... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 12, 1926, in Three Hours & Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 5
*OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

\* 350th peal. First in the method on the bells.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

REV. CAN. G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
PRYCE TAYLOR ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
*JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

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

MERE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
*FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* 50th peal of Surprise. First peal of Major on the bells.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

JAMES HUNT ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
*FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 8
PRYCE TAYLOR ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 9
GEORGE W. STEERE... .. 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

\* 100th peal.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.  
MORE ABOUT OLDHAM AND ASHTON.  
BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.**

During the time Jonathan Wild lived at Stockport he rang at St. Mary's. In 1817 a new peal of eight was put up in that church, and the bells were opened with a prize ringing match. There were four prizes, and eight bands competed. The first prize of fourteen guineas went to the senior Mottram band. Oldham were second and won eight guineas. The Parish Church band from Manchester third, and won six guineas. The Mottram juniors fourth, and won four guineas. The Oldham men's peal took two hours, forty-nine minutes and eighteen seconds. As the tenor was 25 cwt., this was quick ringing, probably too quick to get the best effect from the bells; but, as a matter of comparison, I may mention that a couple of years ago we rang a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples at St. Margaret's, Westminster, tenor 26 cwt., in 2 hours 48 mins. That was done without any deliberate intention of ringing a fast peal. Wild taught a local band to ring Grandsire Triples, and called the first peal for them in that method.

Shortly before he died, Wild was allowed to return to Ashton, and there he was buried. There, too, are buried all the others of the band that rang in the Flixton match, one in St. Peter's Churchyard, the rest in St. Michael's. Two only of the graves are marked with tombstones. That of Aaron Walker, who rang the fifth at Flixton, has a bell and rope carved on it and the following inscription:—

'To perpetuate the memory of Aaron Walker, who died January 30th, 1851, aged seventy-six years, twelve days, and was interred on the fifth of February following. He had been a ringer at this church fifty-seven years, and had assisted in bringing round fifty-seven peals of 5,000 changes and two peals of 7,000 changes. He was the first man who rang the tenor bell of the said church single-handed in a peal of 5,000. He rung his last peal of 5,000 in his seventy-fifth year.

'No more thy hand shall ring thy favourite bell,  
The ninth in St. Michael's, which none can excell;  
Yet the bells of this church shall ring o'er thy clay,  
As thy soul finds repose from life's troubled way.'

The other man who is commemorated with a tombstone is James Moss, who rang the seventh at Flixton.

'James Moss, sexton of this church fifty-three years, who after faithfully discharging the duties of the above situation, died April 18th, 1834, aged sixty-six years.

'Here lies an honest, inoffensive friend,  
Peaceful in life and happy in his end,  
Harmless in words and in his dealings just,  
Constant to his friends and faithful to his trust.'

As would be expected, the match at Flixton intensified rather than allayed the rivalry between Oldham and Ashton, and attempts were made to arrange a further match for one hundred pounds, but it never came off. So great was the general feeling in Ashton against the Oldham ringers that if one of them ventured into the place he was promptly turned out of it by the indignant inhabitants.

Through the greater part of the nineteenth century there continued to be good bands and good ringing in

both places. At Oldham, on February 21st, 1821, was rung 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major in 7 hours 26 minutes. This was the composition of W. Eversfield, and was the longest peal at that time rung in the method. It was conducted by Joseph Newton, the conductor of the Flixton peal, and three others of that band—James Taylor, William Rigby and John Whitehead—also took part.

On October 24th, 1847, the Oldham men beat their long peal of Bob Major rung in 1784 by scoring 15,120 in 8 hours 46 minutes. Joseph Newton called this peal also. They did not know that in 1793 a still longer peal in the method, 15,360, had already been rung at Aston, Birmingham. This latter remains the record for Bob Major, except for James Barham's two peals rung at Leeds in Kent, viz., 20,160 in 1753, and 40,320 in 1761. These were rung by relays of ringers, and, of course, cannot count among the record peals.

At Ashton two long peals of Grandsire Caters were rung, the first on April 8th, 1844, 10,259 changes in 6 hours 10 minutes, conducted by W. Underwood; the second on January 1st, 1858, which was one lead longer and took two minutes less time. This was conducted by James Adams. On Friday, May 18th, 1883, the Ashton men rang at Mottram-in-Longendale Thomas Day's 16,608 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 9 hours 48 minutes, at the time the longest peal rung in any method. It was conducted by Mr. Samuel Wood, who has since taken part in many other fine performances, including the 18,000, which, though it cannot rank as a peal, will stand in the history of ringing as one of those failures which only just fall short of the most brilliant successes.

## FOR THE BEGINNERS.

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

By studying the work of the three bells engaged in making a hob in Bob Doubles, as detailed last week, you will get to know the effect which a bob has upon the 'coursing order' of the bells. The 'coursing order' is the order in which the bells follow one another through a plain course, or between two bobs. For example, if the 5th is the observation bell, you will notice that, whereas, in the plain course the coursing order of the bells is 5, 3, 2, 4, after the first bob it is changed to 5, 2, 4, 3, and, after the second bob, to 5, 4, 3, 2.

To make yourself more proficient, make each of the other bells the observation bell. By comparing the alterations in coursing order and the bob lead ends, you will see that the transpositions are relatively exactly the same. Thus, if the 3rd is the 'observation,' the coursing order will be 3, 2, 4, 5 in the plain course, 3, 4, 5, 2 after the first bob, and 3, 5, 2, 4 after the second bob, reverting again to 3, 2, 4, 5 after the third.

A young conductor should be continually pricking out what he wishes to ring; this will teach him much more than all the explanations.

The first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the whole band at Rawmarsh, Yorkshire, was rung for practice on August 9th, and was a very creditable performance. The 1,316 changes were rung in 45 mins.: O. Torr 1, S. Walker 2, A. Ensor 3, T. Cooper 4, E. Pammenter 5, T. Winchcombe 6, H. Mortimer (conductor) 7, B. Ingle 8.

SANDIACRE.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Thornley 1, W. Halford 2, W. R. Drage 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: W. Blee 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, J. Thomas 3, H. Blee 4, R. Lister 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

## YORK MINSTER BELLS.

A special article on York Minster Bells, with illustrations, will be a feature of our issue next week.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting was held at Whitwell on Saturday, when ringers from Carisbrooke, Chale, Freshwater, Godshill, Newport and Ryde were met and welcomed by the Rev. J. C. Orr and the local band. The bells were raised in peal, and ringing commenced with 369 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. O. Rymer (Whitwell) 1, A. Brading (Ryde) 2, H. Phillips (Godshill) 3, B. J. Snow (Ryde) 4, H. Barton (Ventnor, conductor) 5, A. R. Ward (Ryde) 6. The touch was arranged and conducted by the District Master as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. Touches and courses of Bob, Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, also Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Double Court were then rung, in the course of which several probationary members rang their first course, and others their first 120.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address. The ringers were then entertained to tea at the Vicarage by the Vicar and Mrs. Orr, and at the business meeting which followed the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, R.D., Vicar of Freshwater, and president of the district, occupied the chair.

It was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Saturday, November 27th, also a combined practice meeting at Newport on Thursday, September 30th, at 6 p.m.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Orr for their kind hospitality. Some of the ringers then indulged in a game of bowls on the Vicarage lawn, whilst others returned to the church and made good use of the bells.

### DEATH OF A SHROPHAM RINGER.

On August 7th, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, the death occurred of Mr. Wilfrid Allen, of Shropham. About three months ago Mr. Allen developed throat trouble, and this has resulted in his untimely decease at the early age of 44, leaving a widow and two young children to mourn their loss.

Deceased was well known and respected, and had held offices in connection with the Loyal Provident Lodge of Oddfellows, also as chairman of the Parish Council of Rockland All Saints, where he had lived for several years. He had also been district councillor for

his native village of Shropham. It is worthy of note that since the war Mr. Allen succeeded in training, unaided, a company of method ringers as far as three five-bell methods at Rockland All Saints.

Residing in a district where ringing on the higher numbers is very scarce, Mr. Allen's peals, of which he rang eight for the Norfolk Guild, were confined to Doubles and Minor. His enthusiasm, however, for ringing was none the less keen and very unselfish. He was always willing to stand in or to give place to anyone who was anxious for a pull.

The funeral took place at Shropham Cemetery, on Wednesday, August 11th, the minister officiating being the Rev. Bulman Fleming, Rector of Rockland St. Peter, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Watson. The coffin was borne to its last resting-place by deceased's fellow-ringers, who afterwards rang muffled touches as a last tribute of respect to an old comrade.

### A NEW TREBLE AT SIMPSON, BUCKS.

An interesting event took place on Sunday, July 25th, at Simpson, Bucks, when a new treble was dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham (Right Rev. P. H. Eliot, D.D.), who for his address took a text from the Gospel of the day, 'I am among you as he that serveth.' He pointed out how the bells in our churches fulfilled this mission, and how our lives must bear out the truth we ring. Let our work be done to the glory of God. By regular attendance in church, by constant practice in perfecting our art, and by an honourable life, each would indeed show himself 'a workman that needeth not to be ashamed' in the service of the Master.

Immediately after the dedication a few rounds were rung by the local band. After the service a touch of 240 Bob Minor was rung by the following members of the local company: H. Giles 1, G. Guest 2, R. C. Underwood 3, A. E. Hanks 4, J. Clare 5, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6. The ringers and visitors then adjourned to the Rectory for tea, kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. J. T. Lawson) and Mrs. Lawson. An enjoyable hour was spent, and afterwards the ringers again ascended the tower, and touches in various methods, ranging from Grand-sire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, were brought round.

The new treble is by Messrs. A. Howell and Son, of Ipswich. It is in perfect harmony with the old five, and the 'go' is excellent. Messrs. Howell are to be congratulated on the excellent 'splice' they have made. Simpson now possesses one of the handiest rings of six in North Bucks, the tenor, of 7 dwts. 1 gr. 7 lb., in A flat, having been cast in 1630 by James Keene, of Woodstock.

On Sunday, August 8th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor, the first on the bells, was rung by: H. Giles 1, G. Guest 2, R. C. Underwood 3, A. E. Hanks 4, J. Clare 5, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd and the conductor.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The re-opening of the bells and dedication of new ones at Penwortham, Lancs, will take place on Saturday, September 11th. The cost of the entire work is being defrayed by local Freemasons, and it is hoped the opening ringing will be carried out by a Masonic band. In this respect the whole scheme is really unique in the annals of church bells and church-bell ringing. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

It had been proposed to attempt the record peal of Stedman Caters at Leeds, Kent, on Saturday, September 4th, but the event has now been indefinitely postponed.

Members of the College Youths should note the change of venue of the meeting on Tuesday. It will be at Bow, instead of Cornhill. Ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Thursday is cancelled.

John Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, the first true peal ever rung, was performed at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 26th, 1718.

One hundred and fifty years ago next Thursday, the College Youths rang 10,640 Bob Major, in 6 hrs. 31 mins., at Mortlake.

The Royal Cumberland Youths rang their first peal of Stedman Caters, 'the second peal ever performed in the method,' on August 23rd, 1788; it is described in their peal book as '5,184 Grandsire Caters on Stedman's Principle.' It was composed and conducted by John Reeves, and George Gross and William Shipway were in the band.

Henry Hubbard, who was born on August 25th, 1807, took part in a peal on August 24th, 1868, at Guiseley, Yorks, in which the united ages of the band were said to total 553 years. If, however, the above date of his birth is correct, then the aggregate of years falls short of the figure given by three.

The record of the peal was published in 'Bell's Life,' and his age was there given as 64 years 5 months, whereas, if he was born in 1807, he could have been only 61.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob was 'rung in masterly style in 3 hrs. 4 mins. 30 secs.' by J. Hanson, Huddersfield, aged 78 years, 1; J. Kendal, Otley, 73 years 2 months, 2; C. Isles, Leeds, 74 years 3 months, 3; W. Senior, Earlsheaton, 68 years 4 months, 4; H. Hubbard, Leeds, formerly of Norwich, 64 years 5 months, 5; T. Dawson, Bradford, 62 years 6 months, 6; J. Illingworth, Bradford, 66 years, 7; W. Dumblicton, Pudsey, 63 years, tenor.

## COVENTRY BELLS.

The record of all the steps taken by the hon. secretary of the Central Council in the efforts made to preserve Coventry bells has now been published in a neatly printed and nicely bound volume, which Mr. Young has compiled and circulated to the members of the Council and others interested.

As an introduction, there is a short description of the Cathedral and the bells, and the whole of the correspondence, which was very voluminous, is given in chronological order. There are extracts from articles in 'The Ringing World,' together with a reprint of the proceedings before the Consistory Court, and the whole makes an interesting volume which places on record for all time the valuable work which Mr. Young did in his endeavour to save these famous bells.

## DEATH OF ILMINSTER'S OLDEST RINGER

The Iminster ringers have lost a faithful member in Mr. Henry Raison, better known to his friends as 'Harry,' who died on Saturday, August 7th, from heart trouble. He had been a ringer for 52 years. He was not a great peal ringer, having stood in four peals only, his last being on May 10th, 1924, which was rung to celebrate his completion of 50 years' ringing, but he was a most regular service ringer, and during the past 36 years, since when the writer had been associated with him, had seldom missed a service or practice, and was hardly ever late. He was always to be found at the 'back end,' and was just the kind of ringer it is difficult to replace in these days when there are so many counter-attractions.

He came to Iminster in 1892, and joined the local band. Previous to that he rang at Puckington (about three miles out), where he was born.

He leaves a widow, two daughters, and one son who is following in his father's footsteps, having taken up ringing in 1898, and is now ringing at Trowbridge.

The bells at Iminster were rung muffled for the funeral

## MR. F. W. ROGERS' 100 PEALS.

With the peal of Stedman Caters at Yeovil, on August 14th, Mr. F. W. Rogers, of Portsmouth, reached his 100th peal. A peal of Cambridge Major at Mere the previous afternoon was his 50th Surprise peal.

Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 18, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Double Norwich Major 13, Cambridge Surprise Major 14, Superlative Surprise Major 16 (conducted 1), London Surprise Major 15, Bristol Surprise Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Cambridge Surprise Royal 4, Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 2; total 100. Rung in 10 counties, 51 towers, for 7 associations.



## SCIENTIFIC REPAIR OF BELLS.

By C. W. BRETT

(Managing Director, Barimar, Ltd., Scientific Welding Engineers).

It is only during the last few years that there has been any scientific method of restoring cracked, broken or damaged bells; indeed, there are still many bell-ringers and carillonners who consider that the only procedure whereby rehabilitation can be achieved is by recasting.

Now, there may be several objections to this means of repair. It involves, for example, an expenditure which is usually quite unnecessary; it sometimes entails the dismantling of a whole peal, and the carrying out of structural alterations to the belfry. It is time-wasting. Then, again, in the case of historic bells or those possessing sentimental value, there is something unpleasing in the idea of recasting. The bell as it was is gone, and in its place is a replica having the appearance of, and suggesting, newness.

It is not easy to convey the actual feelings aroused when an ancient bell is taken from the place where it has hung for perhaps 400 years and is unceremoniously flung into a patent furnace or crucible. It is difficult, too, when the bell is delivered from a one-ton Ford lorry to recognize the 'sweet-toned tenore' made by Roger Datcherde, 1642, or some renowned founder of bygone days.

The art of the bell-ringers is to a large extent bound up with sentiment, so that—quite apart from economic considerations—anything that jars on the feelings may well give place to a method which does 'less violence' to the sensibilities, especially when its employment means a rapid, economic and absolutely efficient repair.

The question of interest to all ringers is, therefore: How can fractured or damaged bells be restored so as to retain their purity of tone? The answer is by scientific welding.

### AN INTERESTING EXAMPLE.

Now, without attempting to deal with the matter from a metallurgical or severely technical point of view, the following instance may serve to prove that bell-repair is simply a question of handling the problem scientifically and in accordance with the latest discoveries.



THE BROKEN BELL REFERRED TO IN THE ARTICLE.

The accompanying illustration shows a bell which is over three hundred years old. Its sentimental value was quite beyond computation on a pounds, shillings and pence basis, and those interested were averse from having it recast. A nobleman, who had seen similar restorations carried out on the Continent, suggested that the advice and opinion of a welding expert might be sought. His report being favourable, the work was put in hand without delay. At a cost of a few pounds the bell was restored to the 'ring' in just under three days. Not only was the appearance entirely satisfactory, showing no signs of having been repaired at all, but, after tuning, the tone was found to be true and perfect.

The authorities, as might be expected, were not only delighted with the job, but were astounded by the efficiency of modern metallurgical methods. The restoration was voted a positive engineering triumph.

In France, Belgium, Germany, and the Continent generally, the employment of scientific welding for this and similar purposes is by no means exceptional, and details of innumerable cases of successful bell restoration could be gathered which prove that ancient difficulties have given way before the march of modern science.

After all, there is nothing fantastic in the idea that that which has been fabricated by heat should be amenable to high temperature treatment at the hands of experts. The problem, actually, is fairly simple, and the solution is merely a question of using a selected fusive agent suitable to the purpose in hand, the utilization of the services of qualified and competent craftsmen, acting under the direction of a metallurgical specialist, who has made the high temperature treat-

ment of modern metals his special study, and the use of up-to-date apparatus giving complete control of temperatures ranging between 1,000 and 6,000 degrees Fahr.

### SILENT PEALS.

There are, in this country, a very large number of peals which cannot be rung because one or more bells have been cracked or damaged, and the cost of recasting involves a larger cash expenditure than those interested feel justified in incurring, and, as we have already said, there are many among those who are responsible for the maintenance of Church fabric who, owing to a natural fear that bells of great age and enormous antiquarian value may be injured by submission to a form of treatment which is relatively new, refrain from considering the claims of welding.

To all such we would say that, so great have been the strides made in welding practice during recent years, there is now scarcely an industrial metal which does not come within the scope of this unique process of metallic reconstruction.

There is, however, one point of vital importance: the excellence of the method adopted can never counterbalance lack of knowledge and skill on the part of the operator. Scientific welding is not child's play: actually it is an extremely technical process which, in the hands of incompetent craftsmen, can do infinite damage, not only to bells but to high-grade plant and machinery of every description, used for whatsoever purpose.



THE SAME BELL REPAIRED BY SCIENTIFIC WELDING.

Now, regarded in the light of modern knowledge, there is no ineluctable mystery in bell-founding; the metals or alloys used are familiar to all metallurgists; the methods employed are no longer secret; every operation and stage in fabrication is well known to those whose business it is to deal with each and every problem which arises from the employment of metal in any capacity and for any purpose.

From this point of view, then, the devotee to the 'Exercise' or the celebrated carillonner need have no fear in entrusting the restoration of his 'ring' to the welding specialist. His only concern need be: Is this man an expert? If proofs can be adduced to show that he is the safety of the bell or peal is assured; if no evidence of competence is forthcoming, there is no hope for an efficient restoration.

### SCIENTIFIC TESTS.

Welding, which embraces no fewer than six regularly used processes, is a very simple affair, so simple, indeed, that many mechanics armed with a 'torch' and unlimited confidence advertise themselves as welders. Fortunately for them, but unfortunately for the prestige and progress of scientific welding, it is difficult, if not impossible, to distinguish between good and bad welding by superficial examination. This has compelled the specialist to devise and adopt elaborate and rigorous workshop and laboratory tests calculated to reveal instantly such faults as are commonly observed in the work of untrained operators. These include the employment of 'X' rays, radio-metallographs, and photo-micrography, and other reliable means of ascertaining the soundness of the work executed.

It cannot fail to be of interest to all concerned with metallic recreations to know that these tests prove that in something like ninety-five per cent. of the work undertaken by unqualified craftsmen, or qualified craftsmen employing an unsuitable process, the following defects are almost invariably detected: Cold shuts, hard beads, oxidation, distortion, injury to crystalline structure of parent metal, loss of specific physical qualities, warping, out of alignment, burning defects arising from wrong thermal preparation, the use of unsuitable 'filling' metal, overheating or underheating, etc.

Now, any one of these is sufficient to reduce the efficiency of any metal to a negligible quantity, and, in the case of bell repairs, to rob the unit of every quality it possesses. You cannot preserve tone,

you cannot retain true pitch by guesswork. Either a man knows precisely what he is about, when he tackles any problem in practical metallurgy, or he is groping blindly in the twilight of ignorance.

The bell-ringer, however, will not fail to see the folly of entrusting 'his cherished treble,' or any other valuable bell, to the experimental operations of the optimist. The man to undertake the work is he whose experience enables him to speak authoritatively on all questions and cases of metallic reconstruction.

#### WELDING PROBLEMS.

As has been indicated above, the mere junction of metals is the least difficult part of welding; indeed, to unite broken members by any of the fusive agents now commonly used is an almost inevitable result of exposure to high temperature. No special knowledge is required, no particular training is necessary. It is, in a sense, 'any fool's job,' and any fool's job is generally lacking in every desirable quality.

No man can reasonably call himself a specialist unless he is capable of dealing with each and all of the problems which arise in all cases of metallic reconstructions. This naturally does not refer merely to any one class of work, such as bell-repair. Welding specialization, nowadays, means the ability to deal successfully, and in a manner which will yield 100 per cent. efficiency, with all industrial metals.

The operator who cannot deal with modern ferrous composites, and the high-speed alloy series comprising steels containing varying proportions or combinations of zirconium, molybdenum, vanadium, tungsten, chromium, nickel, manganese, titanium, cobalt, etc., is not the man to attempt bell-repairs, simply because the restoration of peals is insufficient of itself to maintain any firm of welders in existence.

But probably enough has been said to indicate that scientific welding represents the solution of the problem of the economic upkeep (or restoration) of 'rings.' It should be borne in mind, however, that no claims are put forward on behalf of the process itself. Frankly, welding, apart from skill and experience, is just as likely to ruin a peal as it is to rehabilitate it. Its actual value consists in the competent application of the appropriate process, and not in the merits of the method.

We have written at some length upon this subject, because, if ever there existed a test for the potentialities of welding, it is to be found in its applicability to bell-construction. It has, as records will show, survived this test, so that the only question remaining for those interested in the art of bell-ringing is the selection of an expert to 'give music to the silent tongue.'

Any and every bell can be restored, but the restoration emphatically implies the services of the acknowledged specialist.

### INGOLDSBY LEGENDS.

#### WAS THEIR AUTHOR A RINGER?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Whilst re-reading my beloved 'Ingoldsby Legends' for the 'nth' time, the idea came to me that their author, the Rev. Richard Harris Barham ('Thomas Ingoldsby') must have been acquainted with technical terms of the Exercise, if not, indeed, an active participant.

About 1812 he was curate of Ashford, Kent, '21 Minor Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, '24 Priest in Ordinary to the Chapel Royal, and, later, incumbent of two more churches in the capital; so, therefore, he must have known his ecclesiastical London well. Let us examine portions of 'The Legends':—

#### THE WEDDING DAY.

'Spare we to tell of . . .  
The toot-toot-toot,  
Of the tabour and flute,  
Of the white-wigged Vicar's prolonged salute;  
Or of how the blithe "College Youths"—rather, old stagers—  
Accustomed for years to pull bell ropes for wagers,  
Rang faster than ever their "triple bob majors,"  
So loud as to charm ye,  
At once and alarm ye,  
"Symbolic," of course, of that rank in the army.'

Or, again:

'Ah! well aday!  
Little deem they,  
Poor ignorant dears! The bells ringing away  
Are anything else than mere parish bells,  
Or that each of them, should we go into its history,  
Is but a "Symbol" of some deeper mystery—  
That the clappers and ropes  
Are mere practical tropes  
Of "trumpets" and "tongues" and of "preachers" and popes,"  
etc., etc.'

There are two other stanzas amongst the 'legends,' but space forbids my mentioning them. Are there any records to the fact that the Rev. R. H. Barham was a ringer? Presumably in the above it should read 'Treble Bob.'

F. A. Y.

Baghdad,  
July 19th, 1926.

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### PRESTEIGN DISTRICT.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Presteign District Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Old Radnor on Saturday, August 7th. Ringing commenced at four o'clock. The Guild form of service was, later, held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. Markham Evans. Tea was prepared in the schoolroom, and was kindly given by the Vicar and Mrs. Evans. Twenty-three members were present.

The business meeting was held afterwards, the Vicar presiding. The district secretary (Mr. J. Preece) reported combined practices, held on June 12th, at Wigmore, when twenty-four members were present from five towers, and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, and on July 10th, at Weobley, seventeen members being present from twelve towers (including Mr. C. Edwards, Guild ringing master), and Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Treble Bob Minor rung.

It was decided to hold monthly practices at Eardisland in September and Presteign in October, and the autumn quarterly meeting at Kington in November, each meeting to be on the second Saturday in the month if possible.

The Vicar and Mrs. Evans were accepted as hon. members, being transferred from Clifford district.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar and Mrs. Evans for their kindness in providing tea, and to the Vicar for taking the service.

The tower was again visited, where ringing was kept up until nearly nine o'clock, Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor being rung. Six towers were represented, and three unattached members were also present.

The church, dedicated to St. Stephen, contains a ring of six fine-toned bells, with tenor about 16 cwt. It is situated on the extreme edge of the diocese of Hereford.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### LUTON DISTRICT.

A most enjoyable and successful meeting of the Luton district was held at Toddington, on Saturday. It was the first meeting held at this place for many years, owing to the tower being considered unsafe, but extensive repairs have now been finished, and members look forward to many pleasant visits. The church, dedicated to St. George, stands on one of the highest points in the county, and is a landmark for miles round. The bells are a very fine peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.), and were a pleasant surprise to many of the younger members, who had never heard them. Some excellent ringing was done during the afternoon and evening, comprising Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, this being the first Surprise ringing ever done on these bells.

Tea was held at the Sow and Pigs Hotel. After tea, a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. A. Ring (chairman of the branch), supported by the priest in charge of the parish (during the absence of the Rector on holiday), and members from Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Bedford, Barton Le Cley, Woburn, Husborne Crawley, Linslade, and Apsley.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Husborne Crawley, in a few weeks' time.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Toddington, and the local men for having everything in readiness. Several of the Toddington ringers took the greatest interest in the visit, and it is hoped they may take up change ringing in the near future.

In the evening the ringing concluded with a good course of Cambridge and the lowering of the bells in peal, which made an excellent ending. A course of Grandsire Triples and Caters on handbells in the village street evoked lively interest among the crowd which began to gather.

### TWO PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By F. BENNETT, BRIGHTON.

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23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
65432	—	—	—	43652	—	—	—
46532	—	—	—	56234	—	—	—
58234	—	—	—	32465	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	54263	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—	25463	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—	42563	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	52364	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	63425	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	42635	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	62534	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	43526	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	54326	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	25346	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	42356	—	—	—
				35426	—	—	—
				23456	—	—	—

This last composition contains the 6th five courses wrong and the extent at home. It can be reduced to 5,040 by omitting the three hobs at home bracketed.

## THE SOMERSET TOUR.

A 'BAG' OF TWELVE PEALS IN AN ENJOYABLE WEEK.

By G.W.S.

*The Ringing Tour last week in Somerset, although at first dampened by the accident which resulted in Mrs. Pulling being detained in hospital at Sherborne, resulted in a successful and an enjoyable time being spent, twelve peals being rung.*

Another ringing week has come and gone. Spoken of in whispers at the conclusion of our tour last year as a vague possibility, it gradually took definite shape until a complete programme was set forth, comprising some fourteen towers. Mr. G. Pullinger was prevented from joining us at the last moment owing to his wife failing with appendicitis, and Mr. E. P. Duffield's business ties kept him at home. Wrington was our headquarters for the first part of the week.

On arrival there, a telegram from Mr. Pulling, stating that he had had a motor-cycle smash and his wife was injured, caused a great cloud of regret and disappointment to spread over us. The message also told us to carry on with the programme until he was able to join us.

The last of the ringers arrived at Wrington about 4 p.m., the time the first peal of the tour on the grand ring of ten at this church was supposed to start. Kent Treble Bob Royal was the method originally decided on for this tower, but owing to the enforced absence of our conductor we had to make an attempt for Major instead. Oliver undertook the job of calling the bobs, and made a good start for the tour, bringing the bells round after 3 hrs. and 40 mins. of music. It was at the second attempt, however, for three successive bobs in the first instance brought the initial effort to a standstill after about half an hour. That our ringing gave pleasure outside the tower as well as in it is evident by the following extract from a letter received by a member of the company from a lady visitor to the village, who resides in Canada, and is shortly returning to that country:—

'It was a great happiness to listen to the bells, and last night I went over to the church and stood under the tower to hear the sweet clashing! It delights me and never tires, also it will be a sweet memory when I am back in my own cold country. I never expect to see lovely England again.'

It may be mentioned here that this lady listened to the whole peal, and her letter indicates the affection people in the colonies have for the church bells in their homeland.

At night Major Hesse, who is, incidentally, a native of Wrington, took some of us out to show us the haunts of his boyhood. The remains of a tree, on which forty men were hanged in Judge Jeffreys' time, was pointed out to us; then some went further, and others who were feeling footsore stayed where they were to await their return. Unfortunately, our guide lost his bearings, and after groping our way through a narrow and overgrown lane, he was forced to admit that we should have to retrace our steps. The hour being in the neighbourhood of eleven p.m., it was decided that this was the best course to adopt. The bell founder, however, seemed rather to enjoy the joke, as he said he came with us for the purpose of getting his weight down a bit.

On Sunday morning we rang for service, and all but two went into the church. I won't disclose who the black sheep were, but it was glorious on the Mendips in the region of Burrington Combe that morning. Our friend lost about five pounds in weight while hill-climbing on this journey alone.

At Clevedon, in the afternoon, we rang Superlative, and Mr. Sippetts again had the privilege of saying, 'This is all.' Right well did he take the place of Alfred. Rain interfered with what might have been a pleasant evening here, so we returned to headquarters looking forward to the good fare we knew would be placed before us.

On Monday, we made our way to Weston-super-Mare, where we met 'old Alf' for the first time since his spill. He had been conveyed hither by Clarence Dobbie, his own bus being out of action. We learned with some satisfaction that Mrs. Pulling, although badly hurt, was making satisfactory progress. A peal of London was successful here. Thence to Wincobine, where a somewhat hurried peal of Cambridge, owing to the 'go' of the bells, was brought round. We were met at this place by Mr. G. R. Fardon, of London, who is recuperating in the district after his long illness.

At Congressbury, known locally as 'Coomsbury,' Stedman Triples was the order for Tuesday morning. After ringing an hour, a mix-up caused another start to be made, and this time we did the job as it was expected of us. After four hours and a half on this lumpy peal (the tenor is 35 cwt.) we were ready for our lunch. We were supposed to go to Wraxall for a peal in the afternoon, but, as so much time had been taken up in the morning and we were to ring at Wrington in the evening, it was decided to just visit the tower to sample the bells and come away again. Mr. Taylor, who so very kindly put his car at the disposal of the band throughout the week, took some of us on first to find the road, as he was not sure of his ground, but Mr. Dyke, a native of the county, said he would show Dobbie a quicker way across country, as he had noticed a signpost pointing in that direction earlier in the day. The short cut was all right to start with, but after a mile or so it developed into nothing more than grass track just wide enough to accommodate a motor-cycle and sidecar outfit. First of all Dobbie, with Alf at his side and Popsie behind, got stuck in a rut. After extricating him, we made a little more

strenuous progress, when Joe had to pull up to move a lump of brush-wood out of the path. By this time both passengers in the rear machine thought it would be safer to be on their feet. Then came a very sharp decline, down which it took Joe all his time to prevent the bike running away with us. This doesn't sound much, but when you consider that no one knew what lay round the next corner, it was a different proposition, especially when there was a possibility of pushing those bikes up that hill again. On pulling up, I went in front to reconnoitre, and as no further obstacle could be seen for the next hundred yards we pushed on, in more senses than one, a bit farther. A locked gate, which then came into view, appeared to put an end to our endeavours, but on inspection it was found that a smaller unlocked gate at the side gave access to open moorland country. Joe then had to unship his sidecar cargo, in the shape of young Bert, for the first time in his history, and we had literally to carry the 'Trusty Triumph' through. Then came a sharp rise up a grassy slope, with lumps of rock bulging out at all angles; the wheels would not grip owing to the recently fallen rain, so more pushing was resorted to.

At the summit of this hill, which we were now told was Rexhill, not a sign of a road could be seen anywhere. Inspection of the map showed a road somewhere close at hand, but where was it, and how to get to it? There was nothing but a sea of bracken in all directions. A track was forced through this, to the consternation of the rabbits in the vicinity, towards a farmhouse in the distance, where joy! the track of a motor-car could be plainly seen on the greensward. Another gate then faced us, on which was displayed a notice that all the ground which we had just covered was private. Fortunately for us, no one was there to question our movements, so we moved on once more. Our troubles were now at an end, for we found ourselves at the top end of Brockley Coombe, through which we descended, and a prettier little piece it would be hard to find. Once on the main road, it was not long before Wraxall came into view. Mr. Taylor's party, who had been waited patiently for us for an hour, had been indulging in Grandsire Doubles. It might be of interest to record this performance, considering the band that rang it. In fact, the editor might find room for it in the 'Beginners' column.' The band stood thus: Oliver Sippetts 1, William Beeson, sen., 2, Canon Coleridge 3, Pryce Taylor 4, William Beeson, jun., 5, Frederick Rogers 6. Here, again, the prowess of the treble ringer was exhibited.

It was a great disappointment to all of us when we heard the bells that we had not sufficient time to start for a peal on them.

(To be continued.)

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**FOLESTONE, KENT.**—On Sunday, August 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Finn (Brabourne) 1, G. Cullum 2, Miss E. Jarvis 3, F. W. Ferriss (Coventry) 4, W. Kitchen 5, Wm. Steed (Tunbridge) 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, T. Anderson and Mrs. M. Philpott 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Chorley 1, S. E. Moye 2, L. Grey 3, T. H. Taffender 4, J. Bennett 5, W. Rogers 6, W. Berry 7, H. Taylor 8.

**HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—Before the dedication service, at the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 minutes: G. Thompson 1, A. D. Aldham 2, J. Ison 3, C. E. Payne 4, T. W. Wright 5, P. A. Aldham 6, F. Cotton (conductor) 7, L. Perrin 8.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, August 15th, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, 1,248 London Surprise Major in 47 mins.: N. Thomas 1, C. Newman 2, J. Lord 3, H. Chambers 4, C. W. Bird (Kettering) 5, D. Vincent (Kettering) 6, W. Perkins 7, A. Y. Tyler (conductor) 8.

**FRINSTED, KENT.**—On Sunday, August 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of doubles (1,260 changes), being 300 of Grandsire, 480 Canterbury Pleasure, and 480 Plain Bob: L. Hals 1, G. Kenward 2, T. Jull 3, W. J. Walker 4, G. Gilbert (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal on the bells.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.**—On Sunday, August 8th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins.: R. Walker 1, W. Hughes (first 720 as conductor) 2, J. Floyd 3, W. Shepherd 4, H. Gates 5, H. Golding 6.

**KEMPSTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on August 8th, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the five victims of the balloon disaster at Kempston, on August 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor and 288 of Woodbine Treble Bob, for morning service, and for evening service 720 College Exercise and two courses of Bob Doubles, the following ringers taking part: Messrs. F. Inskip, L. Turner, N. Wiles, A. Waller, A. Beard, G. Hutchings (local ringers), and M. Wooding (of Bedford).

**ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.**—For morning service, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, July 25th, 720 Bourne Surprise: G. Southgate 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Woodard 3, A. Bale 4, R. Pilgrim 5, N. Bailey 6.—On August 1st, for evening service, 720 London Surprise by the same band, and on Tuesday, July 10th, for practice, 720 Ipswich Surprise: G. Southgate 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Woodard 3, A. Bale 4, N. Bailey (conductor) 5, R. Pilgrim 6. First 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band.

**RINGERS' OUTINGS.****ST. MARGARET'S, RAINHAM, KENT.**

Yes! we did have our outing on August 11th. We chartered a 32-seater for ourselves and friends (male and female), and left Rainham at 7.30 a.m. The first stop was Linton, where we were met by Mr. Sone and Mr. Edwards, of Ealing. A very pleasant hour was spent in ringing on the eight bells (tenor about 15 cwt.). Then a move was made to Hawkhurst, where our old friend, George Billenness, met us, and on this ring (tenor 23 cwt.) a little Bob Major and Grandsire were rung. The journey was afterwards resumed through some more glorious country, and brought us into Hastings by 12.45, where an excellent lunch was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We will draw a veil over the happenings to the party until 4.30, when all except two (male members) sat down to a very nice tea. At 5.30 the old bus had its engine running again, and everybody was aboard (including the defaulters, who could not give a satisfactory account of themselves). Away we went to Penterden, and were met by Mr. Need. The ringing was very much enjoyed by all (they are a lovely eight, with a tenor of 30 cwt.). The idiot of the company (the writer) invited a female member of the party to pull the tenor off at back-stroke. The pulling-off was accomplished, but for some unknown reason the lady in question stepped backward off the box and landed on the floor of the belfry at full length. However no damage was done other than a slight 'kink' in the lady's neck. It should be mentioned that our old friend, 'Charlie' Tribe, came up and had a pull with us. Off again to our last stop on the road (not for ringing) at Sutton Valence; then came the last stage of the journey, bringing us to Rainham about 10.20 p.m., where 'Good-nights' were said. Lieut. W. A. Cooke, R.N., is to be congratulated on his excellent arrangements, which made everything such a success. What we are now wanting to know is, 'Who went down the cellar?'

G. G.

**TIVERTON RINGERS VISIT KELLY.**

The Tiverton ringers had a most successful outing on Saturday, August 14th. Punctually at 7.30 the 'Cosy' left the Lychgate, passing through Witheridge and Eggsford en route for Windleigh. The Rev. J. S. Shenton and some of his ringers gave the party a hearty welcome. Several touches on the ring of eight (tenor 19½ cwt.) at this beautiful church were much enjoyed. Leaving there at 10.30, the excursionists passed through Okehampton on the way to Kelly, where the Rev. Mailland Kelly, the veteran ex-president of the Guild, was on the look-out for them, and bountifully regaled them with fruit and light refreshments before conducting them to the belfry. Nearly two hours were spent in this beautiful church and the gardens, and the ringers will never forget Mr. Kelly's hospitality and welcome. The result of this stay made the party an hour or more late at Tavistock, the next stopping place, but members of the local band, who were still kindly waiting to receive them, appeared to be very long-suffering and welcomed them warmly. Good use was made of the half-hour allotted to the visitors, who thoroughly appreciated the 'go' of the newly restored ring of eight. After a good tea, they started for home through Princetown, Two Bridges and Moreton Hampstead. The weather conditions were perfect—sunshine and shadows, while 'old Dartmoor' was at its very best. Thanks to the excellent skill of the driver, even the most timid had no qualms in spite of precipitous hills and hairpin corners, and Tiverton was reached without mishap at 9.45. Hearty thanks are tendered to all who contributed in making the outing so enjoyable.

**PORTISHEAD RINGERS' LONG JOURNEY.**

On Thursday, July 29th, the ringers of St. Peter's, Portishead, had their annual outing. This year Southampton was the place chosen. The party started at 7.30 a.m. in a charabanc, and as the sun rose so their spirits rose. The route was through Warminster and Salisbury, a stop for refreshments being made at the latter city. The Cathedral aroused much interest, but it was unanimously agreed that the Cathedral at Wells (in their own diocese) was before it in grandeur. The destination was reached at 12.15 a.m., and the party then (through the untiring efforts made by the captain) visited the docks and saw several of the largest steamers. The afternoon was spent in exploring the place, which proved most interesting. After tea at the Cadena, the return journey was made via the New Forest. Although such a long time was spent in travelling, the ringers were just as jolly when Portishead was reached, after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

**RISHTON RINGERS VISIT SOUTHPORT.**

On Saturday, August 7th, the Rishton Parish Church ringers, accompanied by friends, held their annual outing to sunny Southport. After much plotting and counter-plotting, the 'old man' eventually succeeded in obtaining the back seat, and was thus able to keep an eye on the 'tribe.' Chorley was the first call, and touches of Bob Major were rung. Mr. F.N. Rigby and others joining in, whilst the ladies, with the exception of Miss Ellen Shaw, who took part in the ringing, explored the market. The party then proceeded to Ormskirk, but were brought to a temporary standstill by a slight argument between their driver and the owner of a coupe re 'grazing restrictions.' However, after a 'committee meeting' matters were settled amicably, and the company arrived (with a change of drivers) very suddenly at Ormskirk, with its tower and steeple side by side. Ascending to the spacious

ringing chamber (the largest in Lancashire), touches of Bob Major were rung on this ring, with its 25 cwt. tenor, Miss E. Shaw again taking a rope. Afterwards rounds, etc., for the latest recruits, in which Mrs. L. J. Williams also took part. This concluded the ringing, and the party arrived at Southport to do justice to tea at the Albion Cafe, and enjoy the diversions of this seaside resort. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m., and all voted it one of the best outings ever held. Thanks are due to the Vicars of both churches, also to the ringers who so kindly prepared the bells and met the party, Mr. F. Rigby and Mr. J. Sholcar.

**A SHORT TRIP TO HARLINGTON.**

A few ringing friends connected with St. Paul's, Hounslow, had an enjoyable half-day at Harlington on Bank Holiday. Six scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were successfully brought round, in which latter the veteran Harlington ringer, Mr. Harry Payne, took part. Mr. Ellingham also rang his first 120 of Stedman Doubles. The ringers played a selection of tunes on handbells on the Vicarage lawn, much to the delight of the Rev. Wilson and family, to whom best thanks were expressed for the use of the tower. The visit followed an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Hounslow in the morning, which came to grief after 2½ hours' good ringing. A tired but happy party had perforce to walk back to Hounslow in the cool of the evening.

**LANGPORT RINGERS' TRIP.**

The ringers of Langport, Somerset, with friends, had an outing on Saturday, August 7th. The party, including friends, numbered 32, and left for Weston-super-Mare. The first call was at Glastonbury, when some good touches of Minor were rung. Then Cheddar caves and cliffs were visited and much appreciated. After stopping at Uphill for more ringing, in which Master D. Hale, aged 13, took part, Weston-super-Mare was reached, and a happy time spent until eight o'clock. The ringers wish to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells.

**ACROSS DARTMOOR.**

Monday being St. Sidwell's Day and Bank Holiday, the St. Sidwell's (Exeter), Society held their annual outing over Dartmoor to Tavistock and back. Bovey Tracey was the first stop, reached after an exhilarating drive over Haldon, and here half-an-hour's good ringing was done. Ashburton was the next halt, where the party were joined by Mr. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, and several touches on these grand bells occupied an hour, after which an adjournment was made to the Exeter Inn for lunch. In the afternoon the best of the moor was traversed by the way of Holne Bridge, Paignton waterworks, Dartmeet and Two Bridges to Princetown. Arrived at Tavistock, the party were met by the Rector, Rev. H. Lanyon Owen, and here another pleasant hour was spent on these far-famed bells, with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The Rector presided at the subsequent tea at Phillips' Cafe, and expressed his great pleasure in being amongst his ringers again, a sentiment appreciated by the band and suitably voiced by Mr. Richardson. The homeward journey was via Okehampton and Crockerwell, a halt being made at the latter place for supper, kindly provided by Mr. W. Drake (treasurer), to celebrate his birthday, the members all joining in hearty congratulations. Exeter was reached at 10.20 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. Thanks are due to Mr. E. Shepherd for the excellent arrangements made, and to the Rector and Mr. Betts for songs which enlivened the journey home.

**PENDLETON RINGERS AT MOTTRAM.**

On Saturday, August 14th, a delightful afternoon and evening were spent at Mottram-in-Longdendale by the Pendleton company, their wives, sweethearts and friends, some of whom came from Glossop. The bells of the famous tower were set going first to call changes, for the benefit of one of the ladies just commencing to study the art, and who rang very well indeed on a strange bell. This was followed by what the Canadian 'guy' understood to be 'George Washington's Fire Brigade,' but which, in fact, turned out to be a very musical touch of Stedman Triples. Touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob followed. A move was then made to the local inn, where a splendid meat tea was speedily lost sight of, amidst sparkles of wit from various members. One has only to stand on the Mottram hills and look around at the surrounding valleys to see what a place it is to build up both appetite and wit, and, above all, to hear the bells, and under such conditions one does not have to wonder why this place has been selected so often for long-peal attempts.

The wind blew so strongly that even the burly leader—not Henry the Eighth, but Harry just the same—seemed to have some difficulty in keeping his coat tails from decorating his shoulders like wings ('some' angel!) especially when he locked the belfry staircase door. It is easy to believe that the present style of brimless ladies' hats might have been designed at Mottram. Anything with a brim on it would be in Glossop in five minutes. After tea, more ringing was indulged in, some of the local men kindly taking a rope, and then, after a final meeting at headquarters, where the newly-married conductor (not Allan Adair) received congratulations and much instruction, no doubt, the party took the road for home, everyone voting it a splendid outing. One lady ringer hopes to turn Mottram tenor in some day to Double Norwich, which is a laudable aspiration.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. District meeting at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, August 21st. Tea on table 4.30 p.m. Meeting and social following. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Buses every 30 minutes from Tithebarn Street, Preston.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30; also Liss (6). Service 4.30, followed by tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Dis. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. —The meeting announced for to-morrow (August 21st) at Blackrod has been cancelled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.** — The August meeting will be held at Shilton on Saturday, Aug. 21st. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Yateley on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, 21st August. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fulborough on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All those requiring tea please advise me early.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, and James Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Secretaries.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Great Addington (6), on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30.—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, the 24th inst. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Bekesbourne on Saturday, Aug. 28th, for a combined practice of Minor methods at 5.30. All ringers will be welcomed.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Stockport and Bowden Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hayfield on Saturday, Aug. 28th, to give encouragement to the newly-formed local band. A good attendance is requested.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 3, Gower Road, Hyde.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor-bus leave Old Market at 2.15. Will those requiring a seat and taking tea kindly notify by Aug. 24th?—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Aug. 28th (6 bells). Tower open 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. Huckerby, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts, by Thursday, Aug. 26th. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Ringing at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar after service, and business to follow. Will those who require tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at St. Luke's, Derby. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Enfield (St. Mary Magdalene), on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45, but please advise me. St. Andrew's bells open from 7.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea afterwards.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, Ledbury.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Oldswinford on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Brecon on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Towers of St. Mary's and St. David's Churches open for ringing from 10 a.m. (8 and 6 bell towers). Service 3 p.m. in Havard Chapel of the Cathedral Church. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence), by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop, 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify the hon. treasurer (Mr. Chas. Powell, 2, North Road, Brecon), by Aug. 21st without fail the number to be expected for tea.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., National Provincial Bank Chambers, Neath, Glam.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Hursley on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Aug. 24th.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be at Harworth, on Saturday, August 28th. Will members please make own arrangements for tea? This month's method for special practice is Cambridge Surprise Minor.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 28th, at Littlehempstone. Bells available 3 p.m., short service 4 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. Berry Pomeroy bells (8) also Totnes (8) available after 6 p.m.; those who wish to ring at Totnes please advise me by previous Wednesday, also those who intend coming to tea.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m., tea 5 p.m., and special evensong 6 p.m. Requests for tea (no charge) to be sent to the Rev. B. C. F. Andrewes, The Vicarage, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, as soon as possible.—R. H. Dove, Hon. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good muster of members is expected to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A combined meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available after 2.30. Members requiring tea please advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Lungalaw, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie, not later than September 1st.—G. S. Taylor and H. Tyson, Secs.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 8th. Members are reminded that all subscriptions should be paid without delay, as the financial year end is Sept. 30th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. each). Those hoping to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 7th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**LITTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH, EXMOUTH.**—The dedication of two additional trebles and the reopening of the six other bells will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 o'clock. Preacher: The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Hon. Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and President of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Collection for the Bell Fund. Ringers who are desirous to ring and who require tea (9d. each) must send their names to Rev. J. E. Blakeman Ball, The Glebe House, Littleham, Exmouth, not later than Sept. 4th.

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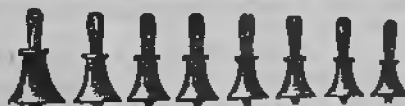
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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Treble	GEORGE WALKER... .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 4	ALBERT WALKER! ... .. 10
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 5	JOHN NEAL ... .. 11
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6	WILLIAM T. PROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.  
This peal has the first twenty-eight courses, in seven course blocks, with the 6th the full extent at home in the tittum's position, and ten courses at home in the handstroke home position.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

FRANK SMITH ... .. Treble	*DONALD FINDLEY ... .. 7
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... .. 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 8
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 3	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT... .. 10
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 11
GEORGE A. CARD... .. 6	EDWIN PUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal on twelve, and first peal of Stedman.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HENRY PRING ... .. Treble	*DONALD BARNARD ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. 3	REGINALD G. GILBERT ... .. 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... .. 5	URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

\* First peal. This peal, postponed from the previous week, was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jennings on the occasion of their silver wedding.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... .. 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. 3	STAFFORD S. GREEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Gofton was elected a member previous to starting.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 5
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. 2	F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 7
ALBERT HOBDEN ... .. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

**WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sunday, August 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt.**

ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 2	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE... .. 5
HUBERT DAY ... .. 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	DAVID WHITING ... .. 7
ALPHABUS J. BERRY ... .. 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON  
For calling, see N.D.A. Report, 1895, peal No. 634.

**LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sunday, August 15, 1926, 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 14½ cwt.**

G. WILLIAM HOLLIS ... .. 2	NOAH REES ... .. 5
OLIVER THOMAS ... .. 2	JOHN W. DAVIS ... .. 6
CHARLES COULDING ... .. 3	SERGEANT HASTINGS ... .. 7
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 4	JAMES HILL ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

**HORLEY, SURREY.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Tuesday, August 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12½ cwt.**

*CECIL NICE... .. 2	GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 5
BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2	ALBERT ELLIS ... .. 6
JAMES BATTERS... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
REG V. JOHNSON ... .. 4	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.  
\* First peal of Major.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**  
*On Thursday, August 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12½ cwt.**

WILLIAM BOND ... .. 2	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	*WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.  
\* First peal of Double Oxford.

**HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.**

SAMUEL COTTON... .. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDS ... .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

**LLANDUDNO, CARNARVONSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.**

GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
JAMES H. RIDING... .. 3	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by R. SPERRING.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

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

*On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.**

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD... <i>Treble</i>	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... .. 5
ALFRED G. GRANT ... .. 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 6
C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 3	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung on the occasion of Lutterworth 'Wake.' The composition has the 6th the full extent 'Wrong and Right.'

**FRINDSBURY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt.**

*PHILLIP SPRINGHAM... .. <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS BEADMONT ... .. 5
GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 2	*CHARLES NORRIS ... .. 6
†FRANK BELSEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 7
CHARLES WINZER ... .. 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by W. HAIGH.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method inside  
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**SHIPLEY, YORKS.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.**

WILLIAM WOODHEAD... .. <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 5
JAMES A. TEALE ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... .. 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 4	ARTHUR TROTTER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

This peal was rung on the golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson, of Lightcliffe, who were married on August 21st, 1876. Mr. Lawson has been a member of the Association Committee for a number of years.

**RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, August 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART, BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 14 cwt.**

T. COLLINGS... .. <i>Treble</i>	T. BARLOW ... .. 5
E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	E. SHERLOCK ... .. 6
S. W. RILEY... .. 3	T. ROLLERSON ... .. 7
A. RIDGEGH ... .. 4	A. NEWMAN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. ROLLERSON.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late John Hutchinson, for many years churchwarden and sidesman at the above church.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

**PRISTON, NEAR BATH.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

ERIC WADHAM ... .. <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK C. RICH ... .. 4
HARRY PROUT ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 5
REGINALD BECK ... .. 3	*WILLIAM G. COOK ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CROCKER.

\* First peal. Rung on the 14th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Friday, August 20th, in the bellry of All Saints' Church, Fulham, on handbells, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. Stevens 1-2, D. Stevens 3-4, W. E. Judd 5-6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7-8, H. Ellis (longest length) 9-10.

## HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.  
On Monday, August 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, and two 720's of Cambridge, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

* WILLIAM CORFIELD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
* FRANK TRINER ... .. 2	* THOMAS HURD ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

\* First Surprise peal. T. Hurd hails from Burslem, the others from Norton. This is the first peal of Surprise on the bells. J. E. Wheelton conducted the first peal on these bells exactly a quarter of a century ago.

## BARLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.  
Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD ... .. Treble	† FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	* HARRY BARRATT ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods away from the treble. This peal was arranged for Mr. H. Barratt, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

## LOCKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT JOYCE ... .. Treble	CHARLES GEARY ... .. 4
EDWARD JOYCE ... .. 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 5
JACK BOOTH ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

## RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN R. MAIN ... .. Treble	GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 4
JOHN KING ... .. 2	* JAMES HUDSON ... .. 5
* LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 3	* ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

## CREATON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

PERCY AMOS ... .. Treble	ALFRED PICKFORD ... .. 3
GEORGE PARKER ... .. 2	HARRY ENGLAND ... .. 4
THOMAS WISE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

## ACTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 of April Day, 480 of Old Doubles, 720 of Stedman, 1680 of Plain Bob, and 1680 of Grandsire.

FRANK A. TURNER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 4
	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

First peal of Doubles for the London County Association. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. F. G. Symonds has now rung peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve.

## COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twelve six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

* ERNEST F. BROWN ... .. Treble	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 4
FRED A. TARGETT ... .. 2	REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 5
HARRY PROUT ... .. 3	ERIC WADMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Maxwell Fisher, who is leaving the parish.

## COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Each 720 being called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble	GEORGE WIFFIN ... .. 4
* BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 2	JAMES FLEETY ... .. 5
WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First Surprise peal. First peal of Surprise Minor by L. W. Wiffen, who has now completed the circle of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

## HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, August 22, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 21 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

* ARTHUR W. KINSEY ... .. Treble	FRANK E. DOWNES ... .. 4
WILFRED R. HARRIS ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... .. 3	ALBERT WEAVER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal away from the tenor. First peal for the Guild by all railwaymen. First peal of Doubles on the bells since they were augmented.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, August 18th, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. A. Tack 1, Miss Kitty Willers 2, R. Howard (conductor) 3, F. E. Haynes 4, H. Barratt 5, E. H. Finch 6. First 720 in the method for H. Barratt, for whom it was arranged.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On August 10th, 720 London Surprise Minor: T. Lightfoot 1, C. Valentine 2, Miss L. M. Bibby 3, W. Bibby 4, J. E. Bibby (conductor) 5, F. Bibby 6. First 720 of Minor in the method by all.

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## THE SOMERSET TOUR.

By G.W.S.

(Continued from page 523.)

The return from Wraxall to headquarters at Wrington was without incident, except that the writer, in riding pillion to the Somerset hero who was showing us some more scenery, became smothered in slush from head to foot in going through a stretch of real good mud at about 25 miles per hour. The victim did not see the joke in the same manner that it appeared to amuse the other members of the party.

Wednesday was a day of very mixed feelings. First of all we had to bid farewell to our host and hostess at the Golden Lion Hotel, Wrington, which caused us many regrets, as we had all been made very comfortable. The parting was only softened by the knowledge that we were going to spend the rest of the week with Mr. Lucas, at the Midway Arms Hotel, Queen Camel, where we knew we should meet an old friend and receive a right warm welcome. If any readers are desirous of spending a holiday in this part of the country, they will not do better than go to either of the above-mentioned places, where real friends of ringers abide and a hearty welcome is assured.

Chewton Mendip was our venue in the morning, and after all we had heard of the bells in this parish we expected something good. It is needless to say that we were not disappointed, for a more magnificent and melodious peal none of us has ever heard. The trouble here was selecting the band. Two of our members who had already had the good fortune to ring a peal, namely, Canon Coleridge and Joe Dyke, were quickly eliminated, but there still remained nine men for eight ropes. Lots were cast to settle the matter, and the unfortunate person to stand down was none other than Oliver Sippetts, who had been of such great assistance to us earlier in the week. The peal was safely brought round, and was, in the words of one of the listeners, a 'Superlative' one in more senses than one. We then journeyed to Shepton Mallet, where a peal of London was rung. This is a pleasing ring, but after the morning it is to be feared that they were not appreciated as they should have been. In other words, they suffered from comparison. As soon as we arrived at our destination at night, mystery surrounded the movements of our youngest member. From 7 o'clock until 9.30 p.m. he was reported missing; not a sign could be found of him anywhere. The rest of the party, who had gone to the belfry to sample the grand peal of six (tenor 37 cwt.), were casting furtive glances out of the window to see if any trace of his fair head could be seen. Half-way through supper, however, he turned up, with his face wreathed in smiles, but not a word would he vouchsafe as to his movements—no, not even under the close cross-examination of his bedmate. It is known that he enjoyed himself in the same village last year, and—well, one can only surmise.

On Thursday we rang at Ditcher, which has also a very fine peal. To the ears of some they would be superior to Chewton if hung in that tower. This appears a case for argument, and as no controversy is desired on the subject it will be best just to state the fact, and let the matter drop. Lunch was partaken of at the local hostelry, where his reverence took the carving business unto himself. By the time he had finished, a shoulder of mutton looked very sorry for itself.

At Evercreech we started for London, but before the end of the peal was reached it proved a bigger task than was anticipated, especially to the back-end men.

At Milborne Port, Double Norwich was specially arranged for Bertie, as he had not rung a peal in this method, notwithstanding that he has nearly thirty peals of London to his credit. Thence we made our way to Mere, where the local band were so enthusiastic about our visit that they very kindly engaged the services of a bell-hanger to put the bells in proper order before we started for the peal. Cambridge was the time selected for this tower.

At night, Canon Coleridge presented Mr. Dyke with a new smoking apparatus. Mr. Pulling was the recipient of a tobacco pouch and a handbag for Mrs. Pulling (who, to everyone's deep regret, was not able to be present owing to her accident), as a small token of our appreciation for the work they had done to make the tour such a success.

East Coker, on Saturday morning, was the scene of our only failure. We tried to ring Bristol, but couldn't. No one was to blame in particular; we were all 'pretty much of a muchness.' The person we were sorry for was Alfred, who was troubled with nerves, probably the reaction from his spill a week before.

While waiting lunch, some of the members went out to Clossworth. It was in this village that Purdue had his foundry. His tombstone, which is in the churchyard, is getting into a sad state of disrepair, the lettering being scarcely decipherable. Cannot something be done from amongst the ranks of present-day ringers and foundries to restore the grave of the man who gave us so many magnificent bells in the West Country, of which his masterpiece is undoubtedly the 11th at Exeter? Mr. Taylor, who was with the party, rested for a moment on the stone; whether he was offering up a prayer for the repose of Purdue's soul, or seeking inspiration, cannot be said.

At St. John's, Yeovil, we rang Stedman Caters in the afternoon, and what with the sun pouring through one of the windows and the lumpy going of some of the bells, it proved one of the warmest jobs throughout the week.

It would not be fitting to close without a word of thanks to all the incumbents of the various churches for granting permission to use their bells, and for showing such general interest in our activities.

Also to the ringers at these churches for extending such a hearty welcome to everyone and getting everything in order.

Mr. R. T. Beck, of Chilcompton, kindly took the vacant rope in our first peal at Wrington, as Canon Coleridge could not join us until Monday evening, and Mr. W. Beeson, jun., was prevented from coming until Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Dobbie took on the role of medical attendant, and with her case of needles performed yeoman service by pricking the blisters of the tender-handed. She also made the arrangements for lunches at the various places at which we stopped, and coupled with her in this business we should mention Mr. W. Beeson, sen., of Godstone, Surrey, who accompanied the party for the outing. It is unfortunate that the state of his health will not permit him to ring peals, as he evinces such interest in the art. Then last, but not least, there is Mr. Pryce Taylor, whose car was always at our disposal and solved many transport difficulties.

Thus ended another week's holiday, marred by that very unlucky accident to our conductor and his wife on the very first day. We all missed Mrs. Pulling very much, and it was her express wish that her husband should join us as early as possible. It is good to know that the news of our successes brightened her wonderfully, and that she is now making good progress. It is the earnest wish of everyone that she will make a rapid and complete recovery.

Before we finally broke up, a large barrel was seen being lifted into the car of the gentleman from Loughborough. The taste for cider seems to be lasting. Another took a liking for Cheddar cheese, and was last seen rolling about half a hundredweight along Sparkford Station.

As last year, the possibility of a tour for next year was hinted at. Where will it be? Who can say? We can only surmise, but it's always the same old glorious —

## FOR THE BEGINNERS.

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Keeping to Doubles, before going on to Bob Minor, etc., a few lines on the Grandsire method may be useful. I take it for granted that the young conductor has made himself perfectly acquainted with the difference in the dodging places, viz., 4—5 instead of 3—4, and has ascertained that this is brought about by the making of 3rd's place instead of 2nd's, with an extra bell in the hunt.

By ringing, to start with, the 5th, and making it the observation bell to what is known as the 'old 120' of Grandsire Doubles, a bob is called every alternate lead (or 'Home'), that is, the lead following 3rd's place. The fifth passes the treble in 3—4 up, and this will cause it to double dodge in 4—5 up, with the bell coming out of the hunt. The bob also has the effect of causing the bell that would have dodged in 4—5 up to make 3rd's place and take up the hunt.

This calling, twice repeated, brings rounds in 60 changes; therefore, to ring the full 120, a single must be called instead of a bob, half-way and end, or at either of the calling places, providing you call each half to correspond.

Miss Jessie Davenport, a young lady only 15 years of age, has rung her first 720 at Dore, Sheffield. This was for practice on Friday last, when 720 of Bob Minor was brought round by the following: Miss Jessie Davenport 1, Miss M. Davenport 2, A. S. Robinson 3, J. W. Sykes 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, W. Biggin (conductor) 6.

On Friday, August 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by the following: W. Edwards 1, A. F. Bailey 2, P. Lakin 3, J. Winterbottom 4, T. Jones 5, S. Greenhalgh 6, H. Greenhalgh (conductor) 7, W. J. Howard 8. It was the first quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the treble, fifth and tenor, and first quarter-peal as conductor by H. Greenhalgh, and first attempt. Unfortunately our correspondent omitted to mention the tower at which this quarter-peal was rung.

On Wednesday, August 18th, at Rishton, Lancs, Fred Read called his first 720 (an extent of Bob Minor) at the first attempt. It was also the first 720 inside for Albert Yates, and the treble ringer's first pull for three years. The band were as follows: A. Chadwicke 1, R. Hall 2, A. Lord 3, L. J. Williams 4, A. Yates 5, Fred Read (conductor) 6.

At Washfield, Devon, on Tuesday evening, August 17th, Miss E. A. Snell rang her longest touch, which consisted of a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, which occupied 45 mins.: Miss E. A. Snell 1, Miss G. M. Snell 2, Sergt. W. E. Snell, R.M., 3, H. G. May 4, W. Snell (conductor) 5, F. C. Balmont 6. A. J. Pitman's arrangement.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**  
**MORE ABOUT PEAL TAPPING.**  
 BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

My notes in 'The Ringing World' of June 25th on Elijah Roberts and peal tapping have brought me a most interesting letter from Mr. J. Segar, of Retford, which, with his permission, I will reproduce. Those who remember the peal tapping achievements of a few years ago will agree that no one has a greater right to express an opinion on this matter than Mr. Segar. I raised the question whether the mental strain of tapping a peal was not greater than any one has a right to subject his brain to, and I quoted an incident to show what other people thought of it. One of the young gentlemen who were tapping peals, I said, wrote to a well-known parson ringer, asking for the figures of a peal he intended to try and tap. The parson's reply was something like this: 'Elijah Roberts tapped peals, went mad and shot himself. I am not going to help you to a like fate.' Here is Mr. Segar's letter to me:—

'I have been interested in your articles on tapping because I sometimes do a little, and also because I am the "young gentleman who wrote to a parson ringer." In the first article you give a very clear explanation of how it is done. I use the transposition or mental vision method. I can see six figures so well that in 1913 I could tap thirty-five methods, and have brought round a 720 in each. My best published peal was one tapped in Anston belfry, consisting of seven extents in different Surprise Methods ("Ringing World," September 12th, 1913). I differ from your opinion with regard to the mental strain, and should be less fatigued tapping a peal than in conducting one of Grandsire Triples on tower bells.

'I also think different to you with regard to the comparisons you make, namely, that it is very much harder to tap a peal of Bob Royal than London Surprise Major. I do not know whether you are personally acquainted with any tappers, or whether they will not divulge the secret, but there is another way of producing the changes in methods such as Plain Bob or Kent. The method is so easy that friends of mine with no previous experience have tapped a plain course of Bob Major with less than half an hour's instruction. It also has the advantage of making it easier to tap 5,000 of Plain Bob. Sixteen than Major, because the greater number of bells the less courses required. I am not proficient in this system (as I use the vision system), but could manage several courses of Plain Bob. I do not wish to convey that it is easy to tap 5,000 of Bob Maximus. I mean that the system is easy to understand, and that inexperienced persons can almost immediately produce the plain course. From there it requires a great deal of practice, but a man who was desirous of tapping a 5,000 of Plain Bob would find Maximus easier than Royal, and Royal easier than Major. The disadvantage of big numbers is the tremendous number of blows which have to be struck.'

Mr. Segar enclosed me an explanation of this system, which I will come to later. He concluded his letter:— 'As a tapper I have great admiration for a man who can "see" eight figures, namely, Mr. Morris's London Surprise, and I cannot understand the means of producing Stedman Caters, but the old idea of tapping peals made up of many plain courses was never deserving of the praise they received.

'I appreciate the good intentions of the Rev. — but he forgets that one swallow does not make a summer. I am sorry that some marriages are unhappy, and should not have to search back to 1865 to find a shooting affair ending a life of misery. Do you think the reverend gentleman has ceased officiating at weddings in order to save the young men and maidens of his parish from a similar fate?'

I certainly was quite ignorant of any system of tapping, and I am sure the vast majority of ringers are so too. My comparison between London Surprise Major and Bob Royal was based on the transposition or 'vision' system, as Mr. Segar calls it, and so far he corroborates me. For if it be so difficult to 'see' eight figures that only one man, Mr. Morris, is certainly known to have been able to do it to any extent, then to 'see' ten figures must be very much more so, while the task on the higher numbers becomes stupendous. The plan Elijah Roberts used is still uncertain, and probably will always remain so, but after reading Mr. Segar's letter I am almost sure that he used some system similar to the one explained by that gentleman. The way he arranged his bells was as follows:—

15	13	11	9	7	5	3	1
16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

and this is the arrangement required by the system Mr. Segar describes. But we do not know how he adapted this system to Stedman, and it will be remembered that a peal of Stedman Cinques is the best authenticated of all his performances.

The other point Mr. Segar makes is a good one. Different men differ so much in mental equipment that it is neither wise nor fair to dogmatise as to what any individual can or ought to do, though it is certainly true that no man ought to subject his brain to a long strain if there is the slightest chance of its doing him any injury. And, after all, it is possible that Elijah Roberts' suicide was only remotely the result of his abnormally developed brain. On this point, Mr. R. O. Street's letter, with the quotation from the 'Liverpool Daily Post,' throws a lot of light. For many years Roberts lived an active and outdoor life, and no one has ever suggested that he was then in any way eccentric. In his latter years he followed the trade of a publican, and a publican has peculiar and strong temptations. Perhaps with advancing years his interest in life and in ringing grew dim, and he may gradually have got into the habit of taking more than was good for him. At any rate, for a fortnight before his death, he had been drinking heavily, and the immediate cause of his cutting his throat was delirium tremens. A very sad ending to one whose name will always be remembered in the history of the Exercise, but fortunately not one which our recent peal tappers are likely to come to.

(To be continued.)

**EALING BELL RESTORATION.**

**REHANGING OF ST. MARY'S BELLS COMMENCED.**

On Sunday, August 22nd, for evensong, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, came to a premature conclusion through the tenor rope becoming obnoxious. The ringers on this important occasion were: Miss G. Baker 1, J. E. Churchill 2, E. J. Walsom 3, A. M. Stacey 4, P. E. Clark 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, P. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, J. H. Hunnisset 8. This is the last time the bells will be rung for some time, as Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, commenced work the following day. The bells are to be retuned and rehung with new fittings throughout. Funds are still required, and, as mentioned in this paper a few weeks ago, donations will gratefully be received and acknowledged.

There will be no further ringing at St. Mary's until further notice.

**RINGERS' OUTINGS.**

**ICKLETON RINGERS VISIT SEVEN TOWERS.**

The Ickleton Society had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, July 31st, when some were accompanied by their wives, while a few friends made up a party of twenty-four. Permission had kindly been given to ring at seven churches in Hertfordshire, and as they were several miles apart it meant no dilly dallying by the way. The first stop was at Barley, where they were met by Mr. Tack, who had everything in readiness, and a few short touches were rung. A move was made for Standon, where a local ringer was awaiting the party. The bells are a lovely ring of six (tenor 17 or 18 cwt.), and short touches were the order to give everyone a chance of a pull and in order to carry out the programme of ringing at all the churches on the list. At Great Munden, Mr. Barnard Patmore had everything in readiness, and accompanied the visitors to Little Munden, where some of the local men were present to give the party a hearty welcome, including that well-known ringer, Mr. W. H. Lawrence, who kindly rang two bells to a touch for the benefit of several who had never seen one man ring two tower bells before. Here, in the churchyard, is a yew tree reputed to be a thousand years old, and still going strong. The next stopping place was Stevenage, where justice was done to a good meat tea. Mr. W. H. Stanley kindly met the party, and piloted them to the church, which is a good way out of the town. The bells here are a heavy ring of six. On leaving the church the visitors were met by a ringer from Beddington and one from Graveley, and the latter kindly offered to ride in front on his cycle to direct the party to St. Ipoly's—a very out-of-the-way place. After a few short touches on the bells, the visitors went on to Graveley, the last place for ringing and a 216 Kent Treble Bob concluded the programme. Home was reached about 10.30 p.m. The members wish to express their best thanks to all the vicars for their kind permission to use their bells and to all ringing friends for their kindness in meeting the party, and also to Mr. W. H. Lawrence for his kindness in supplying the Hertfordshire routes.

**BEDS RINGERS VISIT BUCKS AND HERTS TOWERS.**

For the annual outing of the All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, ringers, a tour was made by motor-car to various churches. Included in the party were several members of the belfry of St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade. The first stopping place was Hardwicke, the journey being made through Soulbury, Stewkley, Dunton and Whitchurch. The belfry of Hardwicke, which contains a peal of six bells, was one of the most popular stopping places of the tour, and the ringing there was particularly good. A visit was paid to an interesting tombstone in the churchyard upon which is the following inscription: 'Within are

deposited the bones of 247 persons, which were discovered A.D. 1818, buried in a field adjoining to Holmans Bridge, near Aylesbury. From the history and appearance of the place where they were found, they were concluded to be the remains of those officers and men who perished in an engagement fought A.D. 1642, between the troops of King Charles I., under the command of Prince Rupert, and the garrison who held Aylesbury for the Parliament. . . . May the memory of brave men be respected and may our country never again be called to take part in a contest such as that which this tablet records. Erected by the late Lord Nugent.' A stop was next made at Aylesbury for an hour and a half, whilst tea was obtained, and a visit was paid by some half-dozen of the younger members to the swimming baths. The church at Wendover was the next stopping place, and several good touches were rung. The bells in this tower are hung just above the ringing chamber, and much more of them is heard by the ringers than in most belfries. A nice ride followed by way of the reservoirs to Tring, where just over an hour's ringing completed the programme. The methods which were rung during the tour were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Plain Bob Major.

**PAIGNTON RINGERS' 200 MILES OUTING.**

On Saturday, July 17th, the Paignton ringers and wives and friends, making a party of thirty-two, had their annual outing, and journeyed in two charabancs to Weston-super-Mare, via Exeter, Taunton and Bridgwater. A short halt was made at Taunton, and the next stop was Bridgwater. The ringers at once made for the tower, where they found the local captain waiting. A nice-toned peal of eight was raised in peal, and a few touches of Grandsire were brought around. Ringing had to be brief, however, as another band were waiting. The party were soon merrily sailing along again for Weston-super-Mare, but near Brent Knoll the second car got slightly entangled in a huge load of hay. Luckily no one was hurt, but the hood of the car was badly damaged. This caused an unfortunate delay, which somewhat upset the dinner arrangements. However, Host Huntley did his best for the visitors, but, as they had not done half their journey, ringing had to be 'cut out,' much to the ringers' regret. Off they started again for the famous Cheddar caves, where a delightful and interesting hour was spent. Next came a charming run through Wells, Glastonbury, Street and Taunton, where another halt was made. On reaching the borders of Devon, a vivid thunderstorm was seen raging in the distance, but ere the party reached home it had all gone to sea, much to everyone's delight. The trip, which was over 210 miles, was thoroughly enjoyed. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents and local steepiekeepers for kindness shown.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal of 5,040 Bob Major St. George, the first peal on the bells, was rung at St. George's, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750. It was conducted by Benjamin Annable. Was this a variation of Plain Bob, we wonder, or only the old method with a frill on the title because it was the first to be rung at St. George's Church?

On August 27th, 1814, a peal of 12,320 Treble Bob Major was rung at Otley in 7 hrs. 15 mins.

Forty years ago next Tuesday the first ten-bell peal was rung in Scotland—Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

The record handbell peal of 19,738 Stedman Caters was rung at Guildford on August 31st, 1912.

Bertram Prewett was killed in action on August 31st, 1918. One of the finest ringers that ever lived, he had rung 953 peals.

The ringer of the third in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob, at Over, on August 14th, was Frederick R. Crawley, and not George H. Crawley, as printed in our report last week.

A railwaymen's peal of Doubles was rung on Sunday, at Holmer, Herefordshire. It is the first peal that a band of railwaymen have rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

## THE TRINITY YOUTHS' PEAL BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the enquiry under the head of 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of the 6th inst., I should be interested to know whether the Trinity Youths' Peal Book has been found. It was given into my charge temporarily by the late Wm. Weatherstone, and returned by me to him about forty years ago. He and my old friend of pleasant memory, Wm. Peard, were then, I understood, the only surviving members of the society. There was some idea of reviving the society, but this was, I believe, never carried into effect. The first entry in the book was a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on February 18th, 1782, conducted by John Day, who conducted the seven next peals rung by the society. The last entry, the sixty-seventh, was a peal of Grandsire Triples on January 20th, 1845, conducted by Richard Smith. The last peal but one, rung on December 20th, 1843, was stated to be the first peal with the new tenor.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. COLLE.

6, Luxemburg Gardens,  
London, W.6.

## PROPOSED AUGMENTATION OF BELLS AT DEANE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Somewhat unexpectedly it has become necessary for me to press forward with all energy and speed in the project of rehanging and, as is hoped, of augmenting the number of our bells here at Deane. May I, therefore, ask all the kind friends who were good enough to take collecting cards after the Council meeting at Ipswich if they will very kindly return them, together with any amounts that they have happily collected, to me as soon as convenient?

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Deane Rectory,  
Basingstoke.

## PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly state that the peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, published in your issue of the 20th inst. by Mr. Frank Bennett, were published by me some years ago. In Cambridge Royal or Maximus, the 6th bell must be placed into 3rd's place before being put into 5th's; likewise it must go first into 2nd's before being placed into 6th's. It is, therefore, quite obvious when the extent of the 6th was obtained very little knowledge was required to fill in the extra courses.—Yours faithfully,

F. DENCH.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you please inform me through 'The Ringing World' whether it is permissible to start a peal in this method from a slow six instead of a quick one? Would it be recognised by the Central Council?—Yours truly,

J. W. D.

As far as we are aware, there is nothing to prevent a peal of Stedman Triples beginning with a slow six, and as long as it is all Stedman Triples, it would be recognised as a peal by the Central Council.—Ed. 'R.W.'

## A LONG TOUCH

The greatest number of changes yet rung on the bells at St. Peter's Church, Felkirk, Yorks, was accomplished on August 4th, when 2,160, comprising three different 720's of Bob Minor, was brought round: A. Cole 1, H. Chant 2, M. Perry 3, D. Smith 4, F. Priestly 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6.

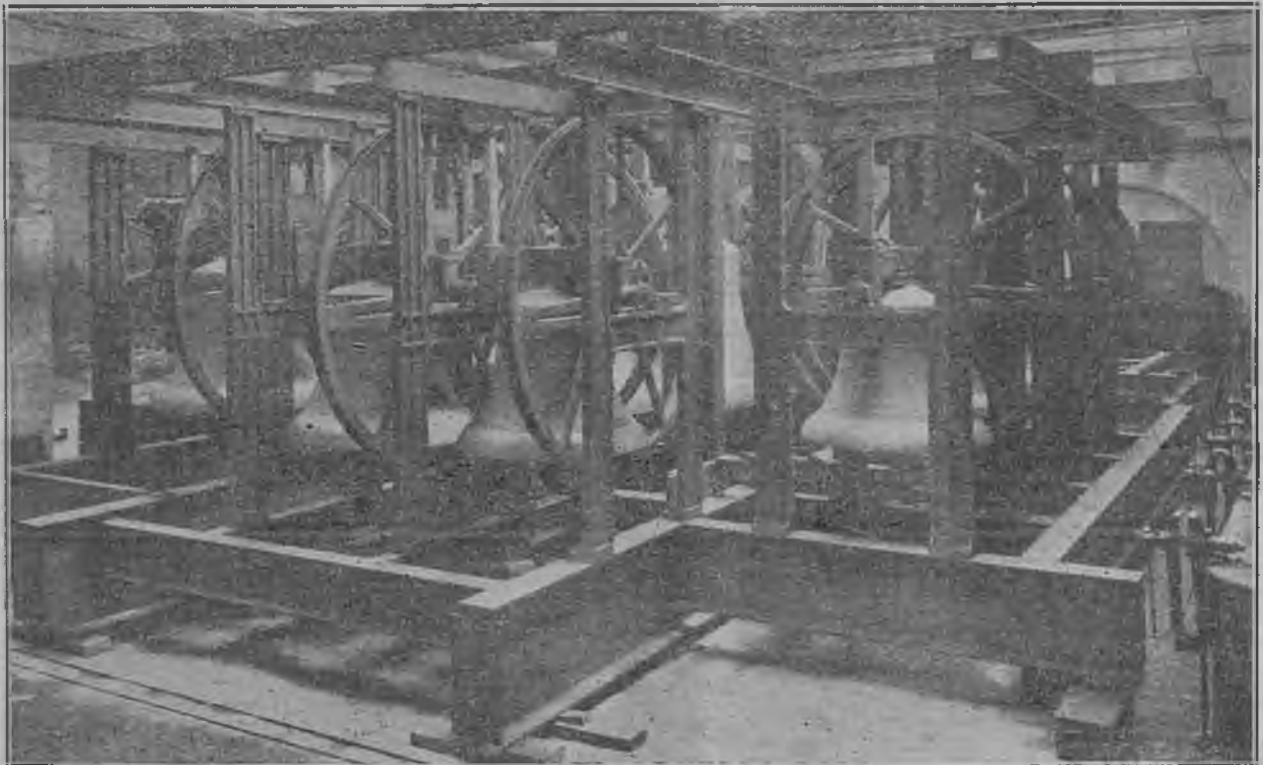


## YORK MINSTER BELLS.

COMPLETION OF GREAT RESTORATION SCHEME.  
A MAGNIFICENT PEAL OF TWELVE.



THE TENOR BEING TAKEN INTO THE MINSTER.



THE PEAL OF TWELVE ERECTED IN THE FOUNDRY, SHOWING THE MASSIVE FRAME.

## THE NEW BELLS.

The opening of the new ring of twelve at York Minster, which is to take place on Sunday, August 29th, marks the completion of the greatest scheme for a peal of church bells carried out in England since the erection of the peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in the year 1878, and the event will remain a landmark in the history of bell restorations in this country. The scheme has been a comprehensive one, and was first considered seriously in 1924, when it became obvious that something must be done to put the Minster bells into proper ringing order. Recasting as well as rehanging was proposed. The Dean and Chapter were prepared to bear the cost of the rehanging out of the Minster funds, but were not able to undertake the recasting. This, however, was made possible by the readiness with which new bells were offered. Three were at once promised by three of the Minster canons, the chapter clerk offered a fourth, the ringers undertook to provide another, and so quickly, by generous gifts, the grand old city, whose history goes back to the time of the Romans, was assured of a peal of bells in keeping with the glory of its ancient fame.

The important work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have thus been responsible for the three largest ringing peals in the world—St. Paul's with a tenor of 62 cwt., Exeter with a tenor of 72 cwt., and now York with a magnificent ring, whose tenor is 60 cwt., and sounds a fine deep B flat—actually the deepest toned tenor of any ringing peal in the world. The old ring, cast in 1844, were broken up, and with the addition of new metal have been converted into a peal of a full and rich quality of tone and perfectly 'voiced.' The bells have been tuned on the 'Taylor True-Harmonic' system, which ensures absolute sweetness and purity of tone, all harshness and dissonance being eliminated thereby. The perfection achieved in this ring is the result of years of exhaustive research work by the Loughborough firm, by which they have obtained vast experience of bell tuning.

The addition of a new semitone, an A flat bell, between the 6th and 7th bells of the peal of 12, has provided a middle ring of eight in E flat, and thus, like Exeter, York will have four rings of six, a minor and two major eights, a minor and a major ten, as well as the ring of twelve.

The bells have been hung with new fittings of the most modern type, incorporating all the latest and original improvements introduced by Messrs. Taylor and Co., designed not only with a view of reducing the labour required to ring the bells, but so also that the bells should remain in perfect ringing order, with the minimum amount of attention. The patent 'balanced' type of clapper is fitted to several of the bells, and this ensures each bell 'clapping up' on the right side without any checking of the rope on the part of the ringers, in addition to giving the bell a sharp blow, thereby producing a full tonal effect.

The bells are hung in a new massive iron framework, on a foundation of stout steel girders, well braced and firmly bolted together, the ends being grouted into the tower walls, thereby forming a bond and becoming a source of strength to the tower; in fact, on ringing up the heavier bells, with clappers tied, during the course of restoration, it was possible to be in the bell chamber without being aware that the bells were in full swing, the general design and strength of materials being so perfect that no movement or looseness was apparent.

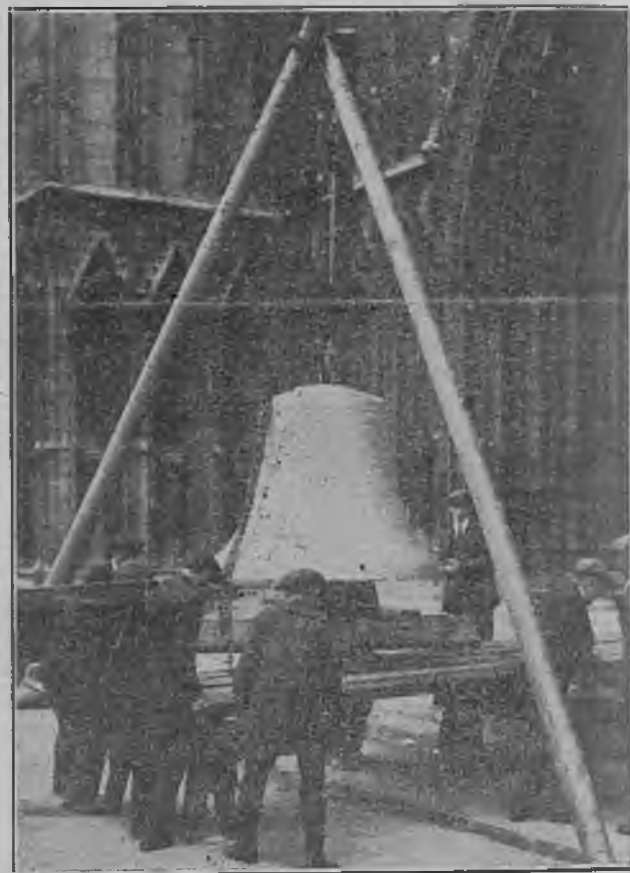
The diameter of the tenor is 5ft. 8in., and the inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

- Treble. CAMPANA SANCTAE HILD VOCOR ME REFECERVNT  
GEORGIVS AVSTEN CANCELLARIVS EBOR: ET ALICIA  
AGNES, VXOR EJVS. A.D. MCMXXV.
- 2nd. CAMPANA BEATI WILLELMI EBOR: ME CAMPANARVM  
PVLSATORES EBORACENSES. XIV REFECERVNT  
MCMXXV.
- 3rd. CANTATE DOMINO CANTICVM NOVVM ME REFECERVNT  
ROBERTVS STANLEY PEARSON (IN EXERCITV REGIO  
MAJOR) ET ETHEL, VXOR EJVS. MCMXXV.
- 4th. IN MEMORIAM DILECTAM DAVID SANDERSON LONG,  
M.D., ME REFECIT EJVS VIDVA ISABEL LONG.  
MCMXXV.
- 5th. IN MEMORIAM DILECTAM CAROLI HAWKINS ET  
JOHANNIS BAILLIE, VIRI PATRICII CANONICORVM  
EBORACENSIVM ME REFECERVNT POSTERI EBORVM.  
MCMXXV.
- 6th. SVRSVM CORDA. ME REFECERVNT ARTVRVS HEN-  
RICVS BARRON, CAPITVLI EBOR: CLERICVS ET ANNA  
MARIA, VXOR EJVS. MCMXXV.
- ♯ tone. EXALTA BO TE DOMINE A.D. MCMXXV.
- 7th. VENITE EXVLTATE MV DOMINO ME REFECIT JOHANNES  
CROSS. MCMXXV.
- 8th. IN MEMORIAM DILECTAM JOHANNIS FREDERICI LORD,  
PRESBYTERI, ME REFECERVNT VIDVA EJVS ET  
FILIVS. MCMXXV.
- 9th. SONATE DEVM TOTVS ORBIS. ME REFECIT ARTVRVS  
NEVILLE COOPER CANONICVS. MCMXXV.
- 10th. TE DEVM LAVDAMUS: ITERVM FVSA, A.D. MCMXXV.
- 11th. GAVDEAMVS IN DOMINO, ITERVM FVSA, A.D. MCMXXV.  
IN MEMORIAM DILECTAM VIRI FIDELIS ET HONORA-  
BILIS JOHANNIS THOMAE SUTCLIFFE DE MAYROVD,  
ME REFECIT J. SUTCLIFFE THOMAS FRATER EJVS.
- Tenor. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. INTERVM FVSA A.D.  
MCMXXV.

## THE HISTORY OF YORK MINSTER BELLS.

The bells of York Minster have had an interesting history, and from the ringer's point of view the famous peal is the more noteworthy because it was the home of the first peal of twelve bells hung for ringing in this country. Moreover, within one period of 79 years it possessed two separate rings of twelve and one peal of ten bells. The following particulars of the bells are extracted from a history which Mr. J. R. Ferram, of Salisbury, wrote for 'The Ringing World' in one of our early numbers, and they are well worth reproducing now that the Minster is in possession of a new and magnificent ring of twelve.

The earliest notice of the bells is found in an old record extracted from the fabric rolls, dated A.D. 1371, written in mediæval Latin, wherein it appears that several bells were recast and rehung, and some work done to the clock, which altogether amounted to the sum of £60 10s. 1d. Later on, in Torre's manuscript, we find that certain metals were delivered to Thomas Innocent, bell founder of York, for casting four bells on July 11th, 1466.



UNLOADING THE ELEVENTH BELL AT THE MINSTER DOORWAY.

In the 16th century there appear to have been four bells in the north-west tower and eight in the south-west one. On January 7th, 1655, these four were removed to the south-west tower, and this seems to have formed the first peal of twelve in England. In 1657 the eleventh bell was cracked; the fourth also, being untunable, both were recast. The metal of the largest of the three bells of St. Nicholas-without-Walngate (at that time pulled down) was added to make up the weight required. A further record stated that: 'T. Dickinson, being Lord Mayor of the City of York in the year 1657, in conjunction with the Alderman and Councillors, gave £150 towards refounding some of the old bells, and making the chimes sound delightfully and perfectly on them all.' According to the dates on the old bells the fourth, seventh and eleventh seem to have been the ones recast at that time; and possibly also one or more of the smaller bells. Notwithstanding all this the four bells from the north-west tower did not even then harmonise with the other eight. So in 1681 Samuel Smith, bell founder of York, was employed to recast them. The inscriptions on the twelve bells at this time were as follows:—

- Treble. DEO ET REGI SACRVM. 1681.
- 2nd. IVBLATE DOMINO PSAL. LXVI. 1681.
- 3rd. EXVLVATE DEO PSAL. LXXXI. 1681.
- 4th. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. 1681.
- 5th. SUM . . ROSA PULSATA . . MUNDA MARIA . . VOCATA.
- 6th. I WILL SOVND AND RESOVND TO THY PEOPLE LORD WITH MY SWEET VOICE TO CALL THEM TO THY WORD. 1595.
- 7th. BEATVS EST POPVLVS QVI AGNOSCVNT CLANGOREM. 1657.
- 8th. TE DEVM LAVDAMVS. 1671. IOHANNES LAKE RESIDVS ROBERTVS HITCH DECANVS ROBERTVS SORESBY PRECANTOR CHRISTOPHERVS STONE CANCELLARIVS. PETRVS PSALLO PETRVS XPE TIBI DVM RESONAT CHORVS ISTE.
- 10th. SWEETLY TOLLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE ON FOOD TO FEED THE SOUL. 1627.
- 11th. FVNERA DEPLORO, POPVLVM VOCO, FESTA DECORO. THOMAS DICKENSON MILITE MAIORE CIVIT: EBORACI VICE 2 DA SVMPHIBVS PROCVRANTE 1657. H. HARWOOD, E. CLAYERT, E. ELCOCK.
- Tenor. EXVLTEMVS DOMINO. 1627. PHINEAS HODSON CANCELLARIVS . . . WICKHAM ARCH — NVS EBOR.

(The three dots between words on the 5th represent three lions passant, the two upper ones crowned.)

These bells were hung in two tiers, the front five above, and the back seven below. They were never perfectly in tune. Even after being recast by Samuel Smith the front four were too light for the back eight, the treble being only two feet in diameter, and the second, third and fourth in the same proportion, there being a difference of nearly six inches between the fourth and fifth. It may also be noticed that the treble of the late peal of twelve was two feet six inches diameter, whereas the late tenor was quite three cwt. lighter than the one cast in 1627.

In 1733 it was decided to try what rehanging would do towards improving matters. The 'York Courant' for November 26th, 1733, gave the following account of this:—

'On Monday, Mr. James Harrison, of Barrow, in Lincolnshire, finished the rehanging of the peal of twelve bells in the south-west tower of the Cathedral, according to the article entered into by him with the Venerable Dean and Chapter. This was the first peal of twelve bells in England, the tenor or largest bell being upwards of a note deeper than the tenor of any other peal of twelve, and is near six foot in diameter. The eleventh is about 54 hundredweight. The rest of the bells, indeed, are not in proportion to those, in which disadvantage the skill of the undertaker appears very much, for they perform their revolutions very regularly, and their clappers are so well managed as to make every agreeable harmony. All twelve are hung upon one surface, or plain, in one frame. After this alteration several peals of Triples, Bob Minor and Caters have been performed on the said bells by the new Society of York Scholars, who design to shortly attempt those of Bob Major, Cinques, and Maximus. The tenor may be rung by one man for some time; but two can manage it with ease. All the rest are raised and maintained by one man to each bell for a considerable time. The whole is completed to the satisfaction of the church, and is agreed by most able judges to be the best finished piece of work that has been known in these parts. The said Mr. Harrison has also regulated the chimes upon the said bells in a very elegant manner.'

It should, perhaps, be pointed out that the 11th, said to be about 54 cwt., was actually one 42 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., and the tenor, reputed to weigh 63 cwt., was found to be only 55 cwt. 1 qr. The 'several peals' referred to were probably only touches.

**WHEN THE MINSTER HAD A PEAL OF TEN.**

Notwithstanding the rehanging by Harrison, the old peal of twelve bells was still considered unsatisfactory, and in Dean Fountayne's time an estimate for a new peal of ten was obtained from Lester and Pack, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, the new peal to be as nearly as possible like the peal of ten at St. Mary-le-Bow, London, cast by the same firm in 1762, just three years previously. The estimate was to cast a peal of ten bells, weighing collectively ten tons, at 13s. per pound, £1,213 6s. 8d. To take 13 old bells, computed to weigh 12 tons 18 cwt., and allow 10d. per pound for them, £1,201 19s. 8d., leaving a balance of £11 7s. The 13 old bells mentioned were presumably the back seven of the old peal of twelve, the old four bell and two quarter bells of the clock, and the three bells formerly at St. Michael, Spurriergate, to which church the front five of the old Cathedral bells were removed, where they still are, a treble having been added to them to make a peal of six.

The Cathedral bells were accordingly taken down in 1765, and it appears that then the eighth bell was sold to a Mr. Beckwith for eleven pence per pound. The back six bells were then found to weigh as follows:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.		cwt.	qr.	lb.
Seventh	14	2	15	Tenth	40	3	26
Eighth	19	2	11	Eleventh	42	1	14
Ninth	26	1	7	Tenor	55	1	0

From this it appears that not only were the front four bells of the old peal too small for the back eight, but there was also an immense disproportion between the ninth and tenth, nearly 15 cwt. There was

a difference of quite seven inches in the diameter of these two bells. The order to cast the new peal of ten as nearly as possible like 'Bow bells' was faithfully carried out, the tenor weighing 53 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb., just 3 lb. heavier than Bow tenor. The bells were opened on August 19th, 1765, and the following advertisement relating thereto was published:—

'This is to give notice to all Gentlemen ringers and others that there is a new peal of ten bells (cast by Lester and Pack, of London), to be open on Monday, the 19th of August next, at York Minster, and allowed by the best judges in London to be as fine a peal of that number as any in the kingdom, and as heavy. Free liberty being given any strangers to open the peal. Any ringers that choose to come the Sunday evening before will be allowed to ring a round peal upon trial. They are now hanging by Samuel Turner, bell hanger to the above firm. If any gentleman, churchwardens, or others want any new peals of bells, or any that want new casting, or hanging, by sending a letter to the said S. Turner, at the Cross Guns, near the Minster, betwixt this and the first of September next, they shall be waited upon immediately, and their work faithfully executed after the very best manner by their most obedient and humble servant, S. Turner.'

The inscriptions on this peal of ten, as taken from an old history of York Minster, printed in 1763, are as follows:—

- On each bell: 'Lester and Pack of London Fecit. 1765.'
- Fifth: 'Musick is Medicine to the Mind.'
- Sixth: 'Our Voices shall with Joyful Sound: Make Hills and Valleys eccho Round.'
- Seventh: 'In Wedlock Bands All ye who Join, With Hands your Hearts Unite: So shall our Tuneful Tongues combine, To Laud the Nuptial Rite.'
- Eighth: 'Ye Ringers all that Prize Your Health and Happiness: Be Sober Merry Wise And You'll the same Possess.'
- Ninth: 'To Honour both of God and King: Our Voices shall in Concert Ring.'
- Tenor: 'J. Fountayne, Dean. W. Cowper, W. Berdmore, W. Cayley, W. Mason, Residentaries.'

We must here notice that an old clock bell used to hang in the south transept. It was 43 inches in diameter, and weighed about 14 cwt., and was inscribed 'Ave Gratia plena Dominus tecum.' The clock, being worn out, was removed in 1752; and this bell, together with the two quarter-jack bells was removed in 1762 and sold to Lester and Pack with other old bells, as before stated.

There was also a service bell which formerly hung in one the turrets of the south transept. It measured 30 inches in diameter, and was inscribed as follows:—

'Surge Cito Propera Cunctos Citat Excitat Hora Cur Dormis Vigila Me Resonante Leva, 1592.'

This bell was removed in Dean Gale's time to the top of the central tower and, later on, to the south-west tower, where it was destroyed in the fire of 1840. Lester and Pack's peal of ten bells escaped the fire of 1829, caused by Jonathan Martin, the mad incendiary, which only destroyed the eastern part of the Minster, but in the evening of May 20th, 1840, another fire broke out in the south-west tower, which quickly spread to the roof of the nave. In a short time the whole tower was on fire, and Lester and Pack's peal of ten bells was totally destroyed, as well as the roof of the nave and the old service bell.

When the Cathedral was restored, Stephen Beckwith, M.D., presented the peal of twelve bells, which occupied the tower until last year. The peal were in the key of C, the same as the former peal of ten. The tenor was about half cwt. more than the old one, and was put up, together with the clock, before the rest of the peal. The whole peal were rung for the first time on July 4th, 1844. The inscription on the 11th was:

'Soli Deo Gloria Anno Domini MDCCCLXIII. Regius Victoris Britanniarum Regno Septimo, Archiepiscopus Edwardi Archiepi: Ebor XXXVII. Stephanus Beckwith, Medicinus Doctor inter Eboracenses Primarius Testamento Legavit. Carolus et Georgius Mears, Londini Fecerunt.'

All the other bells simply bore the inscription, 'Carolus et Georgius Mears, Londini Fecerunt MDCCCLXIV.'

'Great Peter' was cast in the year 1845, the cost being defrayed by subscription.

The bells were last rehung in 1913. The dedication of the new bells takes place on Sunday. Owing, however, to the fact that the flooring in the tower has not yet been completed, it has become necessary to postpone the arrangements for the 'Ringers' Day,' which had been announced for September 4th. Due notice will be given in our column when another day is fixed.

**SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.**—On Wednesday, July 7th, as a farewell compliment to the Rev. A. Rust, who was leaving the parish for Bedfordshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: Rev. A. Rust 1, W. T. Prior 2, A. Levey 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, W. Morris 5, H. Sabun 6, W. Turling 7, S. White 8.

**BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—On May 28th, for a Confirmation service, 720 changes of Cambridge Surprise: W. Hazeldine 1, J. Stannway 2, L. Higgs 3, W. Arthur Weston 4, H. Whitehurst 5, Jonah Cottrell 6. First 720 Cambridge Surprise on the bells by a local band, all the above belonging to the tower.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT BRAMSHOTT.

A successful meeting was held at Bramshott on Saturday last, and, incidentally, it was the first time that a district meeting had been held there. Considering that it is rather an awkward place to get at, being in the north-east corner of the district, a good muster turned up, including ringers from Bramshott, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), the Master (Mr. G. Williams), Messrs. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), C. W. Player (Stone, Ashford), and C. Tribe (Tenterden). Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary) and also Mr. A. H. Pulling, who has been instructing the Bramshott ringers.

The handy ring of six were fully utilised during the afternoon, while Mr. E. Woods (churchwarden) kindly showed some of the members many interesting features of the church. An enjoyable service was held in the church, when the Guild's form was used, and an interesting address on ringing during the last century was given by the Rev. O. S. Watford, of Haslemere.

By the kind permission of Colonel B. F. R. Holbrooke, D.S.O., and Mrs. Holbrooke, tea was partaken of in their lovely grounds. At the business meeting which followed, the colonel kindly accepted the invitation to take the chair. Mr. A. Booker (Bramshott) was elected a full member, Messrs. C. W. Player and C. Tribe compounding members, and the Rev. H. A. Howies and Colonel Holbrooke honorary members.—It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Havant on November 13th next, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

A letter was read from Mr. A. H. Pulling complimenting the local band on the progress they had made and on the spirit in which they had taken his instruction, which he hoped to continue.—In reply, Mr. W. H. Wright (Bramshott) said that they could not have had a better instructor, as he had a very genial manner with young ringers. He was delighted to hear that Mr. Pulling was going to continue, and that they would have him as long as he wished to come to Bramshott.

The Master then read a letter from the vice-president (Rev. C. E. Matthews) who had recently had a long illness. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent from the district to him, also to Mrs. Pulling, who had met with an accident on the Somerset tour, and to Mrs. Pullinger, wife of the general secretary, who was in Winchester Hospital.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rectors of Bramshott and Liss for the use of the bells, Colonel Holbrooke for the use of his grounds, and also to the gentlemen who had kindly entertained the members to tea, the clergy, the organist and the caterers. Some of the members then journeyed to Liss, where an enjoyable half-hour was spent, while others took the opportunity of looking round the beautiful grounds. Thanks are also due to Mr. E. Woods, who kindly met some of the ringers at Liphook station and took them to the church in a motor conveyance.

During the day the ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. BLACKBURN BRANCH SOCIAL.

The annual meeting, tea and social of the Blackburn Branch was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Rishton, on Saturday last. The bells were raised about 2 o'clock, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon. An enjoyable tea was provided in the schoolroom, about 70 ringers and friends participating.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. Ira Brown (Vicar) presiding, supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. L. J. Williams.—Several new members were enrolled, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting (for ringing only) at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, October 2nd, this to be followed by a business meeting at St. Peter's, Burnley, on Saturday, November 7th.

Mr. Rennie Hartley was re-appointed on the general committee for the next two years, and Mr. J. Watson was re-elected branch secretary.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for presiding, to the church officials for the use of the bells and schoolroom, also to the Rishton ringers and lady friends who had helped to make the tea and meeting a success.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Then followed the 'tit-bit' of the day. A splendid social had been arranged. Songs and recitations were rendered in fine style, and afterwards a short dance programme was carried out.

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Ludlow and Church Stretton district was held at Cleobury Mortimer, and ringers were present from Bridgnorth, Bromfield, Coalbrookdale, Knighton and Ludlow, also Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. Wm. Short.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung, and before tea a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 minutes, by the following: Wm. Saunders 1, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 2, Wm. Short 3, Geo. Oliver 4, L. Hewett 5, W. Lago 6.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson presided at the business meeting, at which it was decided to hold combined practices at Bromfield in September and Church Stretton in November.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, August 22nd, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins. (Haley's variation): J. Eagles 1, S. A. Baker (Cheriton) 2, C. R. Millway 3, R. H. Stevens 4, J. Perry (Brewood, Stafford) 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. J. Saunders 8, day compliment to J. E. Moreton.

**FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Canterbury Pleasure Minor was rung in 45 mins.: W. Young 1, F. Batterham 2, A. Young 3, J. Kemp 4, G. Coleman, junr., 5, G. Coleman, senr. (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. All are regular Sunday Service ringers at the above tower.

**POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Burgess 1, A. Ives 2, C. Bower 3, E. Leggett 4, J. King 5, W. Stiff (conductor) 6.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, August 22nd, 1926, for Matins, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, on the occasion of the visit of Canon Peacock (a former Vicar), 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, R. Park (conductor) 5, W. H. Porter 6.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD.**—On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine service at St. Michael's Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: F. Springham 1, D. Hadyn 2, W. T. Prior 3, \*J. Jarvis 4, A. Bull 5, F. Bird 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, \*W. Bush 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, August 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Watson (conductor) 1, G. Piper 2, F. Rainbird 3, G. R. Pye 4, H. Dawkins 5, W. Leggett 6.—Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Rainbird 1, W. Watson 2, H. Turner 3, H. Dawkins 4, E. Butler 5, G. R. Pye (conductor) 6.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—At St. Peter's Church for evening service, on Sunday, August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: P. Hammett 1, J. Smith 2, C. Bengor 3, J. Bengor 4, W. Simons 5, J. Squire 6, G. White (conductor) 7, R. Hayward 8.

**PULBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. H. Doick 1, S. Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, H. C. Greenfield 4, Ron. Picton (Wattford, conductor) 5, E. Edwards (Wattford) 6, A. C. Greenfield 7, G. A. C. Block (Fulham) 8.

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—At St. Faith's Church, for morning service, on August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: M. Marshall 1, E. Hedger 2, W. Monk 3, B. Clark 4, W. Gent 5, R. J. Stone (Portsea) 6, R. J. Hasted (conductor) 7, S. Parsons 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, August 22nd, at St. Mary's, for evensong, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 53 mins.: J. D. Harris 1, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 2, H. Jennings (Ryde) 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (Oxford) 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, C. W. Player (Stone, Ashford) 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8.

**SPREATHAM.**—On Sunday, August 22nd, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, E. E. Bish 3, F. E. Collins 4, T. Welbourne 5, J. L. Watkins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, J. Lee 8.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Knowles 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, Miss Orchard (Portishead) 3, J. Munday 4, F. Vince 5, P. C. Orchard 6, R. Grater (conductor) 7, W. Cockram 8. Specially arranged for Miss Orchard.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, H. W. Lidbetter 2, T. Beadle 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, J. Herbert 5, A. Harding 6, H. A. Folkard 7, A. Sheard 8.

**FULHAM.**—On August 22nd, for evening service, 1,265 Stedman Caters: \*H. Ellis 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Belcher 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, D. Stevens 6, \*H. Stevens 7, J. W. Driver (conductor) 8, F. Skevington 9, A. Harding 10. \* First quarter Stedman Caters on lower bells. Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to Mace Smith.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On August 22nd, for Matins, at the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: H. Hooper 1, E. C. Martin 2, C. Tribe 3, F. W. Burnett, junr., 4, P. Giles 5, C. W. Layer 6, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 7, L. P. Cook 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 3rd and 6th, who are on a holiday from Kent.

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 15th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. Wright 1, L. Camp (first 720 of Cambridge inside) 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, J. Jennings (Great Bardfield) 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. Also 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, same as above, except E. Sitch (conductor) 5.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for evensong, 720 London Surprise: L. Camp 1, W. Bradley (Bloomfield, first 720 in the method) 2, G. Camp 3, H. Wright 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. Also 216 Oxford Treble Bob.

**BARLEY, HERTS.**—On Sunday, August 15th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Howard 1, W. F. Sermons 2, W. A. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, H. Barratt 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by H. Barratt, for whom it was arranged.

## NOTICES.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Bekesbourne on Saturday, Aug. 28th, for a combined practice of Minor methods at 5.30. All ringers will be welcomed.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hayfield on Saturday, Aug. 28th, to give encouragement to the newly-formed local band. A good attendance is requested.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 3, Gower Road, Hyde.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor-bus leave Old Market at 2.15.—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Aug. 28th (6 bells). Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Ringing at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar after service, and business to follow.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at St. Luke's, Derby. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North and East District. — Meeting at Enfield (St. Mary Magdalene), on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45, but please advise me. St. Andrew's bells open from 7.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E 17.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea afterwards.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, Ledbury.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The annual festival will be held at Brecon on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Towers of St. Mary's and St. David's Churches open for ringing from 10 a.m. (8 and 6 bell towers). Service 3 p.m. in Havard Chapel of the Cathedral Church. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence), by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop, 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., National Provincial Bank Chambers, Neath, Glam.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Oldswinford on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Hursley on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be at Harworth, on Saturday, August 28th. Will members please make own arrangements for tea? This month's method for special practice is Cambridge Surprise Minor.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 28th, at Littlehempstone. Bells available 3 p.m., short service 4 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. Berry Pomeroy bells (8) also Totnes (8) available after 6 p.m.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

*Falling at intervals upon the ear  
In cadence sweet now dying all away,  
Now pealing loud again and louder still,  
The music of the village bells.*

**ALDENHAM, HERTS.**—Saturday, August 28th. Bells open 4. Tea 5.30. Meeting after. (Nearest station: Bushey, cheap trains from Euston.)—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on September 2nd, 16th, 30th; \*St Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; St. Mary's, Beddington, on the 11th, at 3 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m., except Beddington. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m., tea 5 p.m., and special evensong 6 p.m. Requests for tea (no charge) to be sent to the Rev. B. C. F. Andrewes, The Vicarage, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, as soon as possible.—R. H. Dove, Hon. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newton-Nottage, Porthcawl, on September 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A combined meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available after 2.30. Members requiring tea please advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Fungalow, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie, not later than September 1st.—G. S. Taylor and H. Tyson, Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good muster of members is expected to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Chicheley on Saturday, September 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Sept. 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells ready early and visitors welcome. Tea will be provided at 1/6 per head for those who notify William Sturman, High Common, Barlborough, Chesterfield. Cheap buses and railway fares, ex Doncaster, Worksop, Mansfield and Sheffield etc., (Underwood's) and L.N.E. return fares.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/-, all ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. E. Smith, East Lane, Chieveley, near Newbury, by Wednesday, Sept. 1st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Rd., Shaw, Newbury.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood (5) on Saturday, September 4th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday. Badges now ready price 1/3.—H. Baxter, Silver St., Broughton, Kettering.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting on September 4th, at Bolsterstone (8 bells). Tea will be provided, free of charge to those who notify Mr. Harrison, 'Bank View,' Hope Street, Stocksbridge, Nr. Sheffield, by Thursday, September 2nd. Bus service every 20 minutes from Middlewood Tram terminus.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Chart Sutton on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Buses from Maidstone to Sutton Valence, then 10 minutes walk. Tea will be arranged. Please notify me before Wednesday, September 1st.—C. H. Stone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS,** St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—Annual Outing to Southend-on-Sea on Saturday, September 4th, leaving Liverpool Street Station at 1.50 p.m. Fare to members, 3/3. Will members desiring to attend please notify the Hon. Sec. by Wednesday, September 1st, to enable arrangements for cheap tickets to be completed?—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec., York House, Watford Road, Sudbury, Middlesex. Telephone, Wembley 144.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings during September: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m. and Mondays, the 13th, at 7.30, and the 27th, at 7.30 sharp, committee meeting at 8.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 7th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The first annual Shield Contest will take place at St. Mary's, Barnsley, Saturday, September 11th, prizes will also be awarded to winners of the Shield. Mr. R. Ricketts, Wath, has kindly offered six silver medals to the company securing second place. The last date of entry is Sept. 7th. Entries must be forwarded before that date, addressed to C. D. Potter, Luda House, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley. Further particulars at a later date.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. each). Those hoping to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 7th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 11th. The bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock, also Stamford-on-Soar (8 bells). The Bell Foundry Works will also be open from 2 till 4 p.m. to enable visiting ringers to look round. Tea is being arranged at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Business meeting afterwards. Will ringers and friends kindly let me know who will be requiring tea by Sept. 9th?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available at 3.15 and St. Mary's after tea. A hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 8th. Members are reminded that all subscriptions should be paid without delay, as the financial year end is Sept. 30th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**LITTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH, EXMOUTH.**—The dedication of two additional trebles and the reopening of the six other bells will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 o'clock. Preacher: The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Hon. Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and President of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Collection for the Bell Fund. Ringers who are desirous to ring and who require tea (9d. each) must send their names to Rev. J. E. Blakeman Ball, The Glebe House, Littleham, Exmouth, not later than Sept. 4th.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual Commemoration Dinner will this year take place at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 18th, at 6 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Ven. John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon and Vicar of Sheffield, supported by officers of the Association. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) from 2.30 to 5.30. Applications for dinner tickets (price 5/6 each) must be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, September 14th.—Sidney F. Palmer, 85, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

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**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**  
**THE FORTHCOMING SHIELD CONTEST.**

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held on Saturday, August 14th, at the picturesque village of High Aekworth. The bells are an ancient ring of six, and were ringing at intervals from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tea was partaken of at the Brown Cow Hotel, where there was a warm welcome and homely attention. The business meeting followed tea. The company included one of the churchwardens, who apologised for the absence of the Vicar (Rev. Boucher), who was away on holiday, and emphasised the welcome already given by saying he was a 'brother string' of twenty-five years' experience, and was thus able to share their feelings as church workers.

The business of the meeting was of the usual happy order. A sum of 13s. 6d. was allowed out of the funds to pay for the teas of some of the members who are affected by the strike troubles in the coal world. Twelve new members were elected.

The committee's report of arrangements for shield contest, which is to take place on September 11th, at Barnsley, was approved.

Mr. R. Ricketts (Wath) honoured the society by an offer of six silver medals as a second prize for the contest, on condition that prizes are also awarded the winners of the shield. This was accepted as a challenge by the secretary, and duly accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar, the two churchwardens, to the ladies for tea, and all the local company for their arrangements.

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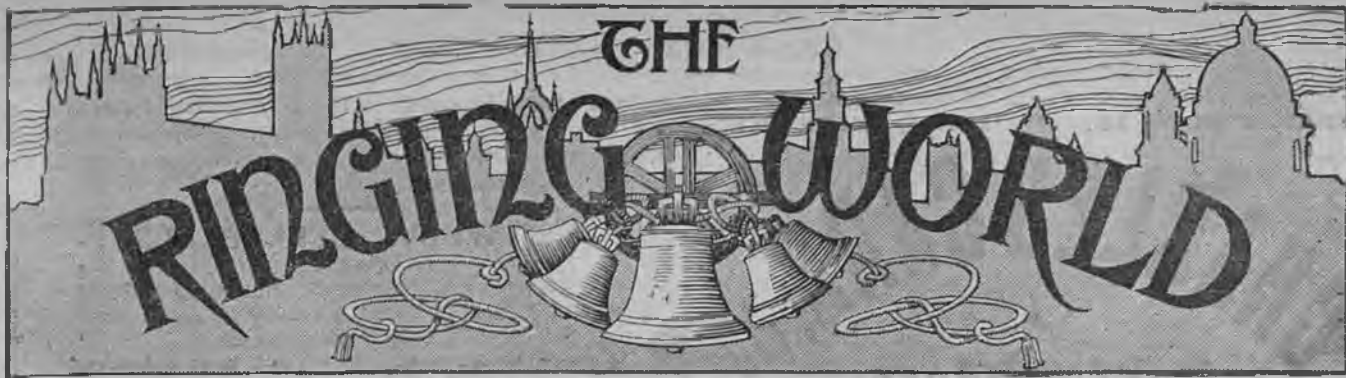


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## BELLS AND 'WIRELESS.'

A pertinent point is raised by a correspondent in another column, by the suggestion that some step should be taken to ensure that only the best ringing should be broadcast. The writer is quite correct when he says that some of the ringing which has been 'sent over' to listeners has been of very poor quality, and likely to be detrimental to the interests of ringing. Readers will remember that at the Central Council meeting at Chester last year a resolution was passed with a view to getting the British Broadcasting Company to substitute, for the chiming, which at that period was the only sound of bells which the public heard by wireless, some genuine examples of our art. Since that time, undoubtedly largely as the result of the representations made, there have been numerous broadcasts of bell ringing, but unfortunately not all of them have been above reproach in regard to the striking. The fault has sometimes been due, as our correspondent points out, to the fact that the B.B.C., anxious to include the bells of some particular church in their programme, usually as a prelude to a service, has done so without realising the capabilities of the ringers. The consequent performance must occasionally have left the lay public far from impressed with the rhythmic beauty of change ringing, and such dislike as may thus be created might quite possibly become the germ of opposition to ringing generally.

Unquestionably it would be a step in the right direction if the B.B.C. could be induced to set up a sort of consulting committee of ringers, who would be able to advise them on this matter. The Central Council might well take the initiative, although in this case it does not necessarily follow that an Advisory Committee exclusively of members of the Council would be best able to give the broadcasting authorities the information they ought to have. It is delicate ground, but the position ought nevertheless to be faced, for bells have been very much to the fore in broadcasting programmes recently, and not only are early impressions lasting, but they will doubtless decide whether bells shall form any part of future programmes. Admitting that every hand does its best upon this, as it should upon every occasion, it has also to be realised that some men are far from perfect strikers. We have heard broadcasts in which, perhaps, one bell has been consistently slow, with the result that in every change there has been an irritating gap. The ringer of the bell, in such a case, obviously had no 'ears,' neither presumably had the conductor. This is but one example of the type of ringing which may be injurious to the art in the public opinion, but it illustrates our point that it is not every band that is fitted for such an important task as broadcasting. We hope our correspondent's letter

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FRANK SMITH ... .. 2		GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 3		WILLIAM BOYTRILL ... .. 9
CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 4		LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 10
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 5		JAMES BENNETT ... .. 11
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 6		EDWIN PUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS

\* First peal of Stedman inside.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	... Treble	* JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 7
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 2		BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 8
* ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 3		EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 9
JOHN BASS ... .. 4		WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5		WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... .. 11
* ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6		* SAMUEL GROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Langley to Mr. J. Elcock, the bride being the sister of one of the local ringers.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

* FREDERICK W. CHORLEY ... .. 2	Treble	GEORGE J. HARMAN ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2		WILLIAM ESSERY ... .. 6
LESTER CRAY ... .. 3		JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 7
† GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 4		WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.  
\* First peal away from the tenor behind. † First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... .. 2	... Treble	ROBERT BRUNDLE ... .. 5
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 2		CHARLES PARKER ... .. 6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 3		GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 4		GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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WALTER PRIOR ... .. 4		GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor

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Tenor 12½ cwt.

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* WILLIAM G. CLARKE... .. 2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 6
FREDERICK C. CASE ... .. 3	EDWIN YATES ... .. 7
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 4	ALBERT J. GREEN ... Tenor

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JOHN J. MAWBAY ... .. 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. 6
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JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 4	JAMES T. WARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

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

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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

* ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
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THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

GEORGE CLAXTON ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time, and was published in 'The Ringing World' on August 6th, 1926.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—On Sunday, August 29th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Tizzard 1, N. E. Elliott 2, J. Wren 3, R. V. Johnson 4, F. Willey 5, A. J. Bull 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 26, 1926, 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.

ARNCLD HILL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. LEWIS ... .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. 2	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 6
GIBSON JACKSON ... .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSEB ... .. 7
PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. 4	ROBERT SARSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEB.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER ... .. Treble	JOHN BURLS ... .. 5
CHARLES WATERMAN ... 2	GEORGE MORRAD... .. 6
* FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... 3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 7
* HARRY ARGENT ... .. 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL

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

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	† GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 5
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
* WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

\* First peal in the method. † 250th peal. First in the method on the bells.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
THOMAS WILSON ... .. 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. Treble	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 5
JAMES A. TEALE ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON... .. 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD... .. 4	ARTHUR TROTTER... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wootton.

LONGEST TOUCH ON NEW BELLS.

At West Clandon Church on Monday evening, August 23rd, as a compliment to the Earl of Onslow on his 50th birthday, a quarter-peal of Minor in 48 mins. (360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): H. Harding, sen. (longest touch) 1, G. Grover 2, G. Worfold 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Day 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6. Longest touch on the bells since they were restored after the fire in 1914.

## FEERING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5
WILLIAM KREBLE ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KREBLE

## BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE R. PYE... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 5
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. JOHNSON ... .. 3	HENRY JENNINGS... .. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 4	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## SHERFIELD-ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Treble	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 7
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

## SOUTHAMPTON.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 7
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

## ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELREDA,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	REGINALD BROWN ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

WILLIAM LINTER, SEN. ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 6
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## ECTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt.

HARRY MARLOW ... .. Treble	JOSEPH DEAN ... .. 4
* ARTHUR ROBINSON ... .. 2	WALTER AUSTIN ... .. 5
JACK DOVE ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 5th bells.

## GLOUCESTER.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-LODB,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

THOMAS HAWKES... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 4
WILLIAM C. WASLEY ... .. 2	ALBERT MARTIN ... .. 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3	JOSHUA STEPHENS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. HARRIS.

## LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* JOHN E. METCALFE... .. Treble	RAYMOND J. WEBB ... .. 4
* STANLEY C. J. ASHMAN ... .. 2	CYRIL S. P. WEBB ... .. 5
FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... .. 3	* WILLIAM G. BAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## MICHAELCHURCH ESKLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* WILLIAM J. DAVIES ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. HANKS ... .. 3
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	JOHN BOURNE ... .. 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung for evening service.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 23, 1926, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH TOWER,

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

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

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4
ARTHUR SYMONDS... .. 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: W. R. J. POULSON.

First handbell peal of Minor by the above Association.

WESTON UNDERWOOD.—On Thursday, August 26th, at St. Lawrence's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Fisher 1, W. H. Hewett 2, F. J. Mynard (conductor) 3, W. Freeman 4, E. S. Mynard 5, Reuben Sanders 6.—Also 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire, with F. Boswell, A. Freeman, H. Lovell and R. Perkins taking part.—Also on the previous evening at St. Peter's, Olney, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major were rung by the above. This ringing was specially arranged for Messrs. Sanders and Hewett, who were on holiday in this district, and thanks are due to Mr. W. Freeman for his arrangements.

**THE 'SURFLEET WEEK'**

SPALDING, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	J. WILLIAM WOOD ... .. 5
*MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One 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
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

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

Tenor size 16 in B.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 9-10

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four 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
*RUPERT RICHARDSON... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* 300th peal for the Lincoln Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Rupert Richardson.

second peal was attempted, but came to a sudden end after one and a half hours' ringing.

Sunday, August 22nd.—Three of the more energetic members of the party were early astir, and a peal of Bob Minor was brought round previous to breakfast, thus enabling Mr. and Mrs. F. I. to complete the list of Plain Bob on handbells, both having now rung peals of this method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung for morning service at the Church of St. Lawrence. After dinner, an attempt was made for Bob Major with mine host and hostess, this being successfully accomplished in 2 hours 27 minutes. Rupert being desirous of christening his new 'rifle range,' a peal of Bob Royal was rung after tea; thus the last day of a very pleasant week closed with ringing Minor, Major and Royal all within thirteen hours.

Monday, August 23rd.—The unwelcome day had arrived, and parting commenced at the early hour of 7 a.m., the 'bachelors' leaving later, that hour being far too early for the notorious trunk and its owner.

Once again the party thank Mr. and Mrs. Rupert for their unstinted hospitality.

SURFLEET, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 22, 1926, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

IN THE WORKSHOP AT GLYN GARTH,

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

Seven extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1-2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4
*FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Minor in hand, thus completing the sequence from Minor to Maximus on handbells.

SURFLEET, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

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

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

SURFLEET, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

IN THE NEW BULB SHED,

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

Tenor size 16 in B.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

**THE SURFLEET 'DIARY.'**

Saturday, August 14th, saw the arrival of the party for the 'good old annual' at Surfleet, the now famous trunk arriving in good time, with 'Old Bill' bringing up the rear. Unfortunately, the gathering was not so large this year, Mrs. W. Ayre being unable to be present owing to her little daughter being on the sick list.

Sunday, August 15th.—In the morning a visit was paid to the Parish Church, Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters being rung for morning service. After dinner, preparations were made for a visit to Boston. Arriving at the famous 'Stump,' a gentle climb to the ringing room (180ft. from the ground) was not at all appreciated by some of the members, but the view to be seen from the top of the tower was full compensation for the climb. The close proximity of the bells to the ringing room, and the huge dome standing up in the middle of the floor, make the tower unique, although not conducive to comfortable ringing, but, despite these drawbacks, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for evening service.

Monday, August 16th.—Work was the order, and after the 'townies' had spent a full day in the field amongst the wheat and oats there was more than one aching limb, but no one regretted doing a little work for a change. Retiring at 11 p.m., old Bill's bed was not at all to his liking, which necessitated its removal to the bottom of the stairs, where he was left heaping showers of blessings upon the ladies.

Tuesday, August 17th.—A visit was first paid to Spalding market. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the bells at the Parish Church were set going to Cambridge Surprise Major, and after 3 hours 23 minutes' ringing a good peal was brought round, this being Rupert's first in the method as conductor and his better half's first peal of Major in the method. After the peal, the party were welcomed by the Vicar, full justice being done to the meat tea kindly provided by him. The band were unanimous in their opinion that Messrs. Taylor had made a good job of rehanging the peal.

Wednesday, August 18th.—Work was again the order of the day, but the clerk of the weather was in an undecided mood until mid-day, when he finally settled matters for the party, a peal of Bob Royal being brought round in fine style. This day will always be remembered as a black one, the behaviour of the 'bachelors' necessitating a visit from the local police.

Thursday, August 19th, was allotted for a day at the seaside, and all were on the move earlier than usual, despite the fact that the 'bachelors' had had a somewhat restless night!

Friday, August 20th.—Breakfast over, an early start was made for Bob Royal, which came round a few minutes before dinner. The afternoon was spent in watching other people work, while in the evening a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was brought round, much to the satisfaction of all.

Saturday, August 21st.—This was commenced in the usual way by the party wishing Rupert 'many happy returns of the day,' and then ringing a peal of Bob Royal in honour of his birthday. A (Continued at foot of previous column.)

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The following are Mr. Segar's instructions for tapping changes, according to a system which will work in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob, and the few other methods in which the coursing order of the bells is not broken or practically not broken throughout the course.

At first do not use handbells, but obtain a circular piece of cardboard, say, seven or eight inches in diameter, and write on its edge, as on a clock face, as many figures as required in this order—

2 4 6 8 10 9 7 5 3 1  
For example, try eight figures—

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      5
     7 3
    8   1
   * 6 2
      4
  
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It is necessary to use two hands, say the forefinger of each. Place R.F. (right-hand finger) on 1 and L.F. (left-hand finger) on 2. Move them in opposite directions until they meet.

Thus R.F. will tap 1 3 5 7 and  
L.F. will tap 2 4 6 8.

Now tap alternately, starting with R.F. on 1, and you produce rounds. Then, still starting with R.F. on 1 and L.F. on 2, tap alternately, beginning with L.F., and you will produce 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7. You have now finished (both ways) with pair 1—2.

Take the next pair in clock-wise direction, namely, 2 and 4.

First R.F. start produces 2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7.

Then L.F. start produces 4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5.

It should be noted that in arithmetic there are only four pairs in eight, but round this clock face there are eight pairs, which must be used clock-wise—12—24—46—68—87—75—53—31.

Start twice from each pair, first clock-wise, and then anti-clockwise, which produces the first lead of Plain Bob on any number so far as the row 1 3 2 5 4 7 6, etc.

Every time the treble leads move the treble anti-clockwise, as shown:—

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      5
     7 1
    8   3
   6   2
      4
  
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This clock face contains the sixteen changes of the second lead. After satisfying himself that this is so, the tapper should throw away this card and practice this lead on the original clock face. He must get used to tapping 1 between 3 and 5 and omitting it where written.

Similarly with all the other positions of the treble moved anti-clock-wise, until you have tapped the plain course. Then fetch out the handbells and hang them as under—

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    7 5 3 1
    8 6 4 2
  
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You still have the clock face, but it is a very much flattened circle.

For Kent move 2 round, then 4, and so on.

For Grandsire move 1 and 2 round.'

I have copied these directions exactly as Mr. Segar wrote them, for they are quite clear. Obviously, however, the directions for tapping Kent would in practice require a little amplification.

Now here is something to amuse a ringer for an hour or two on a winter's evening. And when he understands it he will learn something more than just how to tap a plain course. For the system is based on the most important thing in Method Construction—the law of cyclical movement.

If the reader is interested he may, when he has mastered Mr. Segar's directions, turn to the article I wrote in 'The Ringing World' of February 20th, 1925, on Constructional Shunts. This tapping is a practical example of what I was there trying to explain. And, perhaps, if he is clever enough, he may from my article find a way to adapt this system to such methods as Double Norwich or Double Oxford. It is easy to see from Mr. Segar's letter how it can be adapted to Reverse Bob and Double Bob. Note, too, the light it throws on another question at one time much disputed about by the experts of the Exercise—the question of whether Plain Bob and Grandsire are the same method.

Here you have a proof of the truth of Shipway's statement that Grandsire is only bob ringing with a bell in the hunt, for in tapping them you use exactly the same means, only in the latter you move 1 only through the other bells, and in the former you move 1—2.

Though Mr. Segar does not deal with anything beyond the plain course, it is easy to understand how to ring touches. When a bob is called you must not only move the treble one step anti-clock-wise, but also the two bells at the time coursing one in front and one behind it. You must then remember the altered coursing order of the working bells, and move the treble among them. The thing now begins to be difficult—not nearly so difficult as tapping by transposing every change, for you have to alter the imaginary positions of your bells once only every lead. From lead head to lead end the process is practically mechanical—but more than difficult enough to be the master of the vast majority of us ordinary ringers.

## EARL SHILTON AND BARWELL RINGERS COMBINE.

A long run was enjoyed by the ringers of Earl Shilton and Barwell, on the occasion of their annual outing, when they were accompanied by a few friends, including Mr. Harry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton and Mr. Tom Cooper, of Sapcote. A lovely bus was 'commandeered,' and a start was made from Barwell about mid-day. Leadenham was reached about 3.30, the journey being a very pleasant one, which took the party through Leicester. A halt was made to refresh the inner man at Melton Mowbray, then on through Grantham. A nice view was seen whilst travelling through Rutland, with Belvoir Castle towering above the tall trees in the distance, and looking a fine picture in the bright sunshine. When Leadenham was reached, the fine peal of six bells were soon going to Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Kent Treble Bob. A call was made at Fulbeck, and several touches rung on the light six there before the party got back to the eight bells at Caythorpe, but this was the Eight Bells Inn, where a fine meat tea awaited the visitors. When all were satisfied, the other eight bells were visited, namely, those in a grand tower and steeple. The bells, a beautiful light peal, were soon set going, but unfortunately the ringing was brought to a sudden stop. Everyone had had a good ring, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. During a course of Kent Treble Bob Major the sixth rope broke. This put 'paid' to the ringing, except for the handbells. The return journey was made through Newark, and home reached about midnight, after a pleasant day.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Groves' Variation of Parker's 12 part) in 41 mins.: C. Lovell 1, A. J. Backshall 2, H. Gravett 3, A. J. Feist 4, J. Parsons 5, T. Stringer 6, J. Feist (conductor) 7, G. Gaston 8. The ringers belong to Burgess Hill and Keymer.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.****BRISTOL BRANCH AT MARSHFIELD.**

In delightful weather the monthly meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Marshfield, on Saturday last. The Bristol contingent enjoyed the motor trip of 12½ miles from the city. It is hoped that this chartering of a motor for all meetings outside the city will be made a feature of the excursions in the future. The following towers were represented: Bristol (St. James', St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, St. Thomas', St. Luke's), Almondsbury, Henbury, Mangotsfield, Warmley, and a full muster of the local band, and the following were welcome visitors: Miss N. G. Williams, Messrs. W. H. Brown, T. F. King, W. Prescott (Bath), J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), F. C. Haynes (Cambridge University Guild), F. Lambell (Chippingham), and A. H. Drew (Dorchester), making a total of 42.

Ringling commenced at 3, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Asplen). At the short business meeting, presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), who welcomed all their visitors, Messrs. F. C. Benger (Dorchester, Dorset) and F. E. Haynes (Cambridge University) were elected life members.

A card was sent round in support of the restoration of the peal of bells at Deane, Hampshire, where the present Vicar (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) is making a special effort to raise funds for this worthy object, and the chairman, Messrs. W. A. Cave, and E. Guise appealed for support. It is pleasing to be able to say that the appeal was not made in vain. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies took great interest in the Gloucester and Bristol Association while living in the diocese.

Mr. Heggimbotham proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks - the Vicar for taking the service and for the use of the bells, to the organist and blower, to the local band, especially Mr. Beazer, the local secretary, for preparing tea, and to the ladies for waiting at the tables. He also gave the meeting, in his well-known gifted style, his own opinion on many matters appertaining to making ringers and ringing a success.

After the meeting, several of the members visited the Vicarage grounds and gardens, which were much appreciated. They also visited the last resting place of the late secretary of the local band, Mr. W. Lewis, who did much in his time for the ringers and ringing at Marshfield, and his happy face was missed at the meeting.

Good practice was obtained on the bells, the methods varying from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, and some of the ringers had their first touch in the different methods. The members spent a very pleasant and interesting afternoon.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Alsom, where the grand old peal have been restored, and it is hoped to see a large gathering of the clans present.

**FOR THE BEGINNERS.****CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

The explanation of the calling of Grandsire Doubles given last week should have given the young conductor sufficient insight to enable him to call any of the different 120's that are given in the ringing books, with which every aspirant in ringing should have armed himself. In case, however, there may be any young conductor who has no such book in his possession, it may be pointed out that in addition to the calling explained in the last notes, namely, a bob at alternate leads, with a single substituted for one of the bobs at a corresponding place in each half, there is another simple form which produces 120. This is to call a single every time the observation bell is in 4-5 up and a bob at each alternate 'Before,' which is when the observation bell makes 3rd's. Thus you can call a single the first time the observation bell is in 4-5 up, a bob the next lead (when it is 'Before'), and a single the next lead, when it is again in 4-5 up. You then omit a call the next lead, when the observation bell is again 'Before.' Or you can begin with a bob at the first 'Before,' and omit it the next time the observation bell makes third's.

The quarter-peal of Stedman Triples reported in last week's issue, in this column, without giving the tower, was rung at Pendleton.

At Walthamstow, on Tuesday, August 24th, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor was rung by: Leslie R. Welch (aged 14) 1, C. T. Coles 2, F. C. Maynard 3, R. Maynard, sen., 4, J. C. Adams 5, H. Rumens (conductor) 6. First 720 and longest length by the ringer of the treble.

**BOLNEY, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, August 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 minutes: T. Gasson 1, W. Watts 2, L. Wheatland 3, E. J. Davey (conductor) 4, W. Wheeler 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Vincent 7, A. Absalom 8. Rung in honour of W. Watts' birthday.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

In a very impressive service, on Sunday afternoon, the new ring of twelve bells at York Minster were dedicated. The important event was broadcast, and thus hundreds of thousands of people throughout the country were able to listen to and, in a sense, share in this noteworthy event. The rounds rung on the bells were eagerly listened to by ringers, and from many parts of the country we have received praises of the magnificent ring which Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have erected. The 'ringers' day' has not yet been fixed.

The first peal on the bells at Michaelchurch Eskley, Herefordshire, was rung on Sunday. These are a ring of five cast by Rudhall in 1732. It is hoped to add a new treble in the near future. At present there is a sum of £40 in hand towards the fund, and the parishioners intend to endeavour to raise the remainder during the coming winter.

Arrangements are now nearing completion for the Yorkshire commemorative dinner, which will be held this year at Sheffield, on September 18th. Notwithstanding the present crisis in the industrial world, it is hoped that an effort will be made by ringers to attend the gathering to honour the memories of past founders and uphold the traditions of the association.

Mr. Segar's explanation of one method of 'tapping,' which Mr. Trollope deals with in his 'Notes by the Way,' recalls the letter of Mr. H. Dew, in our issue of July 9th, suggesting that it would be interesting to have the opinion of some of our readers as to whom they consider the greatest exponent of these wonderful performances. Mr. Dew's letter was printed as referring to 'peal lapping,' whereas it should have been 'peal tapping.'

Yesterday was the anniversary of a peal of 5,039 Grandsire Caters, the first on the bells, rung at Bishop's Stortford, on September 2nd, 1820, by the Junior Society of College Youths.

On September 6th, 1807, a peal of 6,140 'Bobb Major Royal' was rung in 4 hrs. 23 mins. on the famous and now departed Coventry bells.

Thomas Tolladay took part in a peal of 6,144 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Peter's, Walworth, on September 7th, 1830.

At St. George's, Southwark, a peal of Bob Triples was rung on September 9th, 1750.

Mrs. Pulling, of Guildford, who suffered from concussion owing to the motor-cycle spill on the first day of the Somerset tour, was still in Sherborne Hospital at the beginning of this week. She is, however, going on very satisfactorily.

## NEW PEAL OF EIGHT FOR BRIGHTON.

Brighton is to have another new peal of bells. An order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for a ring of eight for the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Brighton already has two modern peals of ten, viz., at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'. If two trebles were added at the former church, where the tenor is 25 cwt., the borough would possess modern rings of eight, ten and twelve. There is already an old peal of eight at St. Paul's Church, where there is now little or no ringing.

## A QUAIN CAMPANOLOGICAL PERFORMANCE IN 1809

In 'The Meteor,' the Rugby School Magazine, of July 14th, 1887, is an account, written by Mr. M. H. Bloxam, then 82 years of age, of the celebrations at Rugby on the occasion of the Jubilee of King George III. on October 25th, 1809. This account also contains some reminiscences of the Rev. Charles Hume, who was a boy at the school at the period, and was, at the time of writing, Rector of Moonstoke, Hants, and 89 years of age. Mr. Hume gives the following account of a performance on Rugby Parish Church bells:—

'It was cried round the town that in the course of the day tunes would be rung on the church bells and royal salutes given in honour of his Majesty, George the Third, the whole to be performed by one person. This excited so much curiosity in me, that I determined I would see how it could possibly be done, and to satisfy myself I went up into the tower of Rugby Church, before the performance commenced. The professor was a strong-built man, and his evident self-assurance gave me confidence and expectation as I watched his proceedings. I observed that having taken a central point of the very solid floor of the belfry, he described with chalk a circle around it. He then, with the help of his assistant, a strong-looking man, drew each bell-rope just short of actually sounding the bell, and in succession secured each rope on the chalk circular line by strong staples cleverly driven home into the floor. This done, the soloist sat down in the centre of the circular arrangement of ropes, and with a surprising command of his "corporation sole," head, shoulders, elbows, wrists, hands, back, knees, feet, with a versatility and precision I could not have believed unless I had seen it done, the professor played on those strong hempen cords the popular tunes of the day, finishing with "God save the King," and for a royal salute sweeping those strong hempen cords with a continuous rolling of himself round his central pivot on the floor, which I may describe as a centrifugal convoluted hob major of himself, well deserving the applause elicited by a performance so surpassing expectation and challenging proof.'



**DEATH OF MR. F. J. COPE.****RINGER AT LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.**

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. Frederick James Cope, of Lichfield, which took place on August 17th, at the age of 71 years.

Deceased's occupation was that of a printer, and he had worked at Messrs. Meacham's for the long period of 56 years when in March last he had to give up owing to illness, which proved, later, to be cancer. For the last eight weeks he had taken to his bed, and his sufferings were acute.

The funeral took place on August 22nd. The first part of the service was taken at St. Mary's Church by the Rev. H. Cresswell, Vicar, assisted by Archdeacon Bright and the Rev. Canon Penny, and the interment in St. Michael's churchyard. At the conclusion of the obsequies a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by A. Walker 1-2, H. Knight 3-4, J. E. Groves 5-6, and A. Paddon Smith 7-8. The bearers were six of deceased's old ringing friends from the local towers, viz.: Messrs. A. Bowler, J. Powles, C. Barratt, W. Rogers, S. Gregory and H. Gallimore. Other ringers



THE LATE MR. F. J. COPE.

who attended were Messrs. J. Key (aged 84) (St. Mary's), J. W. Finnis (Tanworth), and J. Swinfield (Burton). Many floral tributes were sent, amongst which was one from members of the Stafford Archdeaconry in the shape of a bell with wheel attached.

A widow, five sons (two of whom are ringers), and a daughter are left to mourn their loss.

Although no record has been kept, it is known that deceased rang in upwards of 100 peals, many of which he conducted, including the four standard methods and Double Norwich. These were rung under the auspices of the Midland Counties Association, St. Martin's Guild, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Mr. Cope was one of the original members of the latter, when it was formed in 1883, and attended each annual meeting except the one in June last, when he was too ill to do so. He had been a ringer at St. Mary's for 57 years, and at the Cathedral for 53, the ringers at these towers being more or less one band undertaking duty at both places, and Mr. Cope was the conductor. His interest in ringing was maintained to the last, and a few minutes before his demise he asked that his glasses might be put on so that he could read 'The Ringing World.'

Touches of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, were rung at St. Mary's Church and at the Cathedral, and Bob Minimus on the four old bells at St. Chad's, the tenor of which is reputed to have been cast in A.D. 1255.

Our portrait of Mr. Cope is published through the courtesy of the 'Lichfield Mercury.'

**GREAT DUNMOW'S NEW TREBLES.****ANOTHER PEAL OF EIGHT FOR ESSEX.**

An order has been placed with Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to add two trebles to complete the octave in St. Mary's Church, Great Dunmow, Essex. The same firm recently re-hung the existing ring of six in an iron frame and recast the three trebles. The new bells are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, October 31st, at 3 p.m.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for evening service at St. Clement Danes', Strand, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. W. Chorley 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, L. Gray 3, R. H. Bullen 4, W. G. Matthews 5, J. Scholes 6, F. C. Newman 7, L. Hill 8, F. Winney 9, H. Taylor 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by ringers of 3rd, 4th and 8th.

**BELL RINGING BROADCASTS.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—Although one can never get much sound information, one hears from time to time that the change-ringing 'broadcast' from various towers is far from satisfactory. While the bells themselves may be satisfactory in every respect, the quality of the ringing sometimes is the subject of adverse criticism, not only from ringers, who understand the difficulty of producing a perfect touch to order, but from members of the general public who do not, but naturally expect to hear as perfect a piece of music as they would if listening in to a piano solo, for instance. Even from cathedrals and famous towers, one hears of poor performances on the wireless. This is important and serious, because it is liable either to lower the public opinion of the art of ringing or decrease the number of opportunities to broadcast, or both. It seems to be assumed that because a cathedral or other tower has a good peal of bells that the ringers there are sure to put up a good performance, whereas it is well known to ringers that this is often far from being the case.

Frequently the perfect ringing that will occur in long stretches during a peal cannot be attained in a short touch, sometimes not even in a plain course, especially on what I will call a 'nervous' occasion before the listening-in public. A company broadcast a touch of Grandsire Caters some months ago, which was severely criticised, on a good peal of bells. It is the only method they practise, and there is plenty of evidence that they seldom, if ever, accomplish a well-struck touch. To use a common term, they have been in the 'same rut' for years.

I am aware that the suggestion I shall now put forward is liable to cause controversy by its very nature, but as this question is entirely in the hands of ringers, to secure good ringing for broadcasting it should be tackled in a spirit of broadmindedness.

The suggestion is that a committee, preferably of the Central Council, be formed, to draw up a list of towers suitable for broadcasting, where competent bands are known to be in good practice, and likely to put up good performances.

This committee should be empowered to get in touch with the broadcasting authorities, and be in a position to explain why certain good peals are not available because at present the ringing is not up to the standard; secondly, to present their list of towers where good ringing is likely to be obtained. Lastly, that in big centres, at any rate, a special band might be obtained for special occasions where the local company is inefficient and could be induced to stand down.

This suggestion is drastic, but surely necessary. If ringers are to get control of the broadcasting of their own art, some scheme should be started before the situation is out of control. It could scarcely call up bad feeling if ringers generally really love the best of their art, and have the desire to present only the best to the public, always remembering that a bad performer in any other form of art is liable to be hissed off the stage.—Yours, etc.,

OUT-OF-COURSE.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The usual monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Bratton, Wilts, on Saturday, August 21st, when a very pleasant and instructive time was spent.

Some ringers took inside bells for the first time, one lady ringer ringing rounds for the first time, and others taking a hand in new methods. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and at 4.40 the Guild service was conducted by the newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. Seymour Collett, M.A.), Miss Hobbs, the organist, being at the organ.

Tea was held at the Church Institute, and between 20 and 30 sat down, including the Vicar, the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), and the secretary (Mr. F. Green).

The Vicar spoke a few words of welcome on the first visit of the branch to Bratton since his appointment to the parish, saying how nice it was to be again, after a space of twelve years, in a parish where there was a peal of bells. He gave advice to the ringers to undertake ringing from a right motive as a work for God and His Church.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), who welcomed the new Vicar into the branch, and thanked him for the use of the bells, and conducting the service.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the organist.

Further ringing then took place, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, and Kent Treble Bob Minor being rung.

Ringers were present from Bratton, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Edington, Trowbridge, Holt, Melksham, Westbury and Warminster.

Several new members were elected, including the Rev. S. Collett (Bratton) and Mrs. W. West (Melksham).

The chairman drew the attention of the ringers to a recent article in 'The Ringing World' about individual members taking an interest in the work of their Guilds, and showing how important this was if the work was to progress.

Ringings was continued till 7.30 p.m., when some of the ringers proceeded to the fine old church at Edington, where touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Everyone present spent a pleasant time.

### SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The third annual meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last, in the parish of Brecon, the towers of St. Mary's (eight bells) and St. David's (six bells) being open for ringing. A large number also journeyed by charabanc to Llanfagan, a parish situate within a few miles of Brecon, where there was a peal of eight bells also available. The towers represented at the meeting were: St. Mary's and St. David's (Brecon), Llanelly (Brecon), Talgarth, Glasbury, Aberavon, Baglan, Neath, Cadoxton, Morriston, Gorseinon, Llangatlock, and Llanstephan. Visiting bands from Bodwas and Caerphilly were also present, as well as Mr. John P. Fidler, of Stockport (who was on a visit to the district). Ringing commenced shortly after 11 a.m., and continued practically throughout the day.

A short service was held at the Cathedral Church of St. John at 3.15 p.m., when the president of the Guild, the Lord Bishop of the diocese, preached to a large congregation. The service was intoned by the sub-Dean (Canon Roberts), assisted by Minor Canon T. R. J. Jones, whilst the Rev. John Simon (Rural Dean) read the lesson. In the course of his address, the Bishop welcomed the ringers, and remarked that bell-ringing was quite an indispensable part of church work and life. The work of the church would be a very dull affair, and the life of the parishes would also be dull unless there came forth from the church towers the inspiring sound of the bells. He hoped in time to come there would be bells in many more towers in the diocese, and that existing bells that needed it would be improved and added to and brought up to a full number.

The Lord Bishop afterwards entertained the company to tea on the lawn of Ely Tower (the Bishop's residence).

The annual business meeting followed, presided over by the Bishop, who was supported by the sub-Dean, the Rural Dean, and Minor Canon T. R. J. Jones.

His Lordship was unanimously re-elected as president of the Guild, and the vice-presidents (the Archdeacons of Gower and Brecon), the sub-Dean (Canon Roberts), Canon H. J. Stewart, the Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton, were also re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. J. Simon (Rural Dean).

Mr. J. Hammond, owing to his having removed to Newport, Mon., desired to be relieved of his duties as Master of the Guild, and Mr. A. J. Pitman (Aberavon) was elected in his stead. Mr. Hammond was also secretary for the Southern District.

Messrs. W. R. Howells and Charles Powell were re-elected hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively, and the committee elected were Messrs. George Lewis (Morriston), S. T. Rackham (Llanelly), Fred Thomas (Brecon St. Mary's), Charles Powell (Llangatlock), R. E. Sparkes (Builth Wells), W. D. Griffiths (Talgarth), C. Morse (Sketty), D. J. Williams (Gorseinon), E. Stitch (Aberavon), J. P. Evelt (Glasbury), Geo. Morris (Llanstephan), D. J. Lewis (Cadoxton), Mrs. E. G. Bellringer (Baglan), A. Hatton (Neath), George Hardwick (Brecon St. David's), and Minor Canon T. R. J. Jones.

The hon. treasurer presented his accounts, which were adopted. A discussion took place as to what items should be a proper charge to the general fund, and several suggestions were made. It was also agreed that the expenses of the Central Council representative should be paid out of the general fund, and not made a charge on district funds as before.

It was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Llanstephan, on July 2nd, 1927, whilst the next ringing competition is to be held at Llanelly, Breconshire, on Saturday, May 21st or 23rd, 1927. The details of the latter were left in the hands of the committee.

Mr. A. J. Pitman (the newly-elected Master of the Guild) was nominated to attend the Central Council meetings.

Mr. E. Stitch (Aberavon) was appointed secretary of the Southern District, and Mr. Fred Thomas (Brecon) was appointed secretary of the Northern District.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for his helpful address, for presiding over the meeting, and also for having provided tea, was proposed by Mr. D. J. Williams (Gorseinon) and seconded by Mr. Bellringer (Baglan), and unanimously accorded.

It was encouraging to find that over 100 members attended the meeting, despite the fact that many of them have been severely handicapped owing to the industrial crisis. Their effort to attend is therefore all the more to be admired. A fine tribute was paid them by the Lord Bishop in the course of his address.

### ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 7th, the St. Giles-in-the-Fields Guild held their annual outing. The first stop was made at Christ Church, Epsom, and, after a short ring there, the party proceeded to St. Giles', Ashted, where a very enjoyable ring for about an hour was indulged in. Leatherhead Institute was then visited for tea. Later, in company with members of the Ashted and Leatherhead bands, ringing in Grandsire, Stedman Triples, London and Bristol Surprise was carried on during the evening. An adjournment to the King's Head concluded a very happy afternoon's programme. All were grateful to the respective incumbents, also to Mr. J. Wyatt, Mr. A. Dean, and the local ringers for their kind welcome and arrangements for the visitors.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. BANBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Banbury branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Banbury on Saturday, August 14th. After some preliminary ringing, service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. Canon Jones officiated, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. E. MacFarlane, Vicar of Great Tew.

Tea was served at the George and Dragon Hotel, and was followed by the annual meeting, at which the Rev. W. E. MacFarlane presided, supported by Canon Jones and the branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. R. Lewis.

The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £2 11s. 4d., was adopted, and the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley was re-elected president and the Rev. W. E. MacFarlane vice-president.

At the suggestion of the chairman, Canon Jones, who was an honorary member of the Guild, was elected a patron of the district, the motion being carried with acclamation.

Mr. Lewis was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, with thanks for his past services. An invitation from the Vicar of Wardington to hold the next branch meeting in that parish was accepted with thanks, the date fixed being October 30th.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary of the Guild, was present, and also represented the Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. He said he was pleased to be with them that day. If the Master of the Guild could not come to every meeting they must not think that he was not thinking of the branches. They had thirteen branches in full swing, and every branch held four meetings a year, and if they kept their dates separate they would see what a job the Master of the Guild had. They had, however, the finest Master (applause). What they wanted, not only in the Oxford Guild, but in every association in the country, was local enthusiasm. Fifty years ago there were plenty of enthusiasts and change-ringing was brought up to a fine standard, but to-day the picture palaces, dances and whist drives had their attraction, and it was difficult to get young ringers. They must not, however, be discouraged, for by helping someone to become a ringer they were doing something for the Church. Another thing was to make a branch successful like their chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary had made that one, which entailed a vast amount of work and a good deal of patience. He would ask the members to back them up to the best of their ability, and one of the finest ways of doing that was to be local enthusiasts and get the young blood. He felt sure that if the members paid their subscriptions when due he did not think Mr. Lewis would want to resign the branch secretaryship (applause).

A Deddington member asked if the Banbury ringers could visit the Deddington Church.

Mr. Lewis said they had tried to arrange monthly practices at the different towers affiliated to the branch, but the difficulty was to get six change-ringers together. In their local band they had eight or nine change-ringers, but unfortunately when one was free another would be working at nights.

Mr. R. Coleman, of Great Tew, was elected as a new member, and certificates were presented to the members elected at the last meeting.

Mr. Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Banbury for the use of the bells, to the organist for presiding at the organ during the service, and to the vice-chairman for his admirable address and also for presiding at the meeting. The proposition was carried unanimously.

Canon Jones said it had been a great pleasure to allow the use of the tower and also the use of the church on that occasion. Their thanks, he thought, were really due to the Vicar of Great Tew for his very interesting and instructive address, and to the organist, Mr. C. B. Palmer, for coming to play. Their thanks were also due to their excellent secretary for the arrangements made, which had passed without a hitch. A secretary's life, like a policeman's, was not always a happy one, but Mr. Lewis was always happy when working in the belfry and on behalf of the Guild (applause).

After the meeting, the bells were again rung. The methods practised during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Several rang their first touch of Triples.

Ringers were present from Appleton, Banbury, Churchill, Adderbury, Deddington, Cropredy, Wallington, Southam, Warmington and Great Tew.

### MANGOTSFIELD RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, August 21st, the members of the St. Giles' Guild, Mangotsfield, together with a few friends, to the number of 28, held their annual outing. Leaving Mangotsfield at 9 a.m. in a 'Maid of the Mountains' charabanc, they proceeded through Nailsworth, Stroud, Painswick, Cheltenham, and Tewkesbury, to Upton-on-Severn, where they pulled up at the Star Hotel and sat down to lunch. They were met by Mr. Charles Camm, who escorted them to the church tower, where there is a lovely ring of eight bells. These were raised, and touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major brought round. The bells were then lowered, and the party proceeded to Great Malvern, and visited St. Anne's Well, where they all imbibed and felt much better. Having walked round the hills to Malvern Wells, they reached the Nag's Head Inn for tea. The return was through Ledbury and Gloucester, and everyone enjoyed a delightful outing.

## REASONED THOUGHTS ON SIMPSON TUNING

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I didn't smile when I read 'Sammy's' comments on the treatment of metal. It may be rude, but I laughed outright. For a start, my friend Sammy must disabuse his mind of some of his thoughts concerning the above. I agree with this Sammy (or any other)—difference of treatment will have an effect on metal. But anyone with one grain of common sense will agree that a bell is not like beetroot! If the latter is scraped or chipped the least, the juices run out, and the beetroot loses its beautiful carmine. People who are born under the planet of Mercury are quick to understand this: they don't want a hammer and chisel to drive it in, and they love 'harmony' in all things.

Millet must have been born under Mercury, or he would not have given us that picture of two Norman peasants, standing with bowed heads in the mellowing shades of twilight, blending in perfect harmony with the Angelus!

Ah! Mr. Editor, 'The Angelus' bell was tuned with hammer and chisel, in the old style, and those who do know a little about this subject will agree that the Angelus and the Ave Maria bells have weathered the storms of centuries; but I ask, Was the usage the same? With emphasis I say 'NO!' These medieval specimens left to us—to say nothing of other rubbish (from a musical standpoint) which ousted other Pre-Reformation examples—were subjected to far different treatment from the time they were first cast, and for centuries afterwards. Has it ever dawned on the people who profess to know so much about bells—old and new—that the ringing of a 5,000 to-day will have a more far-reaching effect on that ancient bell, which alone chimed three strokes at the Elevation of the Host year in, year out, as the ordered preface demanded? Just consider this same mass of metal now throbbing, throbbing, throbbing for three solid hours—not one fraction of its whole constitution in a state of inertia. What's going on internally in that bell? Who's ruining these 'beautiful old bells'?

Bells of to-day are bashed and bumped, peal snatching! Bells of old, that have weathered the centuries, were treated quite differently. They told the canonical hour; we are not content with Aves, Matins, Tierce, Prime. No; we must have the whole twenty-four hours boomed out, and, gluttons as we are, not content with that, we demand the quarters. Every one of these blows brings about slowly, but surely, a transformation in that metal! The elasticity is undermined and undermined, till at last the modulus is reached, the metal takes a permanent set. What then? A fracture!

'Our Sammy' has given Simpson tuning one of the best uncollected testimonials it ever had. Like all other critics, he alleges this, that, and the other. Ye gods! He blames it, but he'll never shame it by saying, 'The quantity of reverberations emitted by each bell is greater in Simpson bells than in tap-note bells.' What a statement to make, especially when we know he's got some oil in his lamp.

I have before made allusion to beetroot, and we all know the juices run out; but the resonancy, which is the juice in a bell, does not sizzle out in great pools to the bottom of the bell-pit; it doesn't evaporate or dry up similar to the clothes on the clothes line on washdays.

Is it not logic, and will not even the lay mind agree, that if the reverberation in a Simpson bell is greater than it is in the tap-note bell, it is only reasonable not to suppose but to be sure that the elasticity in the former is greater than it is in the latter? Common sense tells one that elastic limit will be reached first by the tap-note bell, which does not contain the elasticity of the Simpson bell.

Take a spliced ring of bells, Simpson tuned, or tap-note tuned, I don't care which. Will the elasticity in the old bells be on a par with that which has been recently fused and put in the new bells? No, it will not! The old bells have been subjected to vibratory action; the percussion blow of the clapper has set up in greater or lesser degree a granular structure; the more pronounced this is the sooner will the elasticity be expended. Now, then, where are we? The new bells are free from this crystalline weakness, which really and truly is decomposition. The old bells are in an advanced stage, the new ones quite fresh. If these bells are all treated alike, clanged and clanged in peal ringing, the new bells will develop the same trouble. Yes, and their more elderly sisters will gradually advance from stage to stage till at last there is no throb left in 'em, and they are as dead as 'Queen Liz.' The others, however, will still be breathing, possibly for centuries after we have done knocking the elasticity out of bells, which Sammy admits are checkfull of it when they are 'S.T.'

One has not had occasion to seek counsel's advice on this question, and, in conclusion, I may be pardoned for pointing out one or two other facts (not wild imagination). My friend speaks of speed-merchants, when he suggests tapping a 5,000 in ten minutes less time than it took to tap one a decade previously. To quote four peals, well over the decade, two of which I am convinced he has heard and rung on, to wit, Dore east 1909, Norton 1896, Ilkeston 1910, Eastwood (Notts) 1905. Have the former—Dore and Norton—lost any resonancy? That's a naughty one, Sam! I'll answer for the lot of them. They have not as yet depreciated the 1,000th part of a vibration, and to rush such peals to gain ten minutes only adds further testimony to the decision of the 'C.C.' on Simpson-tuned bells.—Yours fraternally,

IRENAEUS.

P.S.—The howls evolve from the ghosts of the old vaudal founders who haunt the towers, and that's that!

## BELL DEDICATION IN PEAKLAND.

EYAM'S NEW TREBLES.

Saturday, August 28th, was indeed a red-letter day for the Peakland village of Eyam, which is situated in one of the most beautiful districts in England. The place has become historic because of the visitation of the Great Plague of London in 1665-1666, and for the heroic unselfishness shown by the people of that time in deciding to remain in the village and face death rather than flee away and spread the infection. The story tells us how out of 360 people there were only 60 left when the plague died out.

There were at that time four bells cast by Oldfield, of Nottingham, dated 1618, 1618, 1619 and 1628. These four bells have been rehung with new fittings, retuned, eighth turned, and, together with two new trebles, hung in a new iron frame on steel girders.

The new trebles are memorial bells, one given by Rev. W. P. Wright, in memory of his parents, Canon Charles Sisum Wright and Charlotte Elizabeth, his wife; the other, the gift of the village and friends in memory of their daughter, Emily Georgina Wright. The work has been admirably done by the Loughborough foundry, and gives the greatest satisfaction.

The new bells were dedicated on Saturday, August 28th, by the Bishop of Derby.

Immediately after the service a very excellent opening 720 was rung by the following band: C. Harrison (St. Maria's, Sheffield) 1, Arthur Craven (Sheffield Cathedral) 2, F. Watkinson (Sheffsworth) 3, J. H. Brothwell (Rotherham) 4, W. Biggin (Norton) 5, Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam) (conductor) 6.

The bells were kept ringing in various methods until nine in the evening by visiting ringers from Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham, Norton, Handsworth, Dore and Baslow. Ringers and village people alike were loud in their praises of the tone and go of the bells.

The visiting ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. W. P. Wright. There is a promising band of learners in the village, where, of course, hitherto, with only four bells, change-ringing was unknown, but already half a dozen have been through the plain course of Minor on handbells, and it is hoped that before long they will be able to do the work on the tower bells. If depends, of course, on their own enthusiasm and perseverance.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORK TOWN DISTRICT AT A QUIANT TOWER.

The tower of Yateley Parish Church, where the York Town District of the Winchester Guild held a meeting on Saturday, August 21st, is one of the quaintest to be found in the diocese. The bell frame is carried on heavy timber supports carried up from the ground, but for all that they go reasonably well. The village is quite off the beaten track, and rather inaccessible to the majority of ringers in the district. It was not surprising, therefore, that the attendance was somewhat small. The towers represented were: Bagshot, Blackwater, Bray (Berks), Chertsey, Sandhurst, Weybridge, Yorktown, and the local band, while the visitors included Miss Moss, of Hillingdon. Owing to the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Howell) being on holiday, no service was held. Tea was served in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting, Miss B. E. Stilwell occupied the chair. Three compounding members were elected, and it was decided that for the good of the district a combined practice should be held in the various towers on the regular practice night, these to be arranged at each end of the district.

Mr. Nye proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss B. E. Stilwell for presiding over the business meeting, to the local ringers who had arranged the tea, also the Rev. A. J. Howell for allowing the use of the bells. The standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Pulborough on Saturday, August 21st, but owing to various reasons was very poorly attended, only about 16 members being present from Billingshurst, Chichester, Fulham, Lymminster, Havant, Heene, Horsham, Shoreham, Slinfold, Pulborough, and Warnham. Various methods were practised during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of at the Five Bells Hotel.

At the business meeting, the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Frost) presided, supported by the churchwarden, Mr. A. G. Dewdney. The following new members were elected: Miss Irene Hastie (non-resident member), Willis Aylmore, Herbert Elliott, William Thomas Ayling, and Edward Sturt, acting members, and the Rev. E. J. Frost, hon. member.

Slinfold was chosen for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding, for granting the use of the bells, and for his kindness in finding part of the expense of the tea. Another visit was then made to the belfry.

At the commencement of the meeting, mention was made of the very sad death of the well-known ringer, Mr. I. G. Shado, for many years a member of the Sussex Association, and the company stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to his memory.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## TAUNTON RINGERS AT WELLS AND BRISTOL.

St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers, Taunton, had their annual outing on Saturday, August 14th. Leaving Taunton by charabanc at 8 a.m., the places visited were: Wells Cathedral, Shepton Mallet, Frome, Beckington, Trowbridge and Bristol. The methods rung at the various places during the day included Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Major. Lunch was partaken of at the White Swan, Trowbridge, the enterer being Mr. S. J. Hector, the well-known Wiltshire ringer, who supplied a splendid lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Leaving Trowbridge at 4 o'clock, Bristol was reached at 5 p.m., and, after tea, steps were turned to St. Mary Redcliffe. Here some well-known Bristol friends and ringers were waiting for the visitors, among them being Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, who took part in the ringing. Stedman Cluques were rung on this very fine ring of twelve. Bidding their Bristol friends 'Good-bye,' the party left at 8 p.m., arriving home at 10.45 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing. The Guild wish to thank the Cathedral authorities and the various Vicars for the use of their bells, and the ringers who met them. They wish to give special thanks to Mr. S. J. Hector for the splendid lunch he provided, and their Bristol friends, particularly Mrs. R. J. Wilkins.

## SHEFFIELD AND ECCLESFIELD RINGERS' TRIP INTO DEBBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 28th, a party of 20 ringers from Sheffield (St. Mariu's and the Cathedral) and Ecclesfield left the city at 2 p.m. in two ton-seater charabancs, their objective being Longstone, near BAKEWELL. The Ecclesfield band had made this journey six weeks previously, when the outing was such a success that it was decided to renew acquaintance with this glorious part of Peakland at the earliest opportunity, so when the St. Mariu's company were considering where to spend their annual outing they eagerly joined hands with Ecclesfield in the adventure.

With two highly-powered buses, 40 miles an hour being 'touched' several times, they were soon on the moors passing the Fox House Inn, down through Grindleford and on to Eyam (the scene of the plague in 1665-1666). Here two of the party were dropped to take part in the opening of the light peal of six which have been put in line fettle by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The remainder of the party went on their journey, and at Monsal Head a stop was made and a course of Grandsire Triples rung on the handbells. Proceeding, the buses went on their way and forgot to take a turning to the left, with the result that the party found themselves three miles from Buxton, but with glorious weather prevailing this was regarded as a treat, for the scenery in Peakland during August has no rival in the whole of England. However, Longstone was reached at 4.30, and the little peal in a very little tower were soon ringing out changes of various Minor methods. The tenor is only about seven cwt., and, owing to the ropes falling so close to the wall, the 4th and 5th ringers had to stand back-to-back, but, nevertheless, some excellent striking was heard. John from Rotherham, with his 'flying' machine, brought the two over from Eyam when they had finished their little job, and, after a touch of Cambridge Minor, an adjournment for tea was made at the Crispin, where everyone had their fill. All then settled down to a jolly evening, piano, vocalists and handbells, for both tunes and touches, keeping the ball rolling. George from Ecclesfield gave that amusing recitation, 'Betsy Hutchins,' and also 'Keg-Meg' on the handbells, the copyright of which 'Uncle Joe' is reputed to hold, but for this occasion 'French leave' was taken. Twilight setting in, the party started on their way home by Baslow, Peacock Inn and Cross Scythes, one bus dropping its cargo in the city and the other rattling on to Ecclesfield just in time to 'have another.' The outing was such a success that the company are already thinking about next year, when it is hoped that industrial troubles will be a thing of the past and a more ambitious programme fall to their lot.

## BUSINESS COMBINED WITH PLEASURE.

On Monday, August 9th, the Halesworth and Chediston company had their annual outing. Accompanied by their Rector and churchwarden, the party (15 all told) proceeded in a charabanc to Henley, near Ipswich, ringing at Wickham Market and Pettistree (both six-bell towers) en route. They were met at Henley and welcomed by the Vicar, Rev. W. C. Pearson, and rang touches on the musical peal of eight bells. Dinner followed in the Vicarage garden, after which the annual meeting was held. All the officers were re-elected, with thanks for past services. The secretary's report showed that the Sunday service ringing had been well maintained, and four peals had been rung since their last meeting. The treasurer reported a satisfactory balance in hand. The Rev. Pearson's unique collection of old ringing books, etc., was inspected with much interest, and further ringing followed, in which their host took part. Bramford, with its pretty peal of six, was next visited, and several touches rung.

Tea followed at Ipswich, and an hour's ringing on the eight bells of St. Margaret's, with several old Ipswich friends, concluded the day's ringing. The methods rung were Oxford, Kent, Bob Minor, Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, at the six-bell towers, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major on the peals of eight. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the various clergy, churchwardens, towerkeepers, and ringers of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and home was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HURWORTH-ON-TEES, DURHAM.**—On Sunday, August 29th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 27½ mins.: \*L. Hodgson 1, F. Newton 2, \*B. Newton 3, T. Newton (conductor) 4, W. Newton 5, W. Simpson 6.—For evening service, 720 in the same method (called differently) in 28 mins.: \*Miss Kate Simpson 1, F. Newton 2, B. Newton 3, T. Newton (conductor) 4, W. Newton 5, W. Simpson 6. \* First 720 in method.

**COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOS.**—On Sunday, August 29th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for dedication service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, W. C. Cuss 2, H. Accock 3, G. J. Winter 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5, E. Telling (first quarter-peal of Triples inside) 6, J. Smith 7, E. Gardener 8.

**PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, August 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Miss Blanche Stadden 1, Mrs. W. Edwards 2, J. Nisbet 3, Miss Gwen Stadden 4, H. J. Collier (Flixton, Lancashire) 5, A. E. Colburn 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8. Arranged for Mr. Collier, who was on a visit to the district.

**WEST EALING.**—On August 29th, for morning service, at St. Stephen's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, R. Thompson (conductor) 4, J. Hunnisset 5, A. Fulwell 6, H. Folkard 7, E. Harris 8.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: T. Mitchell 1, G. Apps 2, E. Quickenden (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Whcale 4, J. Burdfield 5, G. Woods 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, W. Watson 8.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on August 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Robinson 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, W. I. T. Gian 3, F. Gian 4, A. J. Gian 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**FRODSHAM.**—On Sunday, August 15th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: George Cook (first 720) 1, W. Bibby 2, T. Lightfoot 3, G. Valentine 4, J. E. Bibby (conductor) 5, F. Bibby 6. Mr. G. Cook, who has recently come to reside in Frodsham, is a brother of Mr. J. Cook, of Rockferry, Birkenhead.

**COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.**—On Sunday, August 15th, after evensong at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Sprague (Ilfracombe) 1, A. H. Hayward (Combe Martin) 2, T. G. Bartlett (treasurer Devon Guild) 3, J. Richards (Ilfracombe) 4, W. J. Jellery (London) (conductor) 5, G. Moorhouse (Leeds, Yorkshire) 6, F. Blackman (Ilfracombe) 7, W. Slocombe (Ilfracombe) 8.

**DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday evening, August 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: T. Reeve 1, F. W. Naunton 2, A. E. Austin 3, W. J. G. Brown (conductor) 4, A. H. Watson 5, J. Wardley 6.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, August 15th, for service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples.—For evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) in 50 mins. by the following: E. Hope 1, F. G. Willey 2, G. Hewitt 3, G. Tizzard 4, H. E. Edwards (conductor) 5, E. Tullett 6, J. Wren 7, S. Chesson 8. These two touches were arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Walthamstow, London.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.: H. Harris 1, J. Draycott 2, C. E. Rayson 3, Miss G. M. Dodds 4, J. E. Moreton 5, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. Harris (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, Miss G. M. Dodds 2, C. E. Rayson 3, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 4, J. E. Moreton 5, J. Draycott (first in the method inside) 6, J. F. Clark, sear., 7, H. Weight 8. Rung as a birth-

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.**—On Sunday, August 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, E. Godfray 2, J. Coles 3, B. Bray (first quarter-peal) 4, G. Hobbins 5, J. Bray (conductor) 8.

**ACTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday morning, August 15th, 720 of Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon Doubles: E. Eady 1, P. Almond 2, J. Bowell 3, D. Elliott 4, W. Nevard 5. This made the 599th tower in which Mr. Nevard had rung.—In the afternoon, Bures (St. Mary's) was visited, 720 of Oxford, 720 of Cambridge, and 120 of Kent: P. Almond 1, J. Bowell 2, C. Clark 3, E. Eady 4, W. Nevard 5, D. Elliott 6, and C. Bowers 7.—For evening service at Assington Church, 720 of Oxford and 144 of Kent: P. Almond 1, W. Deal 2, C. Clark 3, E. Eady 4, W. Nevard 5, D. Elliott 6, and J. Bowell 7. The conducting was done by W. Nevard and D. Elliott.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor: G. Pratt 1, Ken Seward 2, F. Warrington 3, G. Perkins 4, J. Perkins 5, J. Smart (conductor) 6. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and tenor belong to Huntingdon, 4th and 5th to Hemmingford, Abbots, and 3rd to Long Stanton.

## NOTICE.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davenport Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Staverton on Saturday, September 11th. Usual arrangements. Badges now ready 1/3 each.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on September 16th, 30th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; St. Mary's, Beddington, on the 11th, at 3 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m., except Beddington. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m., tea 3 p.m., and special evensong 6 p.m. Requests for tea (no charge) to be sent to the Rev. B. C. F. Andrewes, The Vicarage, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, as soon as possible.—R. H. Dove, Hon. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newton-Nottage, Porthcawl, on September 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A combined meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available after 2.30.—G. S. Taylor and H. Tyson, Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good muster of members is expected to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Chicheley on Saturday, September 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Sept. 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells ready early and visitors welcome. Tea will be provided at 1/6 per head for those who notify William Sturman, High Common, Barlborough, Chesterfield. Cheap buses and railway fares, ex Doncaster, Worksop, Mansfield and Sheffield etc., (Underwood's) and L.N.E. return fares.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

**ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.**—St. Clement Danes', Strand.—Annual outing to Southend-on-Sea Saturday, Sept. 4th. Meet at No. 13 platform, Liverpool Street Station, at 1.20 p.m. sharp. Ringing at Prittlewell. Due back 10 p.m.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec., York House, Watford Road, Sudbury, Middlesex.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/-, all ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Rd., Shaw, Newbury.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood (5) on Saturday, September 4th. Usual arrangements. Badges now ready, price 1s. 3d.—H. Baxter, Silver St., Broughton, Kettering.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting on September 4th, at Bolsterstone (8 bells). Bus service every 20 minutes from Middlewood Tram terminus.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Chart Sutton on Sat. September 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Buses from Maidstone to Sutton Valence, then 10 minutes walk. Tea will be arranged.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungallow, Linton, Maidstone.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. each). Those hoping to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 7th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 7th.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigs-ton Parva, Hinckley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Next meeting Solihull, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged as usual for those who send in their names not later than Sept. 7th.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Sept. 11th. Bells: St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), and Godmanchester (8). Service at St. Mary's Church at 4.30. Tea at Plumb's Refreshment Rooms at 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Those wishing for tea please apply by Sept. 7th to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The restored and augmented peal of 8 bells at Penwortham Church will be dedicated at a Masonic Service on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 p.m. The West Lancashire Prov. Grand Master and his officers will be present. The bells will be open to ringers after service, about 5 p.m.—J. R. Taylor, Cop Lane, Penwortham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 11th. The bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock, also Stamford-on-Soar (8 bells). The Bell Foundry Works will also be open from 2 till 4 p.m. to enable visiting ringers to look round. Tea is being arranged at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Business meeting afterwards. Will ringers and friends kindly let me know who will be requiring tea by Sept. 9th?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available at 3.15 and St. Mary's after tea. A hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 8th. Members are reminded that all subscriptions should be paid without delay, as the financial year end is Sept. 30th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**LITTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH, EXMOUTH.**—The dedication of two additional trebles and the reopening of the six other bells will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 o'clock. Preacher: The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Hon. Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and President of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Collection for the Bell Fund. Ringers who are desirous to ring and who require tea (9d. each) must send their names to Rev. J. E. Blakeman Ball, The Glebe House, Littleham, Exmouth, not later than Sept. 4th.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The first annual competition for the Shield will be held at Barnesley (St. Mary's), on Saturday, September 11th: the time of draw to be 2.40 p.m. prompt in the Parish Room. Ringing to commence 3 p.m. prompt and according to rules already published. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room if sufficient number apply, viz., 60 before September 8th. The officials will recommend to the meeting that members with their wives who are affected by the strike have tea free of charge. Failing sufficient applications members must make own arrangements. The Rector, Rev. H. E. Hone, has kindly offered use of Parish Room and Rectory grounds. C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Thursday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual Commemoration Dinner will this year take place at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 18th, at 6 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Ven. John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon and Vicar of Sheffield, supported by officers of the Association. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) from 2.30 to 5.30. Applications for dinner tickets (price 5/6 each) must be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, September 14th.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pensnett (half-way between Dudley and Kingswinford) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. N. Edwards (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30, for those who send word by Tuesday, the 14th inst. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Withercombe Raleigh, Exmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.30. Tea, price 1s., at 5.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Wolverley on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for all those who notify me not later than Sept. 12th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 15th? Ringers and friends welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Snort service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise me as soon as possible, as exact number has to be given?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

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### A TASK WHICH MUST BE FACED.

When is the Exercise to be furnished with a reference file of compositions? This question, often asked before, is prompted yet again by the publication in our columns of two peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, obtained quite as the result of independent effort by Mr. Frank Bennett, but which, immediately upon their appearance, were claimed by Mr. Frederick Dench. Had there been a register of compositions Mr. Bennett could have satisfied himself before publishing the figures whether they had or had not been previously obtained, but no means were open to him to do this unless, perhaps, it consisted of laboriously wading through all the volumes of all the ringing press. Such a procedure is, of course, an almost impossible undertaking.

But the case in point is only another illustration of the real need there is for the register of compositions which we have so long advocated. In a field where research is always going on, where generation after generation is adding to the store of productions, the Exercise is only getting deeper and deeper into the mire while it permits things to drift on as they are doing at present. Even now the task of collecting and filing all known compositions would be a formidable one, but it will yearly grow in difficulty the longer it is left untouched. There are numerous uses which such a register would serve. It would be open to all conductors who wanted compositions of any special qualities; it would be a safeguard against claims of future generations of composers to the original work of men of the past; indeed, it would offer a source of considerable education to the studious man who desired to know what has and what has not been done by others in peal production. It would be an indisputable authority as to the ownership of compositions, and would answer a question which is often put to us by readers who submit figures of peals and ask for the name of the author!

How the work of compiling the register should be carried out is a matter for the Central Council, but it will need to be supervised by someone with a gift for organisation. Before, however, we talk of how it is to be done, the Council have to be induced to face the business as a whole. If it were merely a question of tabulating published figures, the task would present no serious difficulties. The trouble is that many excellent, as well as a still greater number of indifferent compositions, have never seen light in cold print, but are tucked away in private collections. But there are no really insuperable obstacles, if only the Council would make up their minds to start upon the work. This is a task in which they might enlist the assistance of some of the enthusiasts outside the circle of the Council, and without, necessarily,

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

TRAVERS PRITCHARD ... .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 7
JOHN AETIN ... .. 3	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 8
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 9
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 5	*JOHN BEASANT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\* First peal. The ringer of the 9th was made a life member of the association and a member of the Painswick Youths before starting. His first peal of Grandsire Caters.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	*JAMES BENNETT... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	ROBERT J. DAVE ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 9
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. Arranged and rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mrs. E. Goldsmith, mother of the ringer of the 2nd.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. Treble	JOHN HALL ... .. 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 7
HERBERT JORDAN... .. 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 8
FREDERICK NORDEN ... .. 4	GEOFFERY J. HEMMING ... .. 9
HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 5	OLIVER ATTWOOD... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

First peal in the method by all the band and of Erin Caters by the association. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Harold Streets, a member of the local band, and Miss Alice Barrett, who were married at Winchcombe on the same afternoon.

NORTH SHIELDS.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT TYNEMOUTH PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHOCKFORD ... 6
*JOSEPH A. ROBERTSON ... 2	EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 7
JAMES E. SCOTT... .. 3	STEPHEN STRATFORD ... 8
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 4	ADAM DEAS... .. 9
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 5	†ALBERT SKEOCH... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

\* First peal on an inside bell and first of Stedman. † First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Mary Dorothea Holmes, only child of the Rev. R. E. and Mrs. Holmes, of Tynemouth Vicarage, and Mr. Arthur Stafford Oakley, eldest son of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Oakley, of Jesmond Vicarage, Newcastle.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 6
ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 7
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 8
JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 4	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 9
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

The ringers of 3, 4, 5, 7 and tenor were elected members previous to starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*MARK BARKER ... .. Treble	JACK BAILEY... .. 5
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 6
JOHN C. DICKEN... .. 3	HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 7
ALFRED MOULD... .. 4	PERCY PRICE... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method as conductor. It is 36 years since the 2nd and 3rd ringers rang a peal together. This peal was arranged specially for H. W. Wilde, and was his first peal in the county.

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On Monday, August 30, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CLARENDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN... .. Treble	TOM WILDE ... .. 5
HAROLD JACKSON... .. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 6
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 3	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN... .. 7
HARRY LANGLEY... .. 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

This is the first peal in the method and also the first Surprise peal on the bells. First Surprise peal by all the band except the 3rd and 5th ringers. Rung as a compliment to the author of the method, Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin, N.Z., a former instructor to the tower, also as a farewell to Mr. J. Bancroft, who returned to Vancouver, B.C., during the week.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MAJOR AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,  
6096 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALLEN C. JONES ... .. Treble	*CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5
ALFRED TALBOT ... .. 2	DAVID REES JAMES ... .. 6
RICHARD EVANS ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	ERNEST STITCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. H. PERRY and A. J. PITMAN.

\* 50th peal. The peal consists of 2,572 Bob Major and 2,524 Grandsire Triples. This is the first spliced peal of Major and Triples ever rung, and first spliced peal so conducted. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Ven. D. H. Griffiths, M.A., Archdeacon of Monmouth and late hon. secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 2, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

*JOHN WILSON UDALE ... Treble	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 5
ALEC BRIGGS ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 7
†ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 4	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. Rung fully muffled to the respected memory of the Rev. Canon J. E. Stocks, D.D., Canon Residentiary of Peterborough, formerly 18 years Vicar of this parish, who was interred the previous day in the precincts of Peterborough Cathedral. The band thank Mr. J. S. Needham for having arranged this peal.

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, September 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-part.

LOUIS ATTWATER ... .. Treble	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. 5
ERNEST CUTSFORTH... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
AMBROSE H. HAYWARD ... 3	*FREDK. J. BLACKMORE ... 7
*JAMES SPRAGUE ... .. 4	WILLIAM SLOCOMBE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal. The ringers of the treble and fifth hail from London, second and sixth from Bolton, Lancs, and were elected members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... Treble	†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 5
REV. R. P. FARROWS ... 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 6
*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 7
†MISS MONICA MOSSE ... 4	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Major inside. † First peal of Major. ‡ 50th peal of Major. A. Disney's 50th peal. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, the ringer of the treble obliging at very short notice. He was made a member before starting, and this was his first peal and first attempt.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC EVANS... .. Treble	SAMUEL H. COLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM PEART ... .. 2	SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6
JOHN T. DAVIES ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
WILLIAM FISHER... .. 4	ARTHUR E. REED... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung for the patronal festival, also the re-opening of the church, which had been closed for renovation.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—For morning service, on Sunday, September 5th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Ken Seward 1, J. Smart 2, G. Perkins 3, H. Saunders 4, P. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6.

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STONE, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

* H. BUCKLEY ... .. Treble	W. BUCKLEY ... .. 5
A. ROWLEY ... .. 2	* C. TEMPLETON ... .. 5
T. HODSON ... .. 3	J. MOULSON ... .. 7
J. HEAD ... .. 4	E. BAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ROWLEY.

\* First peal. Rung entirely by the legal band.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

FREDK. R. BORRETT ... .. Treble	FREDK. F. MORTLOCK ... .. 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM DENT ... .. 6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... .. 7
FRANK A. TURNER ... .. 4	WILLIAM RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

W. Rumsey hails from Debenham, W. Dent from Colchester, F. R. Borrett from Pulham Market, the rest from Laveuham. This is the first peal in the method on these bells.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CECIL DRAKE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 2	EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 6
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... .. 3	JOE GREENWOOD ... .. 7
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the tenor ringer.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEDDARD ... .. Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5
WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 6
HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 7
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 4	JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of New Cambridge by all except the ringers of the 5th and 7th.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. LEWIS ... .. 5
WALTER LONGMAN ... .. 2	THOMAS HURD ... .. 6
GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
THOMAS W. ARROWSMITH ... .. 4	JOHN PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 5th and 7th.

MR. C. H. PERRY'S 50 PEALS.

The peal of spliced Bob Major and Grandsire Triples at Bridgend last week brought Mr. C. H. Perry's total up to 50, as follows:—Bob Royal 3, Stedman Caters 4, Frin Caters 2, Grandsire Caters 9, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Bob Major 3 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 4, Grandsire Triples 16 (7), Bob Triples 1 (1), Oxford Bob Triples 1 (1), Union Triples 1 (1), spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples 1, spliced Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 1 (part conducted), spliced Union and Grandsire Triples 1, total 50.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS R. BUTLER, SEN. Treble	JOHN HAYES ... .. 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 2	JOHN W. DAVIES ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 4	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. DAVIES.

The ringer of the 2nd bells from Hodnot, Salop, and has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower. The composition is rung for the first time.

RUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 3	* JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford and six 720's of Kent. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

* HARRY ROBINSON ... .. Treble	FRED GINN ... .. 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
* ARTHUR WILLIAM T. GINN ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal and first attempt. The Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Weston, congratulated the band on the excellent striking throughout the peal. H. Robinson and A. W. T. Ginn were proposed members of the Ely Association in the tower.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Two 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, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

* JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
DAVID HORNE ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal in seven methods.

HARBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 Stedman (ten callings), 1,440 Plain Bob (four callings), 2,400 Grandsire (ten 240's of A. J. Pitman's Arrangement).

Tenor 9 cwt.

GUYDO DICKINSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. 3
ARTHUR H. BARTRAM ... .. 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

## JUST ONE RINGER'S OUTING.

THE STORY AND THE MORAL OF EYAM.

By 'IRENÆUS.'

There ain't no trustin' nobody in this 'Wringin' Whirld' to do nothink but wringin'! One is not jealous when we read the dry, stereotyped reports of outings. One is, however, disgusted when we realise that they (who write these reports) have eyes to see and see not! That's writ with all the sarkazin. Mr. Editor, one can conjure up, and that's from one who lost one-half of the field of vision twenty years ago, and now the remaining half is so affected that the outline of objects alone is discernible—detail is all lost, except to touch.

Ah! 'touch'—that's the slogan of the majority of ringers' outing reports. Who wants to know that I rang a touch of this, that, or the other method? Nobody! Well, then, why waste space? Surely, they who write these reports 'seed summat.' 'Spliced' is very popular with ringers nowadays. Then why on earth don't they try to splice with the pen that wot they seed with wot they swallowed an' done? Surely they are not devoid of imagination when they see a 'mark' left by that downtrodden biped, man! Aye! Man alive! one wasn't feeling full of 'nothink' on yestereen but languor an' debility, so I popt round to Dr. Pinch Pulse. 'Very well'—he said that after he'd pulled me eyelid down to me collar-stud—'sir, you must have a complete change of air. Take advantage of the medicinal properties of "Chinley Tunnel"! Get out of this "Hellsmouth" into a "Paradise," where they don't spread the butter on your bread with a paint brush, or apologise for having none by asking you to wipe your bread on a kipper wots hung on the wall.' And then the doctor got nasty, or, should I say, 'dramatick,' and he said, 'Get thee hence, varlit, and let's see wot effect a change of air will have on the mentality of a microcephalous idiot like thee.'

'Struth, reader, let's see what effect a change of air had on one, a ringer, who can't see very well. Let's see, Man! Man is the only creature in God's creation who leaves behind a conscious monumental record of his having lived, and, mark you this, 'ye that have eyes and see not.' Everywhere the foot of man has trod, signs tangible are to be found; this superior animal, man, is the only animal to invent means of locomotion over and above that with which Dame Nature in her wisdom endowed him, and here one is without a car(e) bumping out with one's forehead an existence on the anvil of adversity. But what care I? Ungrudgingly 'other men hath laboured' (those are the words of my tex', Mr. Editor). Ha! ha! I laugh, I chuckle, as I take advantage of the labours of other men, and as I myself hurried and whirled through the black gloom and vile bowels of the Chinley Tunnel. 'Whirled,' my friend, 'whirled' without end! till out of the mouth of hell one finds oneself standing in the very land of one's own fathers, my native shire, a paradise of precipitous rock and of steep ravine, all bathed in glorious sunlight. One boards a waiting charabanc, off she goes, and one drinks in the much needed 'fresh air' till the bus pulls up in that once plague-stricken village of Eyam. As I alight, my thoughts flash back to the time when grass grew in the streets of London, to the rumbling wheels of the dead-cart, to the lurid glow of the torches and that heart-searching command, 'Bring out your dead!' Yes, reader, if you are destined to write a report of a ringer's duty, remember that command, 'Bring out your dead!' Other men have laboured, other men have hung open the casements of imagination, when their eyes have fallen on 'man's mark'; and with these phantasms of the past man communes, he reclothes fleshless bones, he sees again the mason, be he rude Saxon, conquering Norman, or feudal serf.

My advice is, don't let the ringing occupy all your time; have a few 'touches,' don't be a glutton, but go and swallow some of the beauties in or about that sacred edifice, which, remember again, 'other men hath laboured to build,' select some object of interest, be it font, screen, arcade, or what you will, weave round it a story—'bring out your dead.' Our 'C.C.' admit that they are not qualified to judge certain things, therefore it seems imposition to turn to the rank and file and ask how many of them have seen a 'squint.' Hundreds will have, but how many of them know what it was intended for, and what function it performed? And there we are 'swanking about,' having rung this method, and that principle—hundreds and thousands of 'em, and yet they are ignorant of a thousand and one things in connection with their very own church. On the whole, ringers as a body know little, or nothing, of the very bells which they ring in their own steeple; the man in the street takes far greater interest in the bells themselves, from the legendary or historical standpoint.

But, to resume, just imagine we are standing in that once plague-stricken village of Eyam, gazing on that venerable edifice of stone—St. Laurence's Church—surrounded by stately sycamore and shady elm, and consisting of chancel clerestoried nave of four bays, aisles, south porch, a Norman font and a Saxon font, embattled western tower with crocketed pinnacles at the angles, the louvre windows fashioned in 'decorated' style, though which 'Venite' and 'Te Deum Laudamus' have poured for three full centuries from the throats of those four historic bells of Eyam, cast by the first George Oldfield of Notts, and dated respectively 1619 (treble), second and third 1618, and the tenor 1628. With caution these bells rang through Civil War and Protectorate, mournfully they throbbled, on, on to when plague swept with merciless blast into the vortex of eternity 318 souls out of a population of 350. One poor orphan boy, the sole survivor of a whole

family, migrated to Sheffield—Thomas Bolsover was his name. He it was who brought fame to the 'Steelopolis'; 'twas the inventive genius of this humble village boy, who gave not only Sheffield a name, but he gave to the wide world 'silver plate'! Other men have laboured, but do we enter into their labours? I ask myself this question as I pen these lines, seated—with pride—in a chair of massive oak of the Tudor period, and, on reflection, my mind flashes back twenty-four hours when, with reverence and awe, I sat in a similar chair, but of later date (Stewart times)—a chair which stands 'neath the northern side of the chancel arch of Eyam Parish Church. Carved on the rail of the base of the pediment of this chair is this: 'Mom 1665 Eyam' (the abbreviation Mom stands for Mompesson). There, reader, is the 'empty chair' which has come down through centuries for us to gaze upon, and, as we fix our thoughts on that piece of furniture, fashioned in the reign of Charles II., we realise that its former occupant was no 'armchair parson.' William Mompesson, the heroic Rector of Eyam, steadfastly continued to succour the plague-stricken and afflicted in the parish of Eyam; 'twas he who drew a line of safety around the village, and with the assistance of neighbouring inhabitants caused the food supply to be maintained. Certain stones were set up and food was placed thereon. Those who brought it returned later for the value, which the self-sacrificing parson deposited in a trough of running spring water for purification.

Church and churchyard were closed alike, graves were hastily dug in garden or field, by wife, husband, and child, for husband, wife, child and parent. Still, with fortitude this servant of Christ held divine service in a dell a short distance from the village, and from a lofty perforated rock he preached to his stricken and afflicted flock, scattered here and there on the grass. 'All he believed' from this pulpit of stone (known now as Cucklet Church) Wm. Mompesson preached. Not only did he preach, but he practised, and he ministered amongst them the truths and consolations of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

'Lord have mercy upon us!' Who will dispute that this fervent prayer fell from the lips of William Mompesson as he stood by the open grave of his own dear wife on the south side of the church? That grave is marked by a massive stone tomb, which is revered to-day after a lapse of centuries by sincere parishioners, who consider it a sacred duty and a trust handed on to them, ever to keep green the name of 'Mompesson' as they bestrew the whole of the covering stone of that tomb with the very choicest of flowers, such is their gratitude after a lapse of centuries. A few feet from this tomb, westerly, stands an ancient stone cross of the eighth or ninth century, another charming example of the work of other men's hands, ornamented on the arms with symbolic devices of angels blowing trumpets. The centre representation is of the Virgin and Child. (N.B.—The writer borrowed another man's eyes to look up at this eight-foot cross.) This symbol of our faith casts its shade over the sleeping dust of the heroic Rector's wife. 'Other men have laboured' is driven forcibly home as one stands in meditation beside the tomb of Eyam's historian. Again, one mused over the ashes of the village poet. Truly these men have laboured, each in his sphere. And now my thoughts turn from heroic priest, village poet, historian or genius, to what? To bells and the village squire and ringing parson—the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam Hall.

The bells, four in number originally, now six, have a story to tell, but I shall not bore my readers with that, other than to say 'other men had laboured' and placed them there in the tower at Eyam. The Rev. W. P. Wright saw this, and he realised it, and truly may it be said that he has joined his labours with the labours of other men. Reader, this is not a sermon, but one hopes it may go home to those who forget the 5th commandment. The Rev. W. P. Wright has honoured his father and mother by placing a bell in the tower of Eyam to keep green their memory. The villagers have given another to perpetuate the memory of Miss Emily Georgina Wright.

Saturday, August 28th, was 'the festal day' set apart in this village for dedication of the augmented bells, as already recorded in your columns. A shortened form of evensong was intoned by the Rector of Eyam, Rev. H. Saunders Williams, and the lesson was read by the Rural Dean, Rev. E. C. Vincent, of Hope. The Bishop of Derby gave an address, after which his lordship set apart from all unhallowed purposes these new bells. The service ends, the bells are raised in peal for the first time, reminding one of the words which had echoed through gate porch and columned aisle:

'Craftsman's art and music's measure.'

Indeed, 'twas so when the following lung out over the housetops of this once plague-stricken village the very first 720 ever rung in Eyam, which was conducted by the most 'happy man' in that village, the squire himself: C. Harrison 1, A. Craven 2, F. Watkinson 3, J. Brothwell 4, W. Biggin 5, Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor) 6. The method was Plain Bob.

During the remainder of the day the bells were kept going by visitors in various methods. The 'go' is excellent, the splice perfection itself, the trebles, blending with the old bells in correct musical relationship, tuned on the principle initiated by the late Canon Simpson, 'amplified and perfected' by the founders, John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

One cannot, in conclusion, let the opportunity slip a second time of tendering the best thanks of those who filled the 'bottomless pit' and partook of the hospitality of the happy ringing parson of Eyam Hall.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

PRIZE RINGING: ITS ABUSES—AND ITS USES.  
BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A week or two ago I said in these notes that prize ringing was a thing of the past. I am told that the statement is not quite true. Here and there in parts of the country, in obscure towers, it still survives. But it is a sickly survival, and the end is certain to be not far distant. The meetings, too, are shorn of those features which were so prominent in days gone by, which caused at one time a mild scandal, and which raised the uncompromising opposition of those leaders of the Exercise to whom we owe our present territorial associations and all the other benefits associated with what was once called belfry reform.

Time was once when success at a prize meeting was the highest aim among a very large proportion of ringers, and particularly those of the North and the West. I am trying in a loose and disjointed way to describe in these notes something of the various steps by which change ringing and the Exercise have arrived at what we now know them; and we shall not understand what ringing and ringers were in old times unless we know something of prize ringing.

In my account of the Flixton match I related the history of a prize ringing meeting which is fairly typical of all of them. The record of it has come down to us because of the eminence of the bands engaged, and because of the striking circumstances which attended it. But in essentials it was no different from hundreds of other meetings, and there are many living men who remember prize ringing meetings in Devon, where the accompanying scenes were very similar.

Here is an extract from a paper read by the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill at a meeting held during the Church Congress at Reading in 1883. He was speaking of the need for belfry reform, and went on: 'The old style is that a dozen or more sets of ringers are locked in the church to prevent any of the collusion or veniality inseparable from such like sporting events, and proceed by lot to raise, ring round for ten minutes or so and lower the bells. Meanwhile, at the church gate, the local publican, armed with a special licence, erects his booth and his barrel of beer and drives a brisk trade, because, next to ringing rounds, listening to them is most thirsty work. In dignified silence sit two judges to mark down on paper a dot for every stroke missed, every bell that hesitates. It requires much experience and an accurate sense of time. Perhaps there are not more than half-a-dozen men in the county who are considered sufficiently good judges of ringing to attain to the dignity of this post. Finally, there is the distribution of some £12 or £15 in prizes to those who have received fewest marks upon the judges' paper.'

The good and the bad features of these meetings lie on the surface, and are easy to see. The drunkenness, the betting, the occasional foul play, the heated arguments between partisans, which sometimes degenerated into brawling, would be undesirable anywhere; within the precincts of the church they became a scandal. Not that all or perhaps a great many had all these bad features, but prize ringing had to be judged by its worst examples, and those, there is not doubt, were very bad indeed. To many men it seemed intolerable that any sort of competition for money should take place in a church. The principle of the thing was wrong, and if there had been no betting and no quarrelling, and all the ringers and lis-

teners had been strict teetotallers, the objection would have been just the same. Prize ringing, beside, was a fatal obstacle to two of the things which the Exercise most values. It prevented the advancement of the art of change ringing, and it precluded that friendly meeting of ringers from different towers in one belfry and ringing together as one band, which is one of the most agreeable and helpful features of our present-day ringing meetings. For where the prize depended solely on good round ringing, ringers naturally would concentrate on that. Changes, even call changes, are much more difficult to strike perfectly, and the band that practised them would be merely handicapping themselves against their more conservative opponents. And, of course, where the whole meeting was one of rivalry between different bands, there could be no opportunities for any joint ringing.

The Devonshire Guild to this day have a custom which is probably the direct result of this. At their meetings it is usual to hand over the tower to each of the visiting bands in turn. A man rings with the members of his own band, and ringing together by men from different towers is rare. The reason for this is partly to give every one a proper chance of a pull, and, as the attendance at their annual meetings is very large, no doubt some regulations have to be made so that everyone has his turn.

An outsider has no right to criticise the arrangements that any association may make for its meetings, but it is certain that most associations have found that the free mixing up of men from different towers is one of the best ways of advancing the ringing of the higher methods. Here, for instance, in West Middlesex, there is no tower which by itself and unaided can ring a course of Surprise, or even Double Norwich; but at our meetings we seldom miss ringing Cambridge, and not often London, Bristol and Superlative; which means that there is hope that in a few years' time individual bands will be able to practise those methods.

Of course, as we saw, in the North prize ringing was not confined to rounds. There they did ring changes, but the tendency must have been to keep to the simpler methods like Grandsire Triples, where it is so much easier to get good striking.

(To be continued.)

## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at St. Mary's, Oldswinford, on Saturday, August 28th, when over thirty members and friends were present, it being a most beautiful summer day. Service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Freienseuer, assistant priest, who also gave a very interesting and helpful address. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where the business meeting was held, the Rev. H. J. Freienseuer being voted to the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Rector.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rowley Regis, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It was also decided to leave the arrangements for the quarterly peal in the hands of the Ringing Master.

Several new members were added to the roll, including Mr. Walter Hayward, of Bridgnorth, as a life member.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Hayward, and seconded by Mr. H. Mason, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Oldswinford (the Rev. H. H. Williams) for his kindness in granting permission to hold the meeting at his church, also for the use of the tower, bells and Parish Hall in which to hold the meeting. The resolution also included thanks to the Rev. H. J. Freienseuer for conducting the service and for his address, to the organist for the musical part of the service, and to the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Mason moved that a vote of sympathy be passed to an old and respected member of this Guild, Mr. W. A. Pugh, who was very ill, and the assistant priest very kindly consented to convey the message to him.

Ringing took place on the eight bells before service was then resumed, and maintained during the remainder of the evening.

**FOR THE BEGINNERS.**

**CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

Only two singles are required to produce 120 of Stedman Doubles (although more can be introduced). The first of the two singles may be called in any 'six,' but the second one must come exactly sixty changes later—so that the same pair of bells is affected. The method should be well learnt. You cannot make yourself too perfect in your knowledge of the working of each bell in the sixes and at the singles, to enable an error to be detected immediately, otherwise the ringing will soon come to grief by what we so often read—'a trip in the slow,' or by the wrong bell wanting to come down first after a single. Therefore, as in the plain methods, coursing order must not be neglected.

The opportunity provided by the presence of a number of visiting ringers at Southover Church, Lewes, on Sunday, enabled R. G. Dawe, the son of Mr. R. J. Dawe, conductor of the local band, to ring his first touch of Stedman Caters, viz., 394: R. G. Dawe 1, W. Pye 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, G. R. Pye 4, J. E. Davis 5, J. Bennett 6, F. W. Rogers 7, A. J. Turner 8, J. S. Goldsmith 9, W. Ward 10. This young ringer also rang his first touch of Bob Royal.

On Sunday morning, at Twickenham, Middlesex, Miss K. Bradford, aged 15, was successful in ringing the treble in her first 120 Grand-sire Doubles, which was conducted by W. F. Ellingham. Miss Bradford was only elected a local member of the Middlesex County Association on July 31st. Touches of Grandsire Triples were also rung for this service, E. Morris, another local member, ringing the third in his longest touch.

The first 720 rung at Cranford, Northants, by an entirely local band since the war was accomplished on September 2nd, when 720 Bob Minor was rung: \*F. Hackney 1, Miss S. Thursfield 2, \*Miss V. Askew 3, E. Berridge 4, \*F. Penn 5, F. Lewin (first 720 as conductor) 6. \* First 720.

At Aberavon, for practice, on September 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 8 covering: \*C. Mathers 1, F. E. Stone 3, \*Nurton 4, E. Stitch (conductor) 5, \*C. Hughes 6, A. J. Pitman 7, J. Weathersby 8. \* First quarter of Doubles and first attempt.

At St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead, on Sunday, September 5th, for evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles: Reginald P. Hunt 1, Herbert Watson 2, S. C. Reeve-Flaxman 3, Robert W. J. Hudson 4, Edward Aylett (conductor) 5, John Carter 6. First attempt by Mr. Aylett as conductor.

**CLARENDON SURPRISE MAJOR.**

By JAMES S. WILDE.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have just put up a 12 cwt. bell at Harrow School. It was given in memory of Walter, first Viscount Long of Wraxall, by his Harrow friends. The bell is tuned on the Simpson five-tone system, and is hung in steel framework for ringing.

The Whitechapel Foundry are also refitting and rehangings the ring of eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.) at Ash-by-Sandwich, Kent.

This week we publish another new departure in 'spliced' peals, an amalgamation of Major and Triples, composed by Mr. Albert J. Pitman, of Port Talbot. It was rung at Bridgend on Wednesday, September 1st, the Bob Major portion being conducted by C. H. Perry and the Grandsire Triples portion by the composer. What will be the next?

The invasion of Devonshire starts to-morrow, September 11th, at Exeter, when upwards of 20 towers will be visited by some 18 ringers from eight counties during a week's tour.

'Dear Irenæus,' writes a correspondent, 'the famous Angelus painting depicts the "rescatehues of dawn" rather than the "shades of night were falling fast," and the Angelus or Sauctus bell is generally sent out from the foundries untuned, as it does not form one of a ring of bells in the majority of instances in England, and still less often on the Continent.'

The same correspondent asks: Can any of your readers say who invented the 'pulley wheel,' that is the secret of half-pull in bell-ringing?

Miss Emily Packham was married on August 21st, at Laughton Church, Sussex, to Mr. G. Cecil Bowley. The bride and her sister had been valued members of the Seaford ringers' company. A merry peal was rung by her colleagues for a good send-off.

I would rather be a belle that's ringed than a bell that's rung;

The one transported is; the other hung.

The Crowfield Society rang a peal of 'Gathrine' Triples (assumed to be Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples) at Coddenham, Suffolk, on September 10th, 1741.

A 5,040 Imperial Place Major, the 'first ever performed in the method,' was rung on September 13th, 1802, at St. Mary's, Islington. It was composed and conducted by Shipway.

The first peal at St. George's Church, Camberwell, was Grandsire Triples, and it was rung by the Junior Society of College Youths on September 13th, 1823.

Forty years ago next Tuesday Charles Middleton died. His peal of Cambridge Surprise Major is the only possible one with the tenors together.

The first peal by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, the forerunners of the present St. Martin's Guild, was rung on September 16th, 1755. It was a peal of Bob Major at St. Philip's, Birmingham.

No fewer than ten bands have entered for the first contest arranged by the Barnsley and District Association, which is to take place at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, to-morrow. A handsome shield has been provided, to be held by the winning team, and members of the first and second bands will receive individual mementoes. The draw will take place at 2 p.m., and the first band has to be in the tower at 2.20.

## TENOR BELL BROKEN AT ICKLETON. RINGERS' OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A POOR PARISH.

On Sunday evening, August 29th, while ringing for evening service was in progress at Ickleton, Cambs, the tenor bell suddenly started to go badly. A deep thud was then heard, and the rope hung dead. After the service some of the ringers went up to find out what was wrong, and were surprised to see the tenor broken clean off near the crown, the lower part of the bell lying on the beams below the frame. One gudgeon was broken off, and there is no doubt that as the bell was swinging when the gudgeon gave way it struck the frame and was broken.

The tenor was cast by Thomas Lester, of London, in 1751, and is recorded as 18 cwt. in E. The bells were rehung in 1907.

As the village is very small, and about £60 is still to be raised for a new organ, it looks like a case of 'work and wait' in order to restore the tenor.

There is a Sunday service change-ringing band at this church, who will be much handicapped by the indefinite suspension of their work.

This is a case in which ringers and associations throughout the country might well lend a hand to assist the parish.

## CANNON BALL IN CHURCH TOWER.

While clearing the tower, in connection with the rehangings of the bells at All Saints' Church, Faringdon, Berkshire, workmen found embedded in the wall a cannon ball weighing about twenty pounds. It was in two pieces, and is believed to have been fired by Cromwell's Ironsides. The church is the only one in the neighbourhood without a spire. According to local tradition the spire was destroyed by Cromwell's artillery when Faringdon was besieged in 1646. Henry James Pye, Poet Laureate in 1790, wrote of Faringdon:

Where once the tapering spire conspicuous grew,  
Till civil strife the sacred pile o'erthrew.



**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****'OPEN' VERSUS 'CLOSED' LEADS.**

The fifth meeting of the year was held at Barlborough, a rather remote tower, in beautiful weather, on Saturday. The bells are a fine ring of six, augmented and rehung in 1914, the good 'splice' made by Messrs. Taylor and Co. leaving nothing to be desired. Placed at the disposal of the ringers from 2 p.m., a good company of ringers assembled at that time to try their skill in various methods, arriving by motor-car, motor-cycle, buses, push bikes, and 'Shanks' pony. A wedding at 2 o'clock and a funeral at 3.30 p.m. delayed the commencement somewhat, but at 3.50 p.m. upwards of thirty were present from Anston, Harthill, Shireoaks, Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent, Southwell Cathedral, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Mansfield, Staveley Town, Killamarsh, Bolsover, and Worksop, with a good muster of the local company. Some of the methods were rung with open handstroke leads, others with closed leads, keen competition taking place between the competitors to obtain the best results, and making the ringing most interesting and enjoyable. Some time ago a letter appeared in 'The Ringing World' asking for the proper way to ring on six bells, whether with closed or open leads. The various opinions of ringers generally, and especially of six-bell ringers, would no doubt be heartily welcomed by all. The methods rung were: Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York and Killamarsh Treble Bob, also Cambridge and London Surprise, with a variety of fairly good and indifferent striking.

A meat tea was served in the Church Institute at 5.30 p.m., splendidly catered for by Mr. W. Sherman, one of the local ringers, and finally, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, Rev. J. D. Griffiths (who had recently undergone an operation and is now slowly recovering), the Rev. T. Earnshaw, naval chaplain, of Plymouth, who is officiating in the Rector's absence from duty, kindly took the chair, the ringers giving him a hearty welcome.

The following new members were enrolled: Mr. Harold Pickett, of North Collingham, performing member, and Mr. Alfred Markwell, of Staveley Town, non-resident life member. It was decided to hold the November meeting at Tuxford in November with a view to testing the new bells.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. T. Earnshaw for presiding over the tea and meeting, and to the Rev. J. D. Griffiths for use of bells and Institute, the ringers requesting the hon. secretary to write a message of sympathy to the Rector, with hearty good wishes for his speedy recovery.

The Rev. T. Earnshaw briefly returned thanks, and said that a pleasure it was to hear the church bells ringing after serving a life on the sea. He looked upon ringers as the best of church workers.

The business finished, the ringers adjourned to the tower and kept the bells in motion until 9 p.m. H. H.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****WILL NEWTON NOTTAGE HAVE EIGHT BELLS?**

A quarterly meeting of the above association was held at Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, on Saturday last. There was a remarkably good attendance, members coming from the extreme ends of Glamorgan and Monmouth. The bells, a light ring of six, were available early in the afternoon, and were kept going in the standard methods until 4.30, when service was held, the Rector, Rev. T. Holmes Morgan, officiating. The address, a very fine one, was immensely appreciated. The Rector remarked they had their shortcomings in Newton Nottage, inasmuch as there were only six bells at their church, but he hoped the next time the association visited Newton there would be a complete octave.

Following the service an excellent tea, which had been very kindly provided in the schoolroom, was partaken of.

The business meeting was next proceeded with, the Rector presiding, and at the outset moved a vote of condolence with the family of the late Archdeacon of Monmouth, Vicar of St. Woolos', Newport, who had died, following an operation, in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. He had been hon. secretary of the association for four years, and it was owing to his efforts that the ten bells for St. Woolos' were secured. He was a great friend to the ringers, and never once refused the bells when asked. The vote was carried in the usual way by all standing in silence.

Restorations and augmentations were commented on, but there was nothing tangible to report, although there undoubtedly will be at the next meeting.

Application was made for an instructor to go to Llantwit, Pandoylan and Pontypridd, and in each case it was agreed to.

Congratulations were accorded the Master, Mr. A. J. Pitman, on his composition of a spliced peal of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, which had been successfully rung at Bridgend on the previous Wednesday.

A number of new members were elected, and the usual vote of thanks to Rector for his kindness was passed. In reply he said no thanks were due to him, but to Mr. Cooke and Mr. Talbot, the two local ringers who had done everything. Success was bound to follow wherever there were such keen and good fellows as those two.

The meeting was a huge success, and much enjoyed, and it is sincerely hoped still greater efforts will follow.

**BELLS AND WIRELESS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Your leader in the current issue is, indeed, timely, and something should certainly be done, and at an early date, as you say, to co-operate with B.R.C. in securing 'only the best performances of our art for wireless listeners.' I have looked in 'The Ringing World' each week for some reply from, perhaps, Mr. Cockerill or some other College Youth, to 'Uncle Peter's Big Nephew's' letter of August 13th, re broadcasting of Bow Bells on July 31st. I happened to be, quite by accident, giving a demonstration to a prospective client that afternoon, and when I found that 'the College Youths' were to broadcast from Bow, I enlarged pretty considerably as to what we might expect, and as to what the Ancient Society of College Youths were, and had been, etc. But, oh, dear! to say that I was disgusted was to put it very mildly indeed, and I ask the same question again as was asked in the letter referred to above: Was it really the 'A.S.C.Y.' that were giving the performance? I cannot believe it. It was certainly 'one of the performances which left the lay public far from impressed with the rhythmic beauty of change-ringing,' vide your leader, and, sir, was supposed to be performed by our leading change-ringing society. May I ask, Where else on earth you would expect to get a good performance from, unless from Bow and by the College Youths? Even given the committee suggested in 'Out of Course's' letter in this week's 'Ringing World,' any list of towers drawn up by such a committee would certainly have to include Bow and 'the College Youths,' and we, even then, stand the risk of a very questionable performance, if the broadcasting on July 31st is to be credited to the A.S.C.Y. It is true, as your correspondent says, that anything but good ringing 'is liable either to lower the public opinion of the art of ringing, and, or, decrease the number of opportunities to broadcast. It is necessary that such bad performances should be stopped, both from a change-ringing standpoint and also from the trade or purely wireless standpoint. Every artiste who broadcasts from the various studios has to be 'top hole,' and it is up to the ringing fraternity to see that whatever is broadcast from our bellies is 'top hole,' too. We have the men who can do it, but I am inclined to think they did not get the chance on July 31st.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON,  
Electrician.

Cranleigh.

The bells of the Cathedral, Birmingham, will be broadcast by members of St. Martin's Guild on Sunday, from 8 to 8.15 p.m.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY AT BOLSTERSTONE.****THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD STRIKING.**

On Saturday last, with glorious weather prevailing, some thirty members of the Sheffield District Society climbed the hills leading to Bolsterstone, ringers hailing from Barnsley, Handsworth, Killamarsh, Norton, Rotherham Parish Church and St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rawmarsh, Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's, All Saints' and Ashton-under-Lyne.

Many methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, though it must be admitted that the quality of the striking was not up to the usual standard—a fault which does not altogether lie with the bells, and which tends to prove that some members would do better to study the striking of their bell rather than the number of methods they are able to 'get through.' Ringers should realise that a well-struck touch in one of the standard methods is far more pleasing to the outside public (who must be considered) than a badly performed exhibition in a Surprise method due to bad striking, and that if this incentive is gained by a learner in his early stages many of the difficulties encountered in Surprise ringing will be automatically overcome or minimised. The writer hopes that these remarks, which are tendered in the best interests of the Art, will be accepted by those concerned in a similar spirit.

The Vicar (Rev. J. H. Mason) very kindly provided a free tea and extended a most cordial welcome to the society, speaking in high praise of his own hand of ringers, who, at the meeting which followed, were admitted as members along with Mr. R. Fletcher, of Eastwood, and Mr. R. W. Collier, of St. Marie's. Mr. F. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, was also accepted as a non-resident life member.

The secretary reported that subscriptions for the current year had been paid in an exemplary manner, and that the peal book was entered up to December last with the exception of one peal, to which the committee were giving their attention.

The thanks of members were voted in a hearty manner to the Vicar for his hospitality, and local members for their support, for what with the Vicarage grounds being placed at their disposal, eleven new members added to the roll, and Bolsterstone becoming affiliated to the society, the meeting can certainly be said to have been happy and successful.

The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh in December.

**EAST RETFORD.**—On Sunday, September 5th, for early morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: F. Thompson 1, F. Hind 2, G. Swanlack 3, W. H. Johnson, V.C., 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, P. Woodward 6, W. Norton 7, H. Blagg 8. First quarter-peal by W. Norton.

### A BIRTHDAY PEAL. RINGER'S MOTHER HONOURED.

Two Surprise peals rewarded certain visitors to Sussex during the past week-end. The first was Cambridge Surprise Royal, rung at Southover Parish Church, Lewes, on Saturday, and was the raison d'être of the excursion into the county of downland and sea—not that the ringers, however, saw much of either of these. The visit to Lewes was directly concerned with a birthday celebration—the 80th birthday of Mrs. E. Goldsmith, whose connection with the church and parish has extended over more than fifty years, during part of which time she actually held the office of parish clerk. Daughter, wife, and mother of ringers, it was her encouragement which induced the Editor of this journal to take up the art of ringing, and she has always evinced the deepest interest in the happenings at Southover Church tower, sharing in the pleasures and disappointments of the ringers when success or failure attended their efforts.



Previous birthday peals had been rung in her honour, but the completion of fourscore years was felt to be an occasion specially worthy of celebration,

and a band, including some well-known names, was readily found to undertake the ringing. About the peal there is nothing that calls for comment. It just began and went merrily on to a splendid finish, then, before the bells were finally set, eight volleys were fired on them, one for each decade of the long life.

Later, when the party had assembled at 'another place,' Mrs. Goldsmith's health was heartily drunk and good wishes expressed to her, and, in return, Mrs. Goldsmith thanked the ringers for the honour they had done her.

On Sunday, two good touches of Stedman Caters and one of Bob Royal were rung for morning service, with some of the local men taking part, and then the cars—both of them rather sadly overloaded—were called upon to convey the party of ten to one of the most delightful spots to be found in all the county. This was Buxton, where the spacious and ancient church of St. Margaret stands enshrined in the beautiful park belonging to the Portman family. Except for the mansion, which adjoins the church, there is hardly a house within earshot of the bells, and here, by kind permission of the Rector, a peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung in the afternoon. The two members of the party who stood out of the peal wandered round the glorious domain, listening to the rhythmic beat of the bells, and eventually reluctantly leaving them to be enjoyed—outside the tower, at any rate—only by the deer, the cattle, and the rabbits. At least, that is what one might have imagined on driving away from this beauty spot, but it was not quite true in fact. The Rector had heard the peal and enjoyed it, and when the ringing ceased he went to the church and congratulated the ringers, and, what is more, invited them to come again whenever they liked.

In all respects the excursion was an enjoyable and successful one, and while the ringers desire to thank the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, the writer of these lines would especially like to thank the other members of the band who enabled a very cherished desire to be accomplished—a peal on his mother's 80th birthday!

Southover Church, by the way, has been a happy hunting ground for peal-ringers. The earliest peal of which there is any record in the tower was one rung in 1869, in which the father and grandfather of the Editor of 'The Ringing World' took part, but, in addition, exactly one hundred peals by the Sussex County Association, down to the year 1910, are recorded in the belfry. And a great many have been rung there since. The tower contains the only peal of ten bells in Sussex, outside Brighton.

### WELSH RINGERS' LOSS.

The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association have lost a great friend by the death of the Vicar of St. Woolos', Rev. D. H. Griffiths, Archdeacon of Monmouth, who was buried on Monday week. The bells of both churches (St. Woolos' and All Saints') were rung half-muffled for all services on Sunday and again on Monday, and also in a great many churches throughout the county. A peal was rung at Bridgend, recorded in the usual place. The deceased Archdeacon left Newport apparently in the best of health, motored to London, and on arrival complained of pains. He was taken at once to Hospital and operated on, but never recovered.

Archdeacon Griffiths was secretary of the association for four years, and it was mainly due to his efforts that the bells at St. Woolos' were augmented to ten.

### MASONIC BELLS.

#### RESTORATION OF PENWORTHAM'S RING.

The masonic opening of the restored bells at Penwortham, Lanes, on Saturday, will be an event unique in ringing annals. The bells have been renovated and rehung at the expense of Freemasons, and the dedication service is to be attended by the West Lancashire Provincial Grand Master and his officers.

The cracked 3rd in the old six has been recast, and two trebles have been added to make a ring of eight. The old bells have been cleaned by sandblast and tuned.

The eight bells have been hung with cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings. The bell frame has been re-arranged and additions made to accommodate the eight bells on one level.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### NEWBURY BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Chiovelly on Saturday, September 4th, when 35 ringers attended from Beedon, Brightwalton, Bucklebury, East Ilsley, Peasemore, Shaw, Newbury, Thatcham, Abingdon, with the local band, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) also being present. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. O. Cheese, who also gave an excellent address, the Rector being away on holiday. Tea was served in the Vicarage barn.

At the business meeting, Mr. R. T. Hibbert presided in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch).

The annual meeting was fixed for November 15th, at Newbury. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. G. O. Cheese, to the organist, and to Mr. E. E. Prinsall for providing the tea.

Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock and Mr. Caldwell were present from Abingdon.

### PONTEFRAC'T'S OLDEST RINGER.

#### DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM PEARSON.

It is with great regret we have to record the death of Pontefract's oldest ringer, Mr. William Pearson, who passed away on Wednesday evening, August 25th, at the age of 68 years. Though he had been in failing health for some time, the end came quickly. His last visit to the belfry was on Sunday evening, August 1st, when he took part in a touch of Stedman Caters. The following week he consulted a specialist, who gave no hope of a cure. He gradually became weaker, and died most peacefully at his residence, Campsall House, Pontefract.

Mr. Pearson, who was a plumber, had a long and honourable record as a tradesman. He was head of the firm of W. Pearson and Sons, and had built up an extensive business.

The funeral took place in Pontefract Cemetery on Saturday, August 28th, and was attended by a large number of fellow tradesmen, the ringers from the Parish Church and All Saints' Church, also representatives of the Yorkshire Association from Bradford, Doncaster, Barnsley, Selby, Leeds, Pudsey and Dewsbury. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by H. Walters and J. H. Lanton (Pontefract), J. Cotterell (Bradford), and G. Halksworth (Doncaster).

Mr. Pearson's ringing career commenced at Campsall. He then went for a short time to Wetherby, eventually settling down in Pontefract, where he soon made his presence felt. He had rung several peals before joining the Yorkshire Association in 1880.

For many years he was a member of the General Committee and was a well-known personality at the association meetings. He was a man of retiring disposition, but when consulted always spoke with great authority and to the point.

For the association he had rung 72 peals, many of which he had conducted, but his record cannot be judged by his number of peals. He had devoted a great portion of his life in teaching the art to others, and many are the peals he had arranged, but to which, with his unselfish nature, he listened instead of taking part. He had a most wonderful ear and could jot down the changes as they came up. It was always very interesting after a jumble to find William Pearson at the church door with paper and figures to greet you. There could be no disputing him, and he could tell where the trouble commenced. Had he set out for an individual record, he had all the necessary gifts to place himself on a high pedestal, but as long as he was helping others to progress he was satisfied.

It was mainly through Mr. Pearson's perseverance and tact that the Pontefract Parish Church bells were re-cast and augmented to ten, as a war memorial in 1919.

Great was his interest in all church bell restoration. When his strength was failing fast he talked of York Minster bells. No matter how ill he was, even if he had to be pushed up the steps he wanted to be there when they were dedicated, such was his spirit to the last.

He was a very keen churchman, and for many years was a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Council.

He has left a wife, four sons and three daughters, but only one son has taken up his father's hobby, and is instructor at All Saints' Church, where his father has turned out so many good ringers.

**SHIPWAY'S FALLACIES.**

By GEORGE BAKER.

Shipway during the time he lived was far in advance of the writers who had gone before, and also of his contemporaries, but he certainly was not the infallible man that some present-day writers would have us believe; and he has handed down to us in his Campanalogia a whole host of fallacies, the greatest of which is the false notion that a construction with two hunts is, or can be, an extension of a construction with one hunt.

What brain-wave started the idea in Shipway's head is past comprehension. Shipway knew perfectly well that Grand sire and Plain Bob are two distinct methods, and he gives them as such from Singles to Maximus with one exception—i.e., he gives the bob lead of Grand sire Singles instead of the plain lead.

With the knowledge he possessed, why it never occurred to Shipway that two-hunt constructions can be obtained on all numbers to infinity, as well as one-hunt constructions, is a mystery. Anyway, Shipway believed in this particular fallacy and stated it as a fact, and nearly every writer since has accepted this false doctrine.

That it is false can easily be proved by extending Double Court Bob Minor as a Single construction to Triples, Major and Caters, and then showing a similar two-hunt construction for comparison.

One-hunt Construction.			
Minor.	Triples.	Major.	Caters.
123456	1234567	12345678	123456789
214365	2143657	21436587	214365879
241356	2413567	24135678	241356789
423165	4231657	42316587	423165879
243615	2436175	24361857	243618597
426351	4263715	42638175	426381957
462531	4627351	46283715	462837175
642531	6427351	64287351	642873515
Lead-head	6472531		869472531
156342	Lead-head	68472531	Lead-head
	1573624	Lead-head	157392846
		15738264	157392846

It is quite true that the above Triples and Caters are only touches, but no one can deny that they are the same construction, and when proved by reciprocal proof, the Minor, Triples, Major and Caters each have only one false row to the lead—i.e., the lead-end.

Two-hunt Construction.			
Minor.	Triples.	Major.	Caters.
123456	1234567	12345678	123456789
214365	2143657	21436587	214365879
241635	2416375	24163857	241638597
426135	4261357	42613587	426135879
462315	4623175	46231857	462318597
643251	6432715	64328175	643281957
	4637251	46382715	463829175
463521		64837251	648392715
Lead-head	6473521		884937251
126543	Lead-head	68473521	869473521
	1275634	Lead-head	Lead-head
		12758364	127593846

In the one-hunt construction the Minor is the only double method. In the two-hunt construction the Triples is the only double method, and is known as Double Court Bob Triples. Shipway and the science men of to-day tell us that Double Court Bob Triples is Double Court Bob Minor with a bell in the hunt. If they, the science men, still think so after reading this article, perhaps they will kindly tell the Exercise what the one-hunt Triples is on the one hand, and what the two-hunt Minor is on the other hand.

To help them come to a decision, the following is the result of proving the two-hunt constructions by reciprocal proof:

In the Minor there are seven false rows to every lead; in the Triples, Major and Caters there are nine false rows to every lead.

In a recent article I should have qualified what I wrote about the impossibility of comparing round block progressions of Single and Double methods by stating that I was referring to Treble Bob hunt methods. It will be seen by the foregoing there is no such difficulty when methods have one or two plain hunts.

(To be continued.)

**DEATH OF LITTLE HORKESLEY'S ONLY CHANGE-RINGER**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur Worth, of Little Horkesley, who died on August 25th, in Saffron Walden Hospital. He had been under treatment for over six months for tuberculosis of the spine.

Deceased was a member of the Essex Association, and had started a young band at Little Horkesley Church before going into the hospital. He was the only change-ringer in the parish.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday, August 31st, at the Parish Church, and the bells were rung half-muffled after the interment.

**YORK MINSTER BELLS.**

IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION SERVICE.

A congregation which overflowed the noble Minster, and is said to have numbered thousands, attended the rededication of bells at York on Sunday week. The service was a continuation of evensong, and those present included many public men from various parts of the three Ridings. Representative citizens, including the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. W. Wright), were, of course, present in large numbers, and as the service of dedication was broadcast it can be assumed that the bells were heard in many parts of the country. The service was most inspiring, the music being beautifully sung.

The clergy present were the Dean of York (Dr. Lionel Ford), the Rev. Chancellor Austen, Canon Nolloth (late Vicar of Beverley Minster, who has been largely responsible for the work that has been carried out), the Rev. H. T. S. Gedge (sub-chanter), and the Rev. Harold Spence (vicar-choral and chamberlain).

After the anthem (Holst's 'Lord, Who hast made us for Thine own'), the clergy, who in the meantime had assumed processional vestments, together with the choir, walked in procession singing down the centre aisle, headed by the processional cross, to the open space immediately under the south-west bell tower. It was here that two bell-ropes hung down from the bell-chamber.

Originally it was arranged that the Dean, accompanied by the other clergy, should ascend to the bell-chamber and there greet the bell-ringers, who had already taken their places, together with the representatives of the bell-founders, but the bell tower was not ascended by them, and the exhortation that 'their going out and their coming in' would be preserved, and that they would be strengthened to perform the service to which they had been called, was made from below.

Chancellor Austen requested the Dean to rededicate the bells, which Dr. Ford did 'in the faith of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God.' The Dean then beseeched God to accept the offering at their hands, and prayed that the bells might be blessed, sanctified, and hallowed, 'that they may call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy Holy Name.' A prayer followed 'that they who shall ring these bells may be filled with reverence and Godly fear and may be counted worthy to stand with those who praise Thee in the heavenly Jerusalem.'

Canon Nolloth, on behalf of those responsible for the renovation of the bells, delivered them into the keeping of the Dean by placing the two suspended bell-ropes in the hands of the Dean.

Dr. Ford, accepting them, said: 'I receive these bells, that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses, as a sacred trust committed to the Dean and Chapter of this cathedral church, and do promise and profess that we will give our utmost care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

While the clergy and choir stood for a few moments at the west end the bells rang a short peal, and their great beauty of tone impressed and pleased everyone.

The clergy and choir returned to their places in the nave again in processional order, and prayer was offered that whosoever be called by the sound of the bells to the house of prayer might enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.

During the singing of the last hymn, 'O worship the King,' a collection was taken, to be devoted towards the cost of recasting and re-hanging 'Great Peter,' the Minster 10-ton bell. The cost of that work is estimated at £1,525, and towards that amount £770 has been given or promised.

The service concluded with the Blessing, pronounced by the Dean, and the clergy and the choir proceeded to the south choir aisle by way of the choir.

The new bells were rung for a lengthy period after service, crowds of people gathering to hear them.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held at Hursley on Saturday, August 28th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. L. R. Husband). The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grand sire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major. Tea and meeting were held in the Club Room, the Master, Mr. G. Williams, presiding, in the absence of the Vicar. He was supported by the general secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger, and Mr. F. W. Rogers, district secretary, Portsmouth.

The election of Mr. R. Clark, Bristol, as a compounding member, was confirmed.

The Master announced that he had received a postcard from the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Guild, stating that he had left the Lyndhurst Cottage Hospital and was now at his home at Milford-on-Sea, steadily improving.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for their kind attention at tea.

Those present were from Twyford, North Stoneham, Southampton, Stockbridge, Portsmouth, Winchester and Hursley.

The annual meeting of the district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, November 6th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

### RINGERS' OUTINGS. A VISIT TO 'THE DALE.'

Members of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and friends from Tettenhall, Brewood, Bradley, Coseley and Bloxwich spent the afternoon of Saturday, September 4th, in a trip by motor charabanc to Coalbrookdale. The journey was made via Bridgnorth and Much Wenlock. At the latter town a stop was made to view the ancient ruins of the abbey associated with this old and probably smallest borough in the country. Again boarding the charabanc, tracks were made for 'the Dale' and Holy Trinity Church, where the genial tower-keeper, Mr. William Saunders was waiting with a hearty welcome. Soon the bells were up and going merrily to touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples. After tea, advantage was again taken of some more ringing, and touches of Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Minor were successfully brought round. The Bob Minor was first rung on the front six and then on the back six in order to hear what a lovely little ring of six either would make. Great pleasure was expressed at the 'go' and tone of the bells recently rehung and augmented by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the ringers desire to record their sincere thanks to the incumbent (Rev. Presb. C. B. Crowe, M.A., R.D.) for allowing the use of the bells and for the personal welcome he gave them, and also wish to thank Mr. Saunders for all he did towards making the outing such a pleasurable afternoon's enjoyment.

### HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On August 14th, the members of the Hertford College Youths held a most enjoyable outing in Hertfordshire. Leaving Hertford at 9 a.m. by charabanc, they journeyed to Bishop's Stortford, where they were privileged to ring on the fine peal of 10 bells of the Parish Church for upwards of an hour. Some excellent ringing was accomplished. Leaving Bishop's Stortford at 11.15, the party proceeded to Royston, where the handy peal of eight had been placed at their disposal. These bells go perfectly, and some excellent touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were got home. Lunch was partaken of at The Cross at Royston and thoroughly enjoyed, after which a beautiful cross-country journey of practically 30 miles, via Baldock, Hitchin and Luton, terminated at Harpenden at 3.45. Here the party were met by Mr. B. Jarman, the president of the Herts County Association, and a visit was paid to the Parish Church, where some very enjoyable ringing was indulged in on the peal of eight. At five o'clock the party sat down to an excellent tea at the Trust House at Harpenden, and were joined by Alderman A. P. Ginn, Mayor of Hertford, who is president and Master of the society, and who was accompanied by Mrs. Ginn. After tea Mr. H. J. Gray, the hon. secretary of the society, who was responsible for all the arrangements, expressed, on behalf of the ringers, their pleasure in the presence of the Master of the society and also Mrs. Ginn, and the president of the Herts Society. He also expressed his thanks to the clergy of the various churches where they had been privileged to ring, and to the Dean of St. Albans for the permission which had been granted to the party to visit the belfry at St. Albans Cathedral.

At 6.15 the ringers left for St. Albans, where they were met by several of the members of the Cathedral band. The visit was unique to a number of the Hertford ringers, and they were delighted with the opportunity afforded of looking over the Cathedral and ringing on the grand peal of eight. Here, in spite of the decidedly difficult conditions for which the Cathedral belfry is notorious, some excellent touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were accomplished, and the party eventually took leave of their St. Albans friends to return to Hertford at 8.15, arriving home at 9 o'clock, unanimous that the day was the most enjoyable they had spent.

### ABSON BELLS. TO-MORROW'S DEDICATION.

The official opening of Abson bells will be held on Saturday, September 11th, at 3 p.m. by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol.

The bells, which have not been rung since June 5th, 1911, have just been sandblasted and rehung in a steel and iron frame, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. All ringers will be most welcome at the dedication, and arrangements will be made for all ringers to have a pull.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on September 16th, 30th; St. Mary's, Beddington, on the 11th, at 3 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m., except Beddington. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. each). — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Next meeting Solihull, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Sept. 11th. Bells: St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), and Godmanchester (8). Service at St. Mary's Church at 4.30. Tea at Plumb's Refreshment Rooms at 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The restored and augmented peal of 8 bells at Penwortham Church will be dedicated at a Masonic Service on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 p.m. The West Lancashire Prov. Grand Master and his officers will be present. The bells will be open to ringers after service, about 5 p.m.—J. R. Taylor, Cop Lane, Penwortham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Members please note the time for draw is 2 p.m. First band to enter the contest at 2.20, Saturday, Sept. 11th. As there are ten bands entered, the greatest economy of time is required. All other particulars as stated before.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 11th. The bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock, also Stamford-on-Soar (8 bells). The Bell Foundry Works will also be open from 2 till 4 p.m. to enable visiting ringers to look round. Tea is being arranged at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Business meeting afterwards.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available at 3.15 and St. Mary's after tea. A hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Members are reminded that all subscriptions should be paid without delay, as the financial year end is Sept. 30th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**LITTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH, EXMOUTH.**—The dedication of two additional trebles and the reopening of the six other bells will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 o'clock. Preacher: The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Hon. Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and President of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Collection for the Bell Fund.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Smarden on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bigby on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 4.30. Tea, at moderate charge, 5 p.m., for those who notify Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 15th. Collection for Cathedral Bell Fund. Bells (6) available.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Christ Church (10), St. Mark's (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by Thursday, Sept. 16th.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Yeldham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.15, tea after. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening for ringing. All ringers cordially invited. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Sept. 16th, in order that proper provision may be made?—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Coker on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should give early notice to the secretary.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 15th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) are available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at the Fox and Hounds Inn at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. Those intending to be at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Sept. 15th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 14th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Members requiring tea, at 1s. 6d. each, please notify me not later than Sept. 15th.—J. Titt, 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Thursday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pensnett (half-way between Dudley and Kingswinford) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. N. Edwards (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30, for those who send word by Tuesday, the 14th inst. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.30. Tea, price 1s., at 5.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual Commemoration Dinner will this year take place at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 18th, at 6 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Ven. John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon and Vicar of Sheffield, supported by officers of the Association. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) from 2.30 to 5.30. Applications for dinner tickets (price 5/6 each) must be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, September 14th.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Wolverley on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for all those who notify me not later than Sept. 12th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 15th? Ringers and friends welcome.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise me as soon as possible, as exact number has to be given?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**ALL SAINTS', HIGH WYCOMBE.**—Bells (12) available on Saturday, September 18th, from 2.30—6. All ringers welcome. Practices, Mondays, 7.15—9 (1st Monday in month "Open").

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Apsley End, on Saturday, September 18th, 1926. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me early.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Aldate's Church on Thursday, Sept. 23rd. Ringing from 6.30. Service at 8, followed by business meeting.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Greasley on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. E. Hobbs, Watnall, Notts, by Thursday, Sept. 23rd? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring tea must notify Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, not later than Tuesday, 21st inst.—E. V. Rodenhurst, Assistant Hon. Sec., Hodnet, Salop.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 22nd inst.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Langham on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Please notify secretary not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st, all intending to come to tea.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than the 18th inst.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the association will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meeting 6 p.m. Notices of attendance should be sent not later than Sept. 20th to Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided, at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, to those who send in their names to Mr. F. W. Dixon, 1, Greenshaw Terrace, Guiseley, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Beeston, Notts. This is Goose Fair Saturday, and cheap trips will be running to Nottingham, from whence buses run every few minutes. Bells (8) open from 2 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, followed by general meeting, all in School Room. Owing to difficulty in catering it is quite essential that those intending to be present at tea (1s. 10d. per head) advise Mr. W. Clifford, jun., 25, Enfield Street, Beeston, not later than Oct. 7th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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**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.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: J. Harris 1, C. H. Exon (Dorchester) 2, H. Jenning (Ryde) 3, J. Paterson (first quarter in the method) 4, J. Topp 5, H. Kilby (Wilkesden) 6, R. J. Stone (first as conductor) 7, A. Greenwood 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Kemp 1, J. Read 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

TENBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, September 5th, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Ballard 1, A. Richardson 2, W. Latter 3, W. Collison 4, V. Jarrett 5, D. Findley 6, H. Markwell 7, S. H. Green 8.—For evening service, 7 courses of Stedman Triples: S. H. Green 1, H. Markwell 2, B. Collison 3, F. Ballard 4, W. Collison 5, V. Jarrett 6, W. Latter 7, E. Mays 8.—Also three courses Bob Major.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On August 8th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise; for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure.—On August 16th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine; for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. Conductors: G. H. Carter, S. Carter, A. Woolston, and W. H. Lawrence, others taking part being S. Head, W. Williams, A. Phillips, W. S. Lawrence, and B. Patmore.—On August 22nd, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure; for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: S. Cartwright (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, A. Greenfield 2, R. Round 3, A. Round 4, H. Fletcher 5, W. Prestidge 6, H. Hubbard 7, A. Prestidge (conductor) 8. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Albert Prestidge, who completed twenty-six years as a Sunday service ringer on the above date. The ringer of the fifth hails from Derby.

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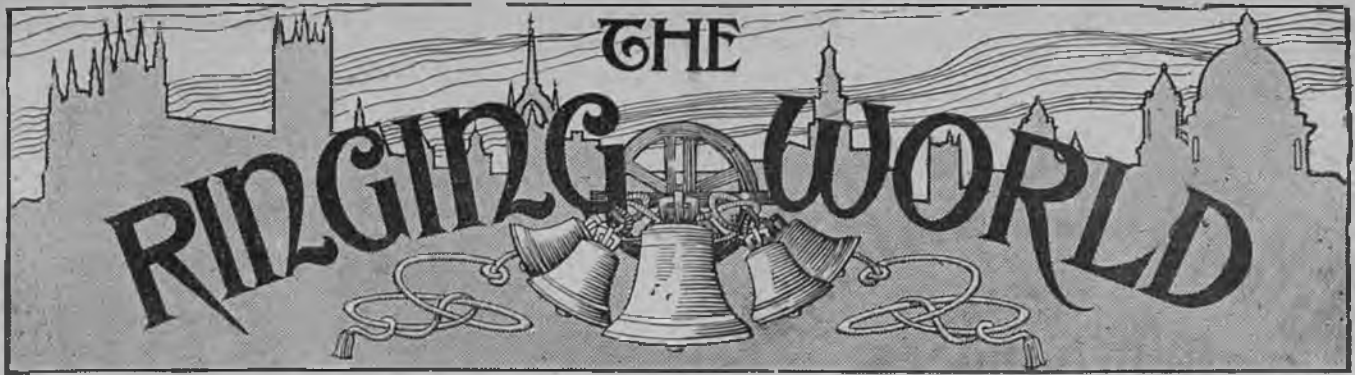
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## METHODS VERSUS STRIKING.

An interesting question is raised by the comment in the report in our last issue of the meeting of the Sheffield District Society. In the best possible spirit, our correspondent urged that more attention should be paid at such meetings to the striking of the bells, and condemned the sacrifice of good ringing to the desire to bring round touches in more difficult methods. In other reports in this issue the same matter is mentioned, and it is one to which attention may well be directed. There can be no doubt that bad ringing seriously prejudices the public against the Art, and the public must be considered in these matters as well as the ringers, even though the latter are using the bells with official permission. Continual 'banging about' in attempts to ring a method which is really beyond the capabilities of a band is to be condemned, and, if carried to extremes, may become a genuine source of annoyance to those outside who are compelled to listen. To persist in such attempts, moreover, stamps the ringers as tactless, if not selfish, as well as creating the impression of incompetence. For their own reputation's sake, therefore, bands should know when to stop experimenting.

But there are two sides to the question, even in this matter. For some ringers, district meetings form almost the only opportunity of practising a fresh method, and the most valuable part of these gatherings would be lost if those who attended them were debarred from ringing anything fresh. It is by the experience gained at district meetings that men are often able to return to their own towers and take the ringing there a step further on, or at least to quicken their interest and intensify the desire to advance themselves in the Art. To limit the Grandsire Triples man to Grandsire Triples, or to forbid the Treble Bob ringer to attempt anything a stage more advanced, at an association meeting, would not only be to discourage the individual, but would soon kill the associations themselves.

There is no real need for one extreme or the other. A tactful man, capable of judging a ringer's capacity when he sees him at the rope end, even if he had no previous knowledge of his ability, should be in charge of every belfry during a ringing meeting. He would know what to encourage and what to reject; he could quickly gauge his band and ensure that the ringing is passably good. It is, of course, a well known fact that, at the majority of district meetings, the striking leaves something to be desired. With all sorts of ringers—good, bad and indifferent—taking a turn, some of the ringing is bound to be of a poor standard, but the capable ringing master would give his attention, by helpful hints to the

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weaker brethren, to improving this important phase of the practice as much as he would endeavour to raise the standard of the methods rung. It is not easy to find the ringer with the necessary qualifications for this task, but every district ought to try to place such a man in authority for the conduct of the ringing at its meetings.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*THOMAS J. HULL ... .. Treble	*SYDNEY R. GARDNER ... 6
JOHN MALYAN ... .. 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
WALTER H. L. BOCKINGHAM 3	*FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 8
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... 4	*WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. 9
*FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. 5	*FREDERICK J. SPICER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Conley, a member of St. Peter's band, who attained the age of 90 years on September 14th, and has been attached to the band for 73 years. The ringers of 4, 5 and 9 are from Bushey, the rest are local ringers, and it is believed to be the greatest number of such to ring a peal of Stedman Caters in St. Albans.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	*FRED PRICE ... .. 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 8
†GEOFFREY LEWIS ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 9
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5	WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

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

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF BOB-MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Treble	CECIL NICE ... .. 5
BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
REG. V. JOHNSON ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 4	ALBERT ELLIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal of Major.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. Treble	STANLEY R. DOBBIE ... .. 5
GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 2	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 6
SAMUEL TAYLOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4	JOHN EXELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Exell.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On September 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Green 1, W. Collett 2, J. Wood 3, H. Edwards 4, E. Elliot 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, A. Head 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for Mr. W. Collett, of St. Ebbs, Oxford, who was paying a visit to the parish.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... .. Treble	PERCY C. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN ... .. 2	FRED E. TYLER ... .. 6
FRED W. WADE ... .. 3	HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. 7
EDWIN J. BROWN... .. 4	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Arranged for Mr. J. Thomas, of London.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW... .. Treble	FRANK SHAW ... .. 5
MRS. J. WHEWELL ... .. 2	ISAAC WHALLEY ... .. 6
MISS ELLEN SHAW ... .. 3	THOMAS WATSON... .. 7
WILLIAM RILEY ... .. 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH  
Arranged for the 7th ringer, who hails from Dalton-in-Furness.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

STEPHEN W. STRATFORD... Treble	HENRY TYSON ... .. 5
ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 6
*GEORGE H. WILKINSON ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.  
\* First peal in method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ROBERT EDWARDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 6
HERBERT RANN ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 7
HENRY BAKER ... .. 4	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JAMES HAZEL ... .. Treble	EDGAR HUMPHREY ... .. 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 2	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS... .. 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 7
JACK HONEY... .. 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.  
\* First peal in the method.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 7
*FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.  
\* First peal in the method.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	*ERNEST W. POWELL ... .. 5
*THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 2	HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. 6
†CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 3	LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 7
*ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... .. 4	PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.  
\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Sone, wife of the treble-man and the conductor's mother.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES SMITH ... .. Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5
*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
†BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
‡GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE  
\* First peal away from treble. † First peal in the method. ‡ First in the method on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and his first peal.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE A. BAKER ... .. Treble	JOHN PERRY... .. 5
JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... .. 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

Rung for the Dedication Festival. The ringer of the tenor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED WATKINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 5
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 2	†ARNOLD HILL ... .. 6
*FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 3	†HAROLD WALKER ... .. 7
ALBERT HELLIWELL... .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE  
\* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, September 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*C. P. HEATH ... .. Treble	F. SMITH ... .. 5
G. LARGE ... .. 2	E. COOMBS... .. 6
E. HUNT ... .. 3	H. J. TAYLOR ... .. 7
W. HEATH ... .. 4	S. R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. COOMBS.

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the wife of Mr. Frank Forsdike, ex-churchwarden of the above church, who died on the 10th inst.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Thursday, September 9th, 720 Norfolk Surprise: C. Jennings 1, Miss K. Willers 2, W. A. Tack 3, A. E. Austin 4, E. H. Finch 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

## COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 2	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... 5
WILFRED G. COOK ... .. 2	JOHN HOPE ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS ... .. 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS... .. 7
H. CHARLES BOND ... .. 4	M. WILLIAM MINCHIN ...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

Arranged for ex-Sergt. Williams and rung on Coln Feast Sunday.

## STREATHAM:

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*THOMAS W. WELBOURNE Treble	JOHN LEE ... .. 5
MISS ELLEN E. HARDCASTLE 2	†JOHN L. WATKINS ... .. 6
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
†ERNEST E. BISH ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. E. Hardcastle.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Double Court Bob, and 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor.

SYDNEY MOSS ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. MEE... .. 4
GEORGE W. MEE ... .. 2	EDGAR RIVERS ... .. 5
GORDON HAGGAR... .. 3	CHARLES MEE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

## BURSTOW, SURREY.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ...Treble	†REG. V. JOHNSON ... .. 4
BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BOLL ... .. 5
†CECIL NICE... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

## CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R THOMAS CLARK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. 4
WILLIAM SHORE ... .. 2	*HAROLD BLACKER ... .. 5
JOHN OWEN ... .. 3	*HARRY PARSONS... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

## GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN S. BALL ... .. Treble	*FRANCIS BALL ... .. 4
*ALBERT E. BALL ... .. 2	JAMES HODSON ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

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

## CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven different 720's.

DAVID J. LEWIS ... .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4
JOHN E. BLOXHAM ... .. 2	*EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 5
*GWYN I. LEWIS... .. 3	†ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

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

## AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY PARKER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4
JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 2	G. WILLIAM BIDDOLPH ... 5
THOMAS W. ARROWSMITH ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal on the bells.

## HUTTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5760 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM H. POOLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT ... 3
JOHN C. FURLONG ... .. 2	JACK LEGGETT ... .. 4
HARRY TURNER ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 130, HARROGATE STREET, BRADFORD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON... .. 5-6
JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 3-4	H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

## UNLUCKY THIRTEEN HAVE AN ENJOYABLE OUTING.

The fifteenth annual ringing week of the Cambridge University Guild was held this year in Cheshire, headquarters being at the Rectory, Grappenhall, just outside Warrington.

The superstitious seekers of coincidences may find contentment in the fact that thirteen members were present, thirteen towers were visited, and all the peal attempts ended in failure. This in no way prevented the week being a great success, and the splendid programme which had been arranged by the host, Rev. C. A. Clements, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The ringing was of a higher standard than usual, and the methods rung during the week in the tower and on handbells included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Norwich Court, Double Norwich, Cambridge Court, Cambridge, Superlative, and London Surprise Major, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal, and Grandsire Cinques.

Although no peals were rung, the Guild can look back with satisfaction on some of its performances, perhaps the three best of which were: A touch of London Surprise Major by: Rev. R. H. Whitford (Pembroke) 1, F. E. Haynes (St. Catherine's) 2, J. T. Rickman (Jesus) 3, E. M. Atkins (St. Catherine's) 4, W. H. J. Hooton (Queen's) 5, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Trinity) 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trinity) 7, Rev. H. Law James (Calus) (conductor) 8; a course of Cambridge, 'in hand,' by: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Trinity) 1-2, E. M. Atkins (St. Catherine's) 3-4, W. H. J. Hooton (Queen's) 5-6, Rev. H. Law James (Calus) 7-8; and 769 Grandsire Cinques, at Macclesfield, by: Rev. H. Law James (Calus) (conductor) 1, J. T. Rickman (Jesus) 2, Rev. R. H. Whitford (Pembroke) 3, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Trinity) 4, W. H. J. Hooton (Queen's) 5, Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Trinity) 6, Canon H. J. Elsee (St. John's) 7, E. M. Atkins (St. Catherine's) 8, F. E. Haynes (St. Catherine's) 9, S. H. Wood (Magdalen) 10, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trinity) 11, Rev. C. A. Clements (St. Catherine's) 12. This was the first touch of Cinques that the Guild has rung.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## FAIRFORD RINGERS IN OXFORDSHIRE.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Fairford, Glos., held their annual outing on Saturday, September 4th. The party left by car at 8.10 a.m. and proceeded to Hook Norton, where the bells were soon swinging to Grandsire Triples, the Rector, the Ven. M. Beardsham, taking the treble to a plain course of Triples for the first time. Bloxham was the next objective, with its very high spire with eight bells, the first six only being available for ringing, as the two heavy bells cause too much vibration to the tower, the tenor 28 cwt. Touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. The journey was then resumed, and Banbury reached at 12.45. Here an excellent hot lunch was partaken at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, kindly arranged by Mr. Tandy, one of the local ringers. Afterwards the tower was visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The interior of the church was very much admired by the party, who then disbanded, returning later very heavily laden with Banbury cakes. Adderbury was the next stop. This is a fine old church, but the arrangement of the chimés and clock in the centre of the ringing chamber, and the fact that the tenor rope comes down between treble and 2nd, rather upset the ringers, who were some time before they could get a touch of Grandsire Triples round. Tea was then taken at the Red Lion Hotel. Great Tew was afterwards visited, with its lovely peal of eight rehung in 1925 by Mears and Stainbank. Here the party overstayed the allotted time, ringing Grandsire Triples and playing tunes on the chimés. Tea Field was the next stop, and, on a nice peal of six, touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung. Then last, but not least, Bampton was reached one hour and thirty minutes late—too late to ring, but Mr. Tanner had kindly arranged a nice supper, which was very much appreciated. Fairford was reached at 11.10 p.m. Thanks are tendered to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, and to all ringing friends who met the party on the tour and so helped to make the day such a success.

## IN GLORIOUS DEVON.

St. Thomas' (Exeter) ringers' outing took place on Saturday, September 4th. The party, numbering eleven, journeyed by motor-car through lovely scenery, on a beautiful day, visited and rang at Huntsham, Oakford, Bampton and Dulverton. Some excellent ringing of Grandsire and Stedman Triples was done, and all the rings of bells were found to be in first-class order.

## A VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

On Monday, August 9th, the North Wingfield Parish Church ringers went on their annual outing. According to a pre-arranged plan, the places to be visited were the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, and the Parish Church, Melton Mowbray. The party included two lady ringers, Miss Dorothy Tarlton and Miss Doris Dilks of the local band, and four ringers of the Morton Parish Church company.

At Loughborough Mr. Pryce Taylor had very kindly arranged for the ringers to make a tour of the foundry. On arriving, the party were taken in charge by an official, who discharged his duty as guide in a very efficient manner. He explained the different processes through which bells and their fittings have to pass before being ready for their destination, and the ringers had a most interesting and enjoyable time. Carillons were in course of preparation for U.S.A. and Holland. One large bell, for which the mould was being prepared, was to weigh ten tons. Two peals which interested the ringers most were a new peal of eight for Creswell, Derbyshire, and one of six for Eyam, the latter having since been delivered and rehung. It was the peal for Creswell that attracted the attention of the ringers most. They were in a row mouth upwards in the tuning shop, where they had just been tuned. The tenor is about 14½ cwt., and the beautiful tone of this peal was demonstrated by the guide. The ringers left the tuning shop feeling quite envious of Creswell people who are to possess such a fine peal, but as these bells will not be many miles away when hung in the tower the band are looking forward to sampling their musical qualities in the near future. Afterwards the campanile was visited, and the light but musical peal of ten bells were tried. Much amusement was caused by the difficulty experienced in handling these light bells, and the ladies took much persuading before they would try their skill. Bob Major was brought round on the back eight, and some well-struck Kent Minor on the front six. This ended the tour of the foundry. The ringers extend their special thanks to the guide for the way in which he conducted the party and made their visit so enjoyable and interesting. After leaving the foundry, a visit was paid to the War Memorial Campanile, with its now famous carillon. The party were disappointed to find it was closed until 2 p.m., as by this time a start had to be made for St. Margaret's, Leicester. They had, therefore, to be satisfied with a view of the exterior. After lunch, the journey was continued to St. Margaret's. Here Mr. J. Morris was waiting to welcome them and conduct them to the spacious belfry with its fine peal of twelve. Although the ringers could not man the twelve for change-ringing, some Kent Major and Stedman Triples were rung on the back eight. The twelve were then set going in rounds and Queens, in which the lady ringers took part. At Mel-

ton Mowbray, after enjoying a good tea, the ringers made their way to the church, and were welcomed by Mr. Bartram and two other local ringers. After pulling up the bells, Treble Bob, Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples were brought round. An attempt was made for Stedman's Caters, but this refused to go. After leaving Melton, the party had a splendid run home.

The company wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. P. Taylor for making such admirable arrangements for their tour of the foundry, Mr. J. Morris and fellow-ringers of St. Margaret's who were present to welcome them, and Mr. Bartram and the two other ringers of Melton Mowbray who gave them a welcome there, and also the Vicars of St. Margaret's and Melton Mowbray for the use of the bells.

## LADIES HOLD THE FORT.

On the re-organisation of the ringers of All Saints', Harrow Weald, in January, a mixed band was formed under a new instructor. The ladies having made good progress and become quite efficient in handling the bells without the instructor, six male members availed themselves of the opportunity on Sunday, August 22nd (no other day being convenient for all to get together) of a trip to Oxford and Reading. Leaving Harrow Weald at 7.55 a.m. on a 'Sunbeam' car, a most enjoyable ride was experienced through very pretty country by way of Watford, Berkhamsted, Tring, Aylesbury and Thame, reaching Oxford at 10 a.m. Here they were met by Mr. W. Harris, who promptly escorted them to St. Ebbe's Church, where the bells were raised and rung for morning service. The tone and 'go' of this little peal left nothing to be desired, and the weight just suited the party, this being their first ringing experience away from their own tower.

The remainder of the morning was spent in exploring the famous old city under the guidance of Mr. Harris. The Thames from Foley Bridge, Carfax Tower, Martyrs' Memorial, the Sheldonian Theatre and St. Mary's Church were amongst the items of interest brought to their notice. After an excellent lunch at the Oriol Cafe, they were taken round Magdalen College, All Souls' Chapel and Christ Church Cathedral. This more than exhausted the time at their disposal, and hurried tracks had to be made for the car to start for Reading.

Arriving at the biscuit town just half an hour behind scheduled time, they were very kindly entertained to tea by Miss Goodship, who severely scolded them for 'keeping the pot waiting.' Unfortunately, owing to the late arrival, tea had to be somewhat hurried, as the visitors were due at St. Giles' Church at 5.30 p.m. Here the bells were heavier than any previously handled by the majority, and, taken somewhat unawares, they made a very poor show at the commencement. With a second start, however, there was a considerable improvement, and the experience was thoroughly appreciated by all. After some twenty minutes of call changes, the ropes were taken over by the local ringers, and it was an education to the visiting novices to watch and to listen to the finely struck touch of Stedman Triples, followed by some Double Norwich Major which, unfortunately, came to grief. At 7.30 the car was again requisitioned, and a start made for home, which was reached by 9.45 p.m., everyone having had a most enjoyable day. The first outing of the 'All Saints' Guild' will be long remembered. Thanks are due to Mr. Harris for placing so much of his time at the party's disposal, to Miss Goodship for entertaining them to tea, and to Mr. A. W. Osborne *fcc* giving them the opportunity of ringing on the bells of St. Giles'.

## AN ESSEX EXCURSION.

The Maldon ringers' outing took place on September 11th. The party, numbering about twenty, left Maldon soon after 8 a.m. by charabanc, the first stop being at Great Bentley, which was reached at about 9.30, where they were met in the churchyard by a jackdaw, which seemed overjoyed to welcome them. After a good ring on this light peal of eight, the company left for Tendring. At this pretty little church they found a ring of six bells, which were soon going to various methods. After a light lunch this quiet spot was left with regret. Harwich was reached a little earlier than expected, so a move was made to the waterside. Two or three members were particularly interested in the train ferry, and were to be seen wandering round this and other nearby vessels for quite a considerable time. Afterwards a few touches were brought round on the eight bells, and tracks were then made for Mistley. An excellent tea was awaiting the party at the Thorn Hotel. After a most satisfying meal, a walk through fields brought the company to the church, which is charmingly situated for ringing. Some good touches were brought round on this musical six, the melodious sounds floating down to those who were outside in the calm of the setting sun. These bells, it may be mentioned, are shortly to be rehung. The last stop was at St. Peter's, Colchester, where all enjoyed ringing on a grand ring of eight. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a very pleasant day. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, and those who met them at the various towers.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Wednesday, August 25th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Stokes 1, I. Bilby 2, J. Francis 3, W. West 4, W. Baxter 5, C. F. Andrews (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mrs. Wiltshire, wife of one of the local band.

NOTES BY THE WAY.  
MORE ABOUT PRIZE RINGING.  
BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

But prize ringing had its good points as well as its bad. The matches were, as a rule, carried out in a proper sportsmanlike manner. In itself, and apart from the betting and the excessive drinking, and the fact that the venue was a church, there is nothing objectionable about a competition between ringers. And prize ringing did do one thing. It discouraged slovenliness, it promoted keenness, and it put the highest premium in good striking. And good striking, though not everything, is a very important thing in ringing. What those ringers did was, in our eyes, a poor thing, but they did it well, better, you may be quite sure, than any of us could do it. If we were to pick as good a band as we could, I do not think we should stand much chance of winning a prize for raising, ringing round, and falling, in competition with the old Devon prize ringers. Here is a further quotation from Mr. Du Boulay Hill's paper: 'The zeal in practice beforehand, the marvellous accuracy of the performances, such as they are, would astonish many change ringers, and give many a wholesome lesson in the finish and care that can be bestowed upon the very best sound of the ceasing bells. Popular they are, too, for they produce that which pleases the popular ear far more than the ragged performances which pass muster under the name of change ringing.'

Now you will wonder why, if prize meetings had so many objectionable features, they were ever begun, or, if begun, why they were permitted to continue. The clergy are the sole custodians of the bells. They alone can say whether they shall be rung or not. Why, then, did they allow these prize meetings? I am going to try and answer that question presently. Meanwhile, there is the fact that, for more than a century, prize ringing was not only allowed, but encouraged and arranged by church authorities. We saw that it was so at Flixton in 1808, and though, as years went on, it is pretty certain that the clergy merely tolerated what they really did not approve, the real opposition to prize ringing came from within the Exercise, and not from without; from the men who were responsible for the formation of our great territorial associations, which have done so much for ringing and ringers during these last fifty years.

The general attitude of the clergy and especially of the older parsons is well illustrated by an incident which happened in 1882. In that year a prize ringing meeting was held at Crediton in Devon, and this is the notice of it which appeared in 'The North Devon Herald':— 'Crediton Ringing Competition. There was capital competition for the ringing prizes at Crediton on Monday, which resulted in Alphington bearing off the first prize of £5, St. Thomas the second of £3, and Paignton the third of £2. The ringers in Northtawton, Ide and Pilton also contended. The triers were Mr. S. Wilson, of Crediton, Mr. Southcott, of Thorverton, and Mr. Moas, of Exeter. The Rev. Prebendary Smith distributed the prizes after a dinner at the King's Arms Inn.'

Apparently this was an ordinary prize meeting, such as had been held scores and hundred of times before, and none of those who took part considered that they had done anything they should not have done. But the Devonshire Guild thought differently, or perhaps we should say that the men who had recently founded the Guild and who were controlling it thought differently.

They knew that prize ringing was the one great obstacle in the way of those things for which the Guild stood—belfry reform, the raising of the status of ringers and the promotion of change ringing. At the annual meeting the following resolution was passed: 'The members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers cannot allow their annual meeting to take place without formally recording their very great regret that a prize ringing match should lately have been held at Crediton with the full approval of the Vicar, one of the Prebendaries of Exeter Cathedral; and they wish earnestly to impress on all persons connected with the Church in the diocese that infinite harm is done by such meetings.' This was proposed by the President, C. A. W. Troyte, Esq., and seconded by G. F. Coleridge, Esq. The last is a very unfamiliar title to a very familiar name.

The Vicar of Crediton's reply to this is the interesting thing. He decidedly did not like being told that his support of prize ringing was wrong. 'Is there anything debasing,' he asked, 'in the fact that sets of orderly and well conducted ringers vied with each other as to who should ring the best peal?' He protested 'against the proceedings, which were from first to last conducted in as orderly a way as possible, being characterised as a scandal.' He declared that he 'did not recognise the authority of a self-constituted body like The Devonshire Guild of Ringers to administer a rebuke to me as to my conduct in matters relating to my own parish, the surrounding circumstances being utterly unknown to them.' And then, having worked off his pique, he made some very significant admissions. He had 'consented' to the meeting, but he had not 'approved' of it. He was 'more sinned against than sinning.' He was 'quite sure that if I had refused my consent to the ringing match, though it had not my full approval, I should at once have alienated the ringers, and lost whatever hold upon them I may have gained. In a parish like Crediton a reformation of this kind cannot be carried with a high hand, and perhaps the Guild of Devonshire Ringers may see a consideration that their most laudable object is not so likely to recommend itself to the parochial clergy generally if they treat all who cannot at once see their way to adopting their rules in the belfries of their churches as they have treated me.'

This letter gives us a very good idea of the obstacles our early reformers had to contend with, and also of the general attitude of the clergy of the time towards ringers and ringing. For the sake of peace and quiet they shut their eyes; they allowed things that they really disapproved of, and they let matters slide. A few, indeed, did do something to improve matters, and there were cases where a service was held in the church and an address given to the ringers. And there were cases where parsons did try a root and branch reform, but these appear to have been sometimes the reverse of successful. The following letter appeared in the 'Church Times,' signed by the Rev. C. W. Molony, Rector of West Worlington, North Devon:—

'We are exposed to the greatest outrages on the part of the bell-ringers here, aided by associates from the neighbouring parishes. All this is owing to my having endeavoured to put a stop to the bell-ringing during what is called Revel Week, which occurs yearly in the early part of August. My reason for so doing was that during that week there is such a great amount of drunkenness, even on the part of some of those ringing the church bells. The belfry key, however, was taken from the door, and a strong barricade which I had placed inside the door was broken through and the bells were set pealing. I then got a new lock and put to the door, and have since kept the key myself. I then drew up a set of plain and easy rules, which,

however, they refused to sign, and they insisted on having the key in their power and ringing whenever they liked. They threatened to do something dreadful. The first thing they did was to come at night and steal a number of chickens, pulling down the wire fencing and a number of posts and wringing off the heads of some of the chickens on their way back. Since then my wife and daughters have had large stones thrown at them from the public-houses, one of which came quite close to their heads, and from that time we have been yelled at very often when we have been out by one or other of these men or their associates. We were alarmed on Monday by a cry of fire, and on rushing out found 100 feet of building, consisting of coach-house, two stables and a large cow house in sheets of flame. With the greatest difficulty we got out everything except one fine cow which was already burned to death in the stall which blazed like a furnace. The yard was soon filled with villagers and others, and by incessant hard work and through God's great mercy the flames were kept from the house. The outbuildings, being thatched, caused the fire to spread most rapidly. Since that awful night the police have been trying to trace the deed home to the perpetrators of it. Although a constable is sent here every night from a large village three miles off to be on guard till the following morning, yet until the criminals are arrested our lives are not safe, as they still threaten the most horrible things, and declared this is only the beginning.'

It is possible that the ringers might have had something to say on their side. Anyhow, it was never proved that they were responsible for the outrages, and, though there was a Police Court sequel, it only resulted in a man being bound over to keep the peace for using threatening language against the Rector in a public-house. And even he, it seems, was not a ringer.

Since writing the above I have received from Mr. G. W. Moss a letter enclosing a couple of extracts from an old monthly newspaper called the 'New Monthly Magazine and Universal Register.' The date is 1819.

June 1st. 'For the Silver Cup, which is to be rung for at Hurst, Berkshire, on the 24th inst., there will be no less than six sets allowed to ring. No person residing at Hurst to be an umpire.'

July 1st. 'A ringing match took place at Hurst, Berkshire, for a silver cup and six beaver hats by six sets of

ringers. The cup was won in great style by the Reading Youths and the hats by the Mortimer Youths. The ringing in general was performed in the best manner and a great number of people attended.'

These extracts are interesting, because they show that prize ringing meetings were at that time held over a wider area than is generally thought. I should be glad if any one else who has any records of any such competitions will send them to me. At present I have no trace of any in the London district or in the Eastern Counties, in both of which there were energetic bands of change ringers.

#### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Westerham in glorious weather, and the opportunity of visiting this old-time town, with its fine peal of bells, was taken advantage of by nearly forty members, including several from the Lewisham district. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and it would have been more enjoyable if more attention had been paid to the striking and thus allowed the full effect of the bells to be heard.

The usual service was held, and in the absence of the Vicar (Canon Boyd) was conducted by Rev. F. G. Popham, Rector of Tatsfield, who also gave an excellent address. The organist (Mr. Ellis) very kindly came specially from Bromley to preside at the organ, and the service was very bright throughout. An *al fresco* tea was partaken of at the George and Dragon Hotel, and although more members had turned up than were anticipated, extra tables were speedily laid, and an excellent tea was provided.

The Rev. F. G. Popham having to leave immediately after, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for kindly coming to conduct the service.—In reply, the reverend gentleman said that he had been very much interested during the afternoon, and he hoped that whenever the members held another meeting at Westerham, they would give him an opportunity of meeting them again.

The business meeting followed, Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst, presiding. Four new members were elected.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Ellis for his services at the organ, and to Mr. G. B. Selby, the local secretary, for the most excellent arrangements made, concluded the meeting, and the members then adjourned to the tower.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. T. Conley, who has been attached to the band at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, for the long period of 73 years, celebrated his 90th birthday on Tuesday. In honour of the event a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Peter's Church on Saturday.

More than one well-known ringer has this year made Paris the centre for his holiday. Has it been the blandishments of 'Uncle Joe,' who has been sojourning in the gay city quite a while, that have induced these travellers to risk their lives on the Channel?

The new bells at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, which were cast and had to be kept at the Croydon foundry for a long time, owing to the condition of the tower, have now been erected, and will be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Thursday, September 30th.

With three men on the tenor and two on the 9th, the first peal on the new bells at St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, was rung on September 19th, 1775. The peal was conducted by W. D. Crofts, and one of the men who rang the tenor was James Coppock, of Nottingham, whose great-grandson, Mr. Albert Coppock, is one of the active leaders in Nottingham ringing circles to-day.

Thirty years ago to-day, the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang the then record peal of London Surprise Major, 11,328 changes. This was at the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's church at Drayton, and was conducted by the late J. W. Washbrook.

Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, who died on August 27th, 1912, was born exactly one hundred years ago next Wednesday. He sprang from Huguenot stock, his grandfather, Francois Du Bois, a silk weaver in Lyons, being driven out of France. He settled in Spitalfields and changed his name to Wood. He became interested in ringing, rang over 70 peals, died, and was buried at Bethnal Green in 1784. Matt. Wood's peals numbered 380.

Mrs. A. H. Pulling has so far recovered from the motoring accident, which befell her and her husband on the opening day of the Somerset tour, as to be able to return to her home at Guildford. We are pleased to say she is still progressing favourably.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

### IPSWICH SOCIETY RING THE FIRST COURSE.

For the first time in the annals of change-ringing a course of Superlative Surprise Maximus has been rung. This was accomplished on Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine service, by St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, when 528 changes were rung in 25 minutes at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich: S. W. Kinsey 1, P. May 2, H. C. Gillingham 3, C. J. Sedgley 4, W. P. Garrett 5, A. A. Fleming 6, G. A. Fleming 7, H. R. Roper 8, C. A. Catchpole 9, W. Wood 10, G. E. Symonds 11, F. J. Tillet 12.

The society hope one day to complete a peal in this method, but something of its difficulty may be realised by the fact that in five months they have had 34 practices before ringing a plain course.

## THE TRINITY YOUTHS' PEAL BOOK.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I may be able to throw some light on the question of the Trinity Youths' Peal Book. Some years ago I was in the tower of St. Margaret's, Westminster, with the late Mr. William Weatherstone, and said, 'Billy, do you keep any records of your ringing, etc.?' He replied, 'I did once, but unfortunately they got destroyed. Burnt, and not by fair means,' he added. I could see that he was upset, and did not press him further, so, no doubt, if the peal book was in his possession at the time, it went with the rest of his papers.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN GIBBS.

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## SPLICED-METHOD PEALS.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At pretty frequent intervals an account of a 'spliced' peal appears in 'The Ringing World.' Whether they can be truly described as spliced is another matter. I have given this question a certain amount of study, and I am of the opinion that the method must be changed once or more within the course. The Norbury band set the fashion in a grand way by ringing five different methods in each of the seven 720's they rang to complete their peal. It is a performance that will take a bit of beating. The peal of Triples rung recently by our friends in Wales, Grand sire and Oxford Bob, ringing Grand sire when 2nd is in the hunt and Oxford Bob when 7th is in the hunt, requires the ringers to be on the alert to note when either of these bells are called into that position.

To ring a quarter-peal of Double Norwich, then a quarter of Double Oxford or Plain Bob, then repeat the dose—well, there is not much in it, and it is not worth making a fuss about. One good thing has taken place—that is, that these peals have now no points' value, seeing that the Central Council have dropped the points business.—Yours, etc.,

J. HUNT.



**SOMETHING NEW FOR BOB MAJOR RINGERS.**

'LITTLE' METHODS WITH THE TREBLE BEHIND.  
By J. S. GOLDSMITH.

In recent years there has been a growing practice of ringing what have become known as 'Little' methods, that is to say, Major methods in which the treble hunts only up to fourth's place and back to lead, instead of going right through to eighth's place. It began in its application to the Plain Bob method, and it has since been extended to others. While it has given a spice of variety and an added interest to the ringing by introducing more frequent dodging, it has also become sufficiently 'recognised' to lead to the inclusion of 'Little' variations of a number of methods in the forthcoming 'Collection of Plain Major Methods' which is to be published by the Central Council.

To some ringers, however, there has always seemed a blemish to a 'Little' method, inasmuch as one of the bells—the treble—never gets above fourth's place. That, in their opinion, detracts from its value, and not a few ringers have deliberately set themselves against the practice of 'Little' methods for that reason. This attitude led the writer to look into the possibility of finding a method incorporating the principles of Little Bob, but with the treble working through all the places. The simplest form which evolved itself was one which is a combination of Little Bob and what is really Little Reverse Bob. Investigation gave some interesting results. Here is a lead of each:

Little Bob.	Little Reverse Bob.
12345678	87654321
21436587	78563412
24163857	75836142
42618375	57361624
46213857	75831264
64128375	57382146
61482735	53728416
16847253	35274861
16482735	53728461

The joining of the two methods, obviously, is by letting the treble step from 4th's into 5th's going up, and from 5th's into 4th's going down. If this were done every time, the result would, of course, be merely Double Bob, and to bring it out of this category, therefore, it is necessary to allow the treble to remain both in front and behind for a series of leads.

If the changes are pricked out, it will be found that a block of three leads (divided at the point where the treble crosses in 4-5, or 5-4), with the treble either in front or behind, reunites the rows with the treble in the opposite section exactly at the point at which they were broken. Thus, if in the above illustration of Little Bob the treble were to continue its progress up behind from the row 42618375, remain behind for three leads, and then return to the front, the first row with the treble in 4th's on the way down would be 46213857—the row which would have been produced had the treble made 4th's instead of going behind.

The advantage of adopting a three-lead plan of splicing is, therefore, manifest, for it enables the complete course of Little Bob to be rung, plus the additional leads of Little Reverse Bob. Two three-lead blocks of the latter can be inserted, with three leads of Little Bob between, so that in the two blocks of Little Reverse Bob six consecutive leads are obtained, while all the seven leads of Little Bob appear in their natural sequence. Similarly, one may have, if one chooses, the seven leads of Little Reverse Bob, with six leads of Little Bob spliced in, in two three-lead blocks.

The rows are all Bob Major rows, but it does not appear to be possible to splice into one course the whole of the changes of a course of Bob Major. One lead of Little Bob or Little Reverse Bob has to be sacrificed, and the consequence is that the length of a course containing a maximum of the two methods without bobs is 104 changes.

This, however, can be reduced in length in various ways, and a course of 80 changes, for instance, can be had by splicing in only one three-lead block of Little Reverse Bob. An interesting contraction is also a course of 24 changes, which is got by having two leads with the treble behind and one in front (by which it is possible to have a bob at W., M., and H.) or one behind and two in front. In view of the fact that if full courses only are used, 49 are required for a peal, making the minimum length 5,096 changes, these contracted courses can have their use.

Peals with bobs made only when the treble is in front can be got with ease, on the same lines as Bob Major composition, and peals are, of course, also obtainable with bobs when the treble is behind, or both in front and behind. If an equal or an approximately equal number of changes of each method should be desired in a peal, alternative courses may be rung—that is to say, one with seven leads of Little Bob and six of Little Reverse Bob, and the other with six of Little Bob and seven of Little Reverse Bob.

If doubled bobs are to be used all through it is necessary that the first section of Little Reverse Bob in the course should be rung from the fifth change after each course-end, otherwise the equivalent of the 'Wrong' with the treble behind is cut out. The positions of the bells in alternative courses, at the relative 'lead ends' in front and behind, are shown in the following:

	12345678	12345678
W. (Reverse)	68472531	68472531
M. (Reverse)	75836241	76836241
	32547681	32547681
	16482735	46283751
	17856342	17856342
W.	13527486	13527486
M.	14263857	14263857
H. (Reverse)	87654321	87654321
	53728461	53728461
	24365871	24365871
	18674523	18674523
	15738264	15738264
H.	12345678	12345678

The effect of a bob 'Before' in Little Bob differs in some respects from a bob 'Before' in Plain Bob. It produces the same course-end transposition (35264), but whereas in Plain Bob Major the bob is called at the next following lead to that in which the tenors appear on the front, thus:

17856342  
— 17864523

in Little Bob the bob is called three leads after 78 appear on the front, consequently such a bob extends the course by three leads, as against one lead in Plain Bob. This extension of three leads in the Little Bob, when spliced, enables three further leads of Little Reverse Bob to be introduced, if desired, and the course can thus be composed of 19 leads, or 152 changes. But if the bob is called in the Little Reverse Bob only (at the lead immediately following the 'Middle'), the course is cut to 48 changes. The bob, however, can be doubled (i.e., called both behind and in front), and the length of the course is then 96 changes.

There are also other elaborations of courses with bobs 'Before' which the reader who is interested may work out for himself.

There is nothing in the arrangement which any ringer of Bob Major should not be able to ring, but the change from method to method is such that considerable concentration by the treble man would be necessary and quick perception and constant alertness on the part of the 'inside' men would also be required, while a peal, especially if rung with the above courses alternately, would present an interesting task. A feature of these alternative courses is that they may be substituted one for the other indiscriminately.

Various other 'Little' methods can be spliced together on similar lines, but enough has here been said to show that, even by the use of Plain Bob only, peals of considerable complexity could be evolved. The writer's one desire is to offer ringers of plain methods another way to break from the 'rut,' while the system also offers a fresh phase of ringing to others who are more advanced and may be looking for something by way of a change.

Here is a peal of Little Bob and Little Reverse Bob, introducing a short course and with doubled bobs at x throughout the remainder—that is to say, where 'Wrong' appears a bob must be called both when the treble is behind, at the equivalent of the first lead (see figures given above) and again at the ordinary 'Wrong' lead with the treble in front. Similarly, the bobs at 'Middle' and 'Home' must be doubled.

	5,016.	
W. M. H. 23456		W. M. H. 23546
— — — 64235		x x 45326
x x 42635		x — 65425
x x 36245		x x 56324
x x 62345		x — 63524
x x 43265		x x 25364
x x 32465		x — 53264
		x 32584
† x x 23564	Then call the 18 courses, com-	
x x 35264	mencing at †.	
x x 52364	The Single is called in each	
x x 63254	half at the last H. in the course,	
x x 32654	marked (S).	
x x 26354		
x x 62453	The first course * is as fol-	
x x 24653	lows:	
x x 46253	12345678	
x x 52643	— 68475321 W. (Reverse)	
x x 25346	— 73825461 M. (Reverse)	
x x 53246	— 16423578 H.	
x x 32546		
x x 54236 (S)		
x x 42536		
x x 35246		
x x 52346		
x x 23546		

The calling of the seven courses commencing at † can be substituted in the first half for the calling of the six courses commencing at \*. The length is then 5,200 changes.

A peal with both single and double bobs is given below, the single bobs at W., M. and B. being called in the Reverse, and the bobs H. in the Little Bob.

5,483.			
W.	M.	E.	H.
23456			
x	x	32654	— — — 25346
	x	26354	— — — 32546
	x	63254	— — — 53246
x		52364	— x — 35642
	x	23564	— — — 35426
	x	35264	— — — 43526
—	—	42563	— — — 51326
	—	54263	x — x 54623 (S)
—	—	32465	— — — 54236
	—	43265	— — — 25436
	—	24365	x — x 52634
—	—	53462	— — — 52346
	—	45362	— — — 35246
	—	34562	— — — 23546

Repeated. The Single is called at the last H, in the course marked (S), and the peal is reduced to 5072 by omitting the braced bobs at H. in each half.

For those who require something simpler, a peal is appended which can be called with the bobs only in the Little Bob method throughout the peal:

5,096.			
W.	M.	H.	
23456			
—	—	42635	
—	—	34625	
—	—	62345	
—	—	36245	
—	—	23645	
—	—	56234	
—	—	25634	
—	—	62334	
—	—	53624	
—	—	65324	
—	—	32654	
—	—	63254	
—	—	26354	
—	—	35264	
—	—	23564	
—	—	52364	

Repeat the last 11 courses three times, substituting Single for Bob W. and omitting the M. in the first course of the first and third repetitions.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

The Burton-on-Trent district of the above association held a successful meeting at the historical Parish Church of St. Helen, Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday week. There was a good muster of members from Burton, Seales, Measham, Uttoxeter, Hugglescote, Nuneaton, and Loughborough, in addition to many of the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, and several beginners had a pull in rounds, etc.

Glorious weather prevailed, and an excellent tea was provided on the Vicarage lawn, by kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. B. C. F. Andrewes).

The usual business meeting took place after tea, at which five new members were elected, including the Vicar, and the October meeting was fixed for Newhall.

On behalf of those present, Mr. J. H. Swinfield thanked the Vicar for his kind invitation, and the latter suitably replied and welcomed the visitors.

After evensong, further ringing was indulged in, the bells being eventually lowered about 8 o'clock, after a very pleasant and successful meeting.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### WIMBORNE BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE MEETING.

On Saturday, September 4th, a monthly practice of the Wimborne branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at the fine church situated in Bryanston Park, near Blandford, Dorset. The weather was splendid, and the motor-coach trip to the scene of action was very much enjoyed by members from Bournemouth, Poole, Wimborne and Ringwood. On arriving at the church, the fine ring of six, with a 19 cwt. tenor and all in excellent running condition, were soon set going to well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, while Cambridge Minor was also practised. During the afternoon, the Rev. Gundry, Master of the Salisbury Guild, walked from Shroton, which was a good performance on his part after his recent long illness. That North Dorset enthusiast, Mr. W. Shute, with another enthusiast from Mere (Wilts), rode from Buckhorn on his motor-cycle. At five o'clock a good tea was enjoyed by the members in a hail close to the church, after which the Rev. C. A. Philips expressed, on behalf of himself and the members present, the pleasure it gave all to see the Master well enough to be among them again. After this a move was made to the belfry for a short time. It was then arranged to visit Blandford, where hangs a good peal of eight, but suffering badly from frame weakness. However, a very enjoyable hour was spent here, and some really good touches in the four standard methods were brought round.

### BELLS AND BROADCASTING.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Being the originator of the resolution passed at the Central Council meeting held at Chester last year, relative to the broadcasting of bells, I fully endorse the contents of the letter from 'Out of Course' and your leading article in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated September 3rd.

Since the resolution was passed there has been a greater amount of change-ringing broadcast, but with varying degrees of excellence. It is common knowledge that the B.B.C. do not allow an instrumentalist to appear before the microphone just because he or she possesses a good instrument; the performers have to prove their capabilities as exponents of the instruments. It would appear that the B.B.C. do not put this principle into practice where change-ringing is concerned; they seem to take it for granted that because a church possesses a good ring of bells it has a good company of ringers also.

The suggestion that a committee be formed to co-operate with the B.B.C. in this matter is a timely one, and such a committee would have opportunities of creating a much greater interest in our art and of setting a very high standard of ringing, particularly the 'striking' part of the performance.

It is an acknowledged fact that broadcasting has had a very marked effect on the music trade and created a demand for that which is best; it also allows the student of music to follow the works of their favourite composers and at the same time learn how to interpret the various works. If the B.B.C. did not give of the best in this respect, they would, like many peal attempts, come to an untimely end; therefore, if they continue to 'send over' indifferent ringing, there is a grave possibility of complaints being sent in which may have a detrimental effect upon ringing in general. If only the best ringing is broadcast, the students of campanology will have a standard set for them, and, in addition to this, it may cause local ringers to look to their laurels, especially when their ringing is compared with the radio ringing. It is certainly small encouragement for a stony band to take up half-pull ringing after hearing some of the ringing we have been treated to, especially when they pride themselves on their striking. Further comment at present is unnecessary.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. FIDLER.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford district was held at Old Woking Parish Church on Saturday, when there was a good attendance from neighbouring towers. The Vicar (Rev. G. Askwith) conducted the service, and gave an address. Afterwards he presided over the tea and meeting held in the Parish Hall, supported by Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., churchwarden, who is also a ringer, the district Ringing Master (Mr. C. Hazelden), and the district secretary (Mr. E. Radford).

Several new members were elected, and a discussion took place as to holding combined practices in the district.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and the ringers returned to the tower, where the six bells (with tenor of 20 cwt.) were kept going throughout the evening. The methods ranged from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Admiral Walker took part in some of the Doubles.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks branch was held at Chicheley on Saturday, September 4th, when the attendance was very satisfactory, and a most enjoyable meeting was held. After three days of continual rain, the weather was gloriously fine, which accounted for the attendance being fairly well representative, members attending from the following towers: Bletchley, Emberton, Penny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Olney, Shenley, Stony Stratford, Stoke Goldington, and the local tower. The bells, a fine peal of six, were kept going from 2.30 p.m. until the service. The Vicar of Chicheley (Rev. V. I. Eason) had arranged for the attendance of the choir, and the Guild form of service was used. The Rev. C. W. Fulmer, of Clifton Reynes, gave a short address, which was very much appreciated. At tea, the members were the guests of the Vicar, who most heartily welcomed the branch to Chicheley.

The secretary (Mr. W. Sear) announced that there was no special business to be brought forward, but he would like to tell the meeting how pleased he was that the attendance was so good, seeing that they were right on the outside of the branch area. It showed that this part of the branch was still interested in the Oxford Guild, and he hoped they would continue to be so. He would, in the near future, visit them again in the hope of getting still another tower in union with the North Bucks Branch.—The chairman, the Rev. L. Moxon, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Chicheley for giving the branch such a hearty welcome. This was suitably responded to.—Mr. W. Sear moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. W. Fulmer for the address at the service, and in reply the Rev. C. W. Fulmer extended an invitation to the branch to visit Clifton Reynes to enrol his tower and ringers.—This brought a very happy meeting to a close.

Further ringing then took place, the methods rung during the afternoon ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

**RINGERS' CRICKET MATCH.**

**BATH VERSUS BRISTOL.**

At Corston, near Bath, on Saturday, September 4th, a very interesting cricket match between Bath and Bristol ringers resulted in a narrow victory for the Bath ringers by four runs.

Bristol batted first, having won the toss, and opened with county style. Very few runs were made, however, and after a loss of four wickets the versatile Bristol United Guilds' jester was called upon to stop the rot. This he very successfully did, but it is not quite certain whether it was due to his skill in batting or by disarming the opposition with his witty tongue and a tight belt. Age creeps on, and so in consequence a good deal of time was lost by having to wait for the batsmen to regain their wind. Mr. Thomas made a useful fifteen. The Bristol side, who made 47, was composed of: Messrs. Newman (Coalpit Heath), Payne (St. Werburgh's), Marsh (Mangotsfield), Durbin (St. Thomas'), Parker (St. Matthew's), Thomas (Clifton), Davis (Stoke Bishop), Burnard (St. Stephen's), Way, jun. (St. James'), Browning (unattached), William- (St. Philip's), and Braven (St. Luke's).

An adjournment was then made for tea, after which the Rev. C. C. Parker welcomed those present, and hoped that the cricket match would be made an annual fixture.

Mr. Prescott proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. C. Parker, Preb. Vaughan, of Newton St. Loe, and the ladies who had helped to make the tea arrangements so successfully.

A move was then made to the playing field for the Bath ringers to bat. Their innings proved very interesting, especially when the burly men tried to cover the wicket with themselves as well as the bat; as a consequence leg-before was given.

The Bristol fielders were original, one in particular turning somersaults to catch. (He will hear about this when his wife washes his laundry next week!) The Bath ringers hit up 51, and thus proved winners by the close margin of four runs, the team being: Messrs. Prescott, sen., Harding, King, Blackmore, Angell, Trevy, White, Adlam, Prescott, jun., Davis, Hapgood, and Hill.

A tug-of-war resulted in two wins for Bristol and one for Bath. Bristol team: Messrs. W. Parker, A. Parker, E. Guise, H. Way, J. Jeffries, P. C. Williams, U. Braven, W. H. Thomas. Bath team: Messrs. Prescott, sen., King, Harding, Prescott, jun., H. Davies, Smith, Hallett, H. J. Davis.

A skittle match will take place in Bristol in a short time, and these events will cement much firmer the friendship existing between the ringers of two neighbouring cities.

**SPLICED BOB MAJOR AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

5,086 by A. J. PITMAN.

The following is the composition of the novel peal rung recently at Bridgend:

Bob Major.		Grandsire Triples.	
2345678	W H	32517884	
45236	— —	Bob	23156748
34256	— —		21365478
53246	— —		123656748
24536	— —		13265478
32546	— —		
54326	— —		643275 3
25346	— —		
42356	— —		756324 2
35426	— —		437256 1
43526	— —	A	234675 5
52436	— —		632547 3
43256	S —		756432 1
25436	— —		637524 3
42536	— —		
54236	— —		246753 2
23546	— —		742365 5
52346	— —		
34526	— —		657234 2
53426	— —		426357 1
45326	— —		324765 5
24356	— —	B	723546 5
35246	— —		657423 1
*3265478	—M—		726534 3
			457326 1
			724563 3
		B	746352
			527634 2
			625473 5
		A	657342
			236457 1

\* Produced by ringing the last four changes Grandsire Triples as follows.

Repeat calling as from 3265478, finishing the peal by calling singles instead of last two bobs.

This composition contains 2,572 changes of Bob Major and 2,524 changes Grandsire Triples. It was rung at Bridgend on September 1st, 1926, by the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, and was the first peal rung in which Major and Triples have been spliced.

**SHIPWAY'S FALLACIES.**

By GEORGE BAKER.

There is no need to labour the point that one-hunt constructions have no relationship to two-hunt constructions; this fact can be proved every time by the round blocks and half-way transposition rows; but before passing on to another subject it will be interesting to readers of these articles to examine the following methods, both of which Shipway describes as Double Oxford Bob Triples (see pages 53 and 176 of Reprint). With regard to the second method, Shipway calls particular attention to the fact 'that it has only one hunt, and that the lead-head is the same in Caters and Cinques.'

Of course, the truth is that neither method is Double Oxford Bob Triples, and the second of the two is not even a double method, so once more Shipway is at fault in his diagnosis.

No. 1, page 53, Reprint. No. 2, page 176, Reprint.

1234567	1234567
2135476	2135476
2314567	2314567
3241576	3241576
3425167	2345167
4352617	3254617
3156271	2345671
4365721	3254761
3456712	2345716
4365172	3254176
3461527	2351467
4316257	3215478
4132675	3124567
1423657	1325476

1246375 1352746

When proved by reciprocal proof, No. 1 has nine false rows to the first lead, and No. 2 has but one, the lead-end. There are no two-hunt constructions, so far as I can find out, that have not a counterpart from the lowest number of bells that will produce the construction. Even the method that is known as Double Norwich Caters has a counterpart, a single construction on eight bells as follow:

Major.	Caters.
12345678	123456789
21436587	214365879
24163857	241638597
42613587	426135879
46231857	462318597
64328157	643281579
46382517	463825197
64835271	648352917
46385721	648395721

When proved by reciprocal proof, the Major has eleven false rows to each lead, the Caters has thirteen false rows to each lead.

A method that is symmetrical within the lead will never have but one false row, the lead-end, when proved by reciprocal proof. (To be continued.)

**DEVON GUILD.**

The North-East Branch of the Devon Guild held their quarterly meeting at Washfield on Saturday last, about forty ringers being present from Bickleigh, Bradninch, Calverleigh, Huntsham, Silverton, Stoodleigh, Tiverton and Washfield, and visitors came from Sidmouth, Trull, Chipstable and Tallaton.

Charles Kelland and Thomas J. Bowerman (both of Huntsham) qualified for certificates.

Messrs. Arscott and Snell worked untiringly to see that everyone should get their fair share of the use of the bells. The service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. J. Thompson), and Miss Snell presided at the organ.

An excellent tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. Arscott, Mrs. Snell and Miss Britton.

In the absence of the Rev. E. Barton, the Rev. F. Carter took the chair at the subsequent meeting. The date of the annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, December 11th, at St. Peter's, Tiverton. Letters of regret for non-attendance at the meeting were received from the Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. Laver (president and secretary of the Devon Guild), the Rev. E. Barton, and the Rev. J. E. F. Molineux.

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Woodley and Mr. Flew in going back to Calverleigh during the evening, the two visitors from Tallaton and two from Sidmouth much enjoyed a ring on that delightful little peal of six.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at Paignton, Devon, in 49 mins. on Tuesday, the 7th inst., on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. L. W. Weatherburn, M.A. (priest-in-charge), of St. Andrew's Church, and Miss T. H. Biddle: F. Allwood 1, D. Green 2, J. S. Collings 3, T. S. Collings 4, F. E. Parnell 5, F. T. Gover 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, C. Boyce 8.

## FOR THE BEGINNERS.

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Having briefly explained, by a few simple hints, the way in which the young conductor can call Doubles, I come now to Bob Minor. Here again the beginner at conducting will most likely ring the observation bell, which, in most of the touches or 720's, is undisturbed from the work of the plain course. This will be the tenor in the 720 known pretty well by all as 'the old original,' and one way of remembering how to call it is to call a bob every time the 6th dodges behind without the 5th, and the third time 5-6 come together behind call a single. This, repeated, gives the 720. In other terms, call the tenor W. H. W., five times repeated, adding single at 3rd and 6th part ends.

I presume our young conductor has made himself acquainted with the meaning W. H. W. If not, perhaps it would be as well to explain that 'W.' means called 'wrong,' that is, when dodging in 5-6 up after passing treble in 3-4 going up; 'H.' means called 'home,' that is when dodging in 5-6 down after passing the treble in 4-5 up. The 'home' position is actually the position at which the 6th arrives at the plain course end.

As a compliment to R. Gillings, on his 13th birthday, 360 Grandsire Doubles were rung at Kimpton, Herts, on September 10th. In the band, also, was J. Gillings, his brother, whose age is 15, and G. Cain, another thirteen-year-old boy. R. Gillings 1, G. Cain 2, J. Gillings 3, T. Caun 4, H. Anstee 5, H. Fellows 6.

On Sunday, August 22nd, the band at St. Mary's, Mortimer, Berks, rang their first touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, a 288: E. Barrett 1, F. Ham 2, W. Ballard 3, W. Ford 4, A. Ham 5, H. Punter 6, G. Parsons 7, E. Holloway (conductor) 8.—On Wednesday, August 25th, for practice, 576 in the same method: E. Barrett 1, F. Ham 2, W. Ballard 3, W. Ford 4, C. Osler 5, A. Ham 6, G. Parsons 7, E. Holloway (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method by all excepting the conductor.

## CANNON BALL IN BELFRY&WALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Noting with interest in this week's 'Ringing World' the paragraph concerning the cannon ball found at Faringdon, the following may help to solve the mystery:

Close to the wall of the church lies the body of Mr. John Beckley, formerly surgeon to his Majesty's Navy, who, in an engagement off the West Coast of Portugal, on the 17th day of August, 1759, had his right leg shot off by a cannon ball, which is to be seen built into the church wall.

John Beckley was born in 1680, and died in 1761. He was steward to Henry Pye, Esq., upwards of twenty years, which place of trust he discharged with the utmost fidelity.

Postcards were, and, I believe, can now be, bought in the town showing this.

The bells of this church run round the reverse way, and only stony ringing used to be practised, each man having a huge card for the particular bell he was ringing, laid on the floor, with rows of figures on it, and, as far as I could make out, when placed in position was the plain course of Stedman Triples.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. PANNETT.

Lewisham.

## OPEN LEADS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your correspondent, my opinion is emphatically, 'Yes, always have an open lead at handstroke on all numbers of bells.' The bells should be rung for the whole pull in regular order—123456123456, followed after every whole pull with a pause. On six bells, when ringing a 720 on the grindstone system, that is, without open leads, the bells will run round several times, instead of only producing rounds at the end, as is the case when rung with open leads. Our friends of North Notts should give the open lead preference—try it. Every one of the band, however, must be of the same mind, otherwise if open lead is kept by 3 or 4 and the other two ignore it, the ringing is spoilt.—Yours, etc.

J. HUNT.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST EALING.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, C. Edwards 2, J. E. Churchill 3, R. Thompson 4, E. J. Walsom 5, P. E. Clark 6, H. A. Folkard 7, H. Belcher (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Mansell and Miss Olive Edwards (youngest daughter of the ringer of the 2nd), and also of Miss Olive Walsom, niece of the ringer of the 5th.

DERBY.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Alkmund, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,230 changes) in 48 mins.: E. Clarke 1, G. Freebrey 2, J. Foster 3, P. Tate (first as conductor) 4, H. Waterfield 5, W. Slater 6, H. Carigan (first quarter-peal) 7, J. Garner 8.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, T. G. Deal 2, E. G. Hibble 3, J. G. Nash 4, R. Lister (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, C. F. Ross (conductor) 6.

POTTENHAM.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evensong, at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. W. H. Strickland 1, S. W. Crabb 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, H. Franks 4, E. A. Hull 5, J. G. Nash 6, C. A. Button 7, W. Patmore 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evensong, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. W. Chapman 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. L. Watkins 6, F. E. Collins 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8.

HESTON.—On Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. C. Chandler 1, C. S. Bird 2, Mark Stacey 3, A. H. Harding 4, C. I. Edwards 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, A. Harding 8.

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDS.—On Sunday, September 12th, for the annual Hospital Parade, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: B. F. Calcott 1, G. H. Sentance 2, C. Rollings 3, A. G. Matthews 4, G. Heley 5, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 6. The treble ringer is local, the rest belong to the Priory Church, Dunstable.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evensong, at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: J. A. Hales 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 5, J. Martin 6, F. Smith 7, S. Penfold 8. First quarter-peal by ringer of treble, and first in the method by 2nd, 3rd and 4th ringers.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: E. Lathall 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, H. E. Tompkins 3, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 4, H. C. Edwards 5, H. Liddy 6, W. F. Smith 7, R. A. Hall (first quarter) 8.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, Geo. Wiffen 2, A. Cutmore 3, G. Melbourne 4, F. Ely 5, H. T. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, for evening service, on September 5th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes, tenor 10½ cwt.), in 44 mins.: J. Hurrell 1, F. Fraser 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, H. W. Hewitt 4, E. F. Pike 5, R. Sanders 6, C. W. Roberts 7, F. Emery (conductor) 8.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JOINT DISTRICT MEETING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

There was a good gathering in the light and spacious belfry of St. Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street, on Saturday week, on the occasion of a joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Association. Every opportunity was given to learners to ring new methods, and full advantage was taken of it, so that although the 'striking' may not have been good, it is hoped the younger members went away encouraged.

After an excellent tea at the Crown Hotel, the vice-president of the Eastern District, Mr. R. L. Patterson, proposed 'The Health of the King,' and a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. R. S. Russell, of Jarrow.

A meeting of the members of the Eastern District was then held, and Mr. Russell, leader of the ringers of Christ Church, Jarrow, was elected vice-president for the coming year, and Mr. G. S. Taylor was re-elected secretary.

A move was then made for the belfry, and the very fine ring was kept going until after eight o'clock.

## NOTICES.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hoole on Saturday, September 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oxhey Saturday, September 25th. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30. Ringing till 8 p.m.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on September 30th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 21st; both at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bigby on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 4.30. Tea, at moderate charge, 5 p.m. Collection for Cathedral Bell Fund. Bells (6) available.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Yeldham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.15, tea after. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening for ringing. All ringers cordially invited.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Coker on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should give early notice to the secretary.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pensnett (half-way between Dudley and Kingswinford) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. N. Edwards (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.30. Tea, price 1s., at 5.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) are available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at the Fox and Hounds Inn at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual Commemoration Dinner will this year take place at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 18th, at 6 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Ven. John Russell Darbysire, M.A., Archdeacon and Vicar of Sheffield, supported by officers of the Association. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) from 2.30 to 5.30.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Ringers and friends welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise me as soon as possible, as exact number has to be given? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**ALL SAINTS, HIGH WYCOMBE.**—Bells (12) available on Saturday, September 18th, from 2.30—6. All ringers welcome. Practices, Mondays, 7.15—9 (1st Monday in month "Open").

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Apsley End, on Saturday, September 18th, 1926. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me early.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowden Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bowden to-morrow (Saturday) Sept. 18th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The September meeting will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Aldate's Church on Thursday, Sept. 23rd. Ringing from 6.30. Service at 8, followed by business meeting.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Greasley on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. E. Hobbs, Watnall, Notts, by Thursday, Sept. 23rd? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring tea must notify Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, not later than Tuesday, 21st inst.—E. V. Rodenhurst, Assistant Hon. Sec., Hodnet, Salop.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 22nd inst.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Langham on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Please notify secretary not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st, all intending to come to tea.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than the 18th inst.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the association will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meeting 6 p.m. Notices of attendance should be sent not later than Sept. 20th to Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Abson on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor leaves the Centre at 2.15, picking up en route. Will those requiring a seat and taking tea kindly notify by the 21st inst.?—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Caldicot, Mon., on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Spondon on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Members will please make own arrangements for tea. This month's method for special practice is Duffield.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 5.30 to 9 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. —A meeting will be held at Northallerton (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Applications for tea to hon. district secretary by first post Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Daleston Avenue, Lintorpe, Middlesbrough.

**PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.**—A meeting will be held at Christ Church on Saturday, Sept. 25th. All ringers welcome. Tea arranged for those who send word not later than Sept. 20th to H. S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided, at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, to those who send in their names to Mr. F. W. Dixon, 1, Greenshaw Terrace, Guiseley, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The new ring of eight bells at St. Michael's, Southampton, by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30th. Bells after service. All ringers welcome.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half travelling expenses will be paid to members attending. Please notify me before Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tower will be opened at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. Please notify me by Sept. 29th. All ringers welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch (ringing only) will be held at the Church of St. Michael, Blackburn, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cottingham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in King Street Schoolroom, followed by business meeting. Short service at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. E. Hodgson, 268, Northgate, Cottingham, by first post Thursday, Sept. 30th. All outstanding subscriptions for year ending Sept. 30th should be paid at this meeting.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Beeston, Notts. This is Goose Fair Saturday, and cheap trips will be running to Nottingham, from whence buses run every few minutes. Bells (8) open from 2 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, followed by general meeting, all in School Room. Owing to difficulty in catering it is quite essential that those intending to be present at tea (1s. 10d. per head) advise Mr. W. Clifford, jun., 25, Enfield Street, Beeston, not later than Oct. 7th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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**ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.**—On Saturday, August 28th, at St. Helen's Church, a quarter-peal of Steadman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. W. Beadsmore 1, J. Morris 2, A. Beadsmore 3, N. S. Bagworth 4, G. S. Morris 5, W. H. Clarke 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, J. Curtis 8.

**CLIFTON, BRISTOL.**—On Monday, August 30th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: Mrs. Thomas 1, E. Price 2, Mrs. Wilkins 3, A. E. Parker 4, R. Clark (conductor) 5, H. Burt 6, W. H. Parker 7, W. Thomas 8.

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### RINGING CONTESTS.

The Barnsley and District Society has just held its first ringing competition for a challenge shield and prizes, and, from the report which we publish elsewhere, it will be seen that the contest aroused considerable interest among ringers in that neighbourhood, and keen rivalry among the participants. In thus setting up a competition the society is following the example of some few of the minor organisations of the Exercise, but it would be interesting to learn what is the general view of these contests. It is a revival, in another form, of the competitions which, in days gone by, the associations and those responsible for their formation laid themselves out to eradicate. The circumstances are different; to-day there are no money prizes, and the debasing conditions which sometimes accompanied the contests of those long past years are not countenanced. Mr. Trollope's interesting articles have shown to what extremes the old-time contests occasionally went, and it was imperative that steps should be taken to cleanse the belfries of this kind of thing.

One cannot shut one's eyes to the fact, however, that ringing competitions lead to improved striking. We read in connection with the Barnsley contest that some of the bands went into training, meaning, we presume, intensive practice, because there was nothing that called for more than ordinary physical fitness. Obviously, therefore, those who competed, and they came in bands from nearly a dozen towers, must have raised their skill in striking to a higher level than it was before, and, if this is the case with one contest, a general adoption of competitive ringing would have a beneficial effect on the quality of the striking throughout the country. No one can say that this is not needful. There is far too much slovenly and bad ringing heard in these days, even among men who consider themselves good method ringers. It is due to a variety of causes—frequently lack of competent instruction in the early stages—but whatever the reason, there is ample room for improvement, and one of the means for raising the standard would be by the more universal adoption of ringing competitions.

There is, however, strong and influential objection in many quarters to such contests, and, the belfry being what it is—a part of the church—there is real cause for vetoing its use as a sporting arena. Bells at their dedication are set aside from all profane and unhallowed uses, and there is a powerful argument in the contention that a prize competition comes within the latter category. On the other hand, it can be urged, probably with equal force, that such a contest has for its object the improvement of the ringers' service to the Church. There we have the two divergent views, coupled with the fact that

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nothing is likely to induce a man to make greater effort than the rivalry of his fellows, and that a ringer has nowhere to practice and to pit his skill against others but the church tower. It is a problem which would form an interesting subject for discussion by the Central Council.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C.

*HERBERT SHEMNING... .. Treble	*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 7
CHARLES MEE ... .. 2	*HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 8
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
*HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.  
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Bob Maximus. This composition contains the whole 24 course-ends with the 6th at home, and is the first peal of Bob Maximus ever rung on the short-course plan. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sam Tillet, aged 83, father of the tenor ringer, R. H. Brunle and H. Shemming.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY PRICE ... .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
MISS EDNA WEBSTER ... 2	*ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN... 7
*JOHN HOBBS ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 8
GEORGE WEST ... .. 4	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON... 9
FREDERICK S. PRICE... .. 5	PERCIVAL PRICE... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor. The ringer of the treble is to be congratulated on ringing his first peal at the first attempt.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. Treble	MISS FRED A. ORR ... .. 6
JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
HERBERT J. SKELT, ... .. 3	AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 8
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 9
ALFRED C. DARNELL ... .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to F. E. Collins and in honour of the silver wedding of A. J. Trappitt.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY PRING ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 2	ALFRED REEVES ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.	
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5	FRED BOWDEN ... .. 2	RICHARD J. STONE ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7	*JAMES TOPP ... .. 4	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. J. F. L. Southam) and his wife, on the occasion of their recent marriage.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Treble	CECIL NICE ... .. 2	MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
BERNARD WELLS ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7	REG. V. JOHNSON ... .. 4	JOHN S. MORLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F. sharp.

*FREDERICK G. GRIFFIN ... Treble	RICHARD PAINE ... .. 5	†HARRY BADGER ... .. 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 6
FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 3	OWEN H. GILES ... .. 7	†WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

\* First peal. † First in the method. This peal was arranged for W. Scott, of Newport, I.O.W.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.		Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
STANLEY C. MOYE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 5	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 6
LESLIE GRAY ... .. 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 7	†BERNARD H. SWINSON ... .. 4	*JAMES A. HALPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Mr. Davies is from Liverpool.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY SPARKES ... .. Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... .. 5	ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 6
PERCY MERSON ... .. 3	*GEORGE S. COLES ... .. 7	WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 4	JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on an excellent job.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. Treble	*JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5	MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7	ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 4	RICHARD HAYES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* 350th peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Groves. First peal of Stedman in the tower.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

SAMUEL WOOD ... .. Treble	*SYDNEY MARSHALL ... .. 5	*JAMES CARTER ... .. 2	*FRED ALTHORP ... .. 6
JOSEPH MELLOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 7	ALBERT GORRINGE ... .. 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

\* First peal of Treble Bob on eight bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Mellor, who has attained the age of 69 years.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FRANK MORRIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE PINCOCK ... .. 5	FRED MORRIS ... .. 2	JAMES WM. GROUNDS ... .. 6
E. WEBSTER ... .. 3	PETER NUTTALL ... .. 7	JOHN NOTTALL ... .. 4	JAMES LEATHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. GROUNDS.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5	*A. OLIVER LEWIS ... .. 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 6
CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 4	WILLIAM RANFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY FOSTER ... .. Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 5	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 2	FREDERICK DIXON ... .. 6
*FRED HODGSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES HENRY MATTERSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

\* First peal on tower bells in method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the treble and fourth ringers.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.*

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

F. H. DRXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. FREDERICK MILNER ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	HARRY MORGAN... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	*FREDERICK S. J. BOLT ... 7
PERGIVAL PRICE ... .. 4	†ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Triples and first attempt.  
† First peal of Stedman. Ringers of 6 and 7 were elected members previous to the peal. The conductor's 50th peal in the method.

**HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN ALLEN... .. <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
THOMAS JENNION... .. 2	THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. 6
JAMES GARDNER ... .. 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 7
JOHN WILKINSON... .. 4	EDWARD CAUCE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Arranged and rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Canon Plummer, who is leaving the parish for Salop. The reverend gentleman has been Rector here for twenty-four years, during which time he has always shown the greatest interest in, and hospitality towards, visiting ringers.

**EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

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

HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES SENIOR ... .. 5
WILLIAM RHODES ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 3	TOM NORTH ... .. 7
HERBERT ROWLEY ... .. 4	SAM GIBSON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. HARDY.

Conducted by SAM GIBSON.

Rung in honour of completion of 50 years' service as ringers of Mr. A. Goodall, Mr. G. H. Hardy, Mr. J. Ruddlesden and Mr. Herbert Dransfield. The ringers of 6, 7 and tenor are from Batley, 2 and 3 from Birstall, treble and 5 from Earlsheaton, and 4 from Horbury.

**NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sunday, September 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

CHARLES E. BORRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGRTMAN ... .. 6
BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 7
FREDK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and 100th peal by E. E. Grimes.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, September 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,*

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

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

FREDERICK C. MITCHELL ... <i>Treble</i>	TOM GREENACRE ... .. 4
ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... 2	JAMES H. RAPER... .. 5
EDWARD GREENACRE ... .. 3	GEORGE HAWES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Howard, the fiancée of the ringer of the third, and as a twentieth birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Monday, September 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

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

Being 720 each of College Treble, Tulip, Primrose, London Scholars' Pleasure, Royston Delight, Queen Bess and Gladstone Delight.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. CHAMPION ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT NASH ... .. 4
HBT. CHAMBERLIN ... .. 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

**STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, September 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ST. DUNSTANS'S DOUBLES,  
5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*A. HARMER ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*J. JOYNER ... .. 4
E. PREEDY ... .. 2	T. PRICE ... .. 5
A. ARNOLD ... .. 3	F. SMITH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. PRICE.

\* First peal. First peal ever rung on the bells by a local band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Smith, on completing fifty years as a ringer.

**COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.*

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

Being one 720 of Single Court and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM F. WEBB ... .. <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 4
HARRY PROUT ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK... .. 5
WILLIAM SHUTE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

**BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

*WALTER T. WILSON... .. <i>Treble</i>	*MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN... 4
*MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 2	HARRY BAXTER ... .. 5
*MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD 3	†ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor inside. ‡ First Surprise peal as conductor and 50th peal for the Guild. First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells and rung at the first attempt.

**IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,*

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

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire (10 callings of A. J. Pitman's arrangement and 10 ordinary). Tenor 12 cwt.

*BEN MATTLEY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 4
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 3	*RONALD H. DOVE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. The ringers desire to thank Mr. Hopkins for having everything ready for the peal, and Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Mattley for their splendid entertainment afterwards.

HASTINGS.—At All Saints' Church, on September 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: W. Bradfield 1, A. W. Sharp 2, Miss G. Clift 3, R. Wise 4, S. E. Baker 5, T. Seffs 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, G. Piper 8. Arranged for A. W. Sharp, Towcester, and T. Seffs, from St. Albans Cathedral. The rest are the local band.

## NUNNEY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

* WYNDHAM ROSSITER... .. Treble	† JOHN E. METCALFE ... .. 4
ERNEST A. H. LANE... .. 2	* CHARLES S. B. MOONTY ... .. 5
FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... .. 3	* HERBERT F. MOON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal inside.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

SUFFIELD PARK, CROMER, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. FRANK POOLEY, STATION ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 16 in A.

MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 1-2	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3-4
CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by F. N. GOLDEN.

Arranged for Miss Willers, of Trumpington, Cambs, and was her first peal 'in hand.' First peal of Minor 'in hand' by Messrs. Pooley and Golden.

## BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CORK, 5, NEW STREET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
* GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7-8

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal on inside pair.

## DEATH OF MR. G. H. PHILLOTT.

ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A well-known figure in Gloucestershire ringing circles, and one whose name was formerly prominently before the Exercise, has passed away in the person of Mr. G. H. Phillott, of Cheltenham. Mr. Phillott had been in ill-health for a considerable time, and his death took place at the age of 73 years on Sunday, September 12th.

A Master of Arts (Oxon) and an architect by profession, Mr. Phillott was one of the founders of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association in the year 1878. Although he had never occupied the position of Master, he had, in the past, taken an important part in the councils of the association, and latterly acted as the association's appointed authority upon bells in the dioceses of Gloucester or Bristol. Two of the most memorable peals in which he took part were the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham on May 21st, 1888, in 8 hours 16 minutes, and the 15,227 Grandsire Caters in 9 hours 43 minutes on the same bells on April 22nd, 1889. In both these peals Mr. Phillott rang the 2nd, and both were conducted by Mr. W. T. Pates. In 1914, Mr. Phillott took part in the first peal on the twelve bells at Cheltenham.

The funeral service took place at Cheltenham Parish Church on Wednesday in last week, and the interment at Charlton Kings Cemetery. A number of local ringers were present, as was also the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, a co-founder of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and a former Master and secretary.

Afterwards, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with half-muffled bells at the Parish Church.

At Quedgeley, on Friday evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 44 minutes with the bells half-muffled: T. Baldwin 1, W. H. Harris 2, J. Gillett 3, H. Beckett 4, G. Condie 5, J. Austin (conductor) 6, E. E. Davis 7, A. Martin 8.

At the monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch of the association, held at Moreton Valence, on Saturday, Mr. J. Austin referred to the loss the association had sustained by the death of Mr. G. H. Phillott. Mr. Austin said that a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Quedgeley on the 17th inst., but came to grief owing to the slipping of one of the muffles, but a quarter-peal was afterwards rung. He suggested that the branch secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to the relatives of the deceased, and concluded by asking the members present to stand in silence as a last token of respect.—This was accordingly done.

cumbents of the various churches for permission to ring, to the steeple-keepers and local ringers who met them, particularly Mr. Harry Sear (who arranged for ringing and accompanied them to several towers), and Mr. A. E. Sharman at Dunstable. Rickmansworth was reached by the last of the party, after dropping the visitors at Watford, at 10.30 p.m., everyone agreeing that it had been a capital outing.

F. W. E.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## DARTFORD AND ERITH RINGERS.

Members of the Holy Trinity (Dartford) and St. John's (Erith) towers had a most enjoyable outing to Long Crendon, Bucks, on Saturday, September 11th. The party left Dartford at 6.40 a.m., and on reaching Paddington a comfortable journey was made to Thame, previous arrangements having been made with the railway company regarding seating accommodation. The Rev. D. R. A. Williams, late curate of Dartford Parish Church, met the party at Thame, and a journey by car was then made to Great Milton, a distance of about seven miles, where an hour's ringing on the bells at Great Milton Church passed the time pleasantly. The next move was to Long Crendon Vicarage, where the visitors were heartily welcomed and partook of luncheon, which was kindly provided by the Rev. D. R. A. and Mrs. Williams. Afterwards ringing took place until 4.30 p.m. The local bus then conveyed the company to Thame, where tea was enjoyed. A visit to the church for 45 minutes' ringing followed, and the company then had to bid adieu to the Rev. D. R. A. Williams, whose kindness and hospitality all had appreciated. Dartford was reached at 11 p.m. at the close of a most enjoyable day.

## MARSHFIELD RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, September 4th, the members of St. Mary's band, Marshfield, held their annual outing. Leaving Marshfield at 8 a.m. by charabanc, the first stop was at St. Mary's, Almondsbury, where a few touches of Triples were rung. The secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and captain of the ringers for the use of the bells. The visitors then proceeded to Gloucester where they had a short stay to look around the grand old cathedral before going on to Ross, where they met the Vicar of St. Mary's Church, who gave them a kind welcome and escorted them to the church tower. After lunch, ringing took place on the lovely peal of eight bells, of which the ringers of Ross have reason to be proud. The Vicar was thanked for his kind welcome and for the use of the bells. The journey was continued through the Wye Valley to Chepstow, where the party were met by ringers of St. Mary's Church and had their last ring for the day. The captain of the local band was thanked for escorting the party to the tower and for the use of the bells. After tea, the return journey was made through Newnham and Gloucester, home being reached at midnight, after a most enjoyable day.

## RICKMANSWORTH MEN VISIT EIGHT TOWERS.

The second annual outing of the Rickmansworth ringers took place on Saturday, August 21st. The company comprised ten members of the local band, including Mr. J. H. R. Freshborn, Messrs. H. Hodgetts (Oxhey), F. A. Smith (Bushey), S. H. Hoare (Watford), and A. V. Good (Apsley End), the charabanc driver, Mr. J. A. Jones, being also one of the ringers. The 'Rover' moved off at 7.30 a.m., the first place of call being Wendover. A very good peal of six bells was found there, although rather noisy in the ringing chamber, and by nine o'clock the inhabitants had heard, possibly, the first touch of Cambridge Surprise on the bells. Leaving here, a run of 20 miles over a good road, through Aylesbury, brought the party to Buckingham. Here they were met by that well-known Bucks ringer, Mr. Harry Sear. The bells are a fine ring, with tenor 27 cwt., in a roomy tower, but the rope on the tenor, apparently local made, needed a pair of hands of more than average size to grasp it, whilst the seventh bell appears to need the attention of a bell-hanger. It was noticed that one touch on it was enough for the most gluttonous of the 'back-enders.' A tower not on the programme was next visited, on the invitation of the local ringers, one of whom, Mr. J. Stopp, is known in the Watford district. This was the ancient church of Maids Moreton. Over the main porch is some old timber bearing the date 1637, whilst on the wall of the inside of the tower hangs an old door, under which is a tablet stating that it was shot at by the soldiers of Cromwell. All had a pull on the handy ring of six, and a move was made for Bletchley. A course of Double Norwich was rung by a Rickmansworth band, amongst other ringing, and lunch was obtained at the Eight Bells, arranged for by Mr. Sear. The next objective was Linslade, with a nice going peal of eight. 'Rather like Oxhey,' was the general opinion. Leighton Buzzard was next visited, and several of the company had their first ring on ten bells. Dunstable for tea was the next order, and arrears of time having now been wiped out, the visitors pulled up to the minute at the place appointed, with Mr. A. E. Sharman, the popular secretary of the Beds Association, awaiting them. All did justice to the good things set before them, and a move was made to the fine Priory Church. The bells here are probably second to none in tone and 'go,' and everyone thoroughly enjoyed ringing on them, so that they made rather a long stay and reached Hemel Hempstead, the eighth and last tower at 8.15 p.m., where ringing took place till 9 o'clock. Methods rung during the day were Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise on six bells, Stedman Triples, Rob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise on eight bells, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal on ten bells.

One member of the company who passed the word up to the driver from the back seat during one of the morning runs to tell him not to go so fast received word back that if anything more was heard from him he would hand the wheel over to Mr. Freshborn. This proved a fairly efficient silencer. The band wish to thank the in-

(Continued in previous column.)

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**  
**GOOD TIMES AND BAD IN RINGING.**  
 BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

When we look back over the history of ringing, now more than three centuries long, one of the things that most strikes us is that it is a record of continual growth and development. Every generation, as it passed, saw something fresh added to the achievements of ringers, both in the practical side and the theoretical side of the art. But, as we look closer, we find that this development is by no means regular. There have been times when change ringing progressed by leaps and bounds, and there have been times when it is difficult to see that there has been any progress at all. Of the former periods the most notable were the middle of the seventeenth century, the time which saw the full development of Plain Changes and the rise of Cross Peals; the early part of the eighteenth century, the time which saw the general adoption of the Standard Methods and the establishment of peal ringing; the early part of the nineteenth century, though this is less marked; and the period in which we are now living.

It is, of course, not possible to set any definite dates to these periods; they merge into the time preceding and following them without any noticeable break. It is only when we look broadly on the history of ringing we can see that these alternations of progress and comparative stagnation did occur. And so, when we speak of the modern period of ringing, it is not easy to say exactly when it began, but it will be convenient and pretty near the truth if we take it to be the last forty years, and date its beginning somewhere about 1885 or 1886. If you compare 1880 with 1890 you will find many evidences of a great change and improvement in everything connected with ringing. If you compare 1870 and 1900 you will find the changes and improvements far more definitely marked. In the first case you will see causes at work that were bringing about reform and improvement; in the second you will see results. For while this modern period is one in which general development has taken place more widely and in a greater variety of ways than almost at any other time in the history of ringing, the period to which it succeeded is, on the whole, the most unsatisfactory in the record of the Exercise. Here again definite dates are impossible, but we may put this period of stagnation as roughly the thirty years before 1880. At no time were ringers and ringing so little esteemed by the general public; at no time was the status of ringers so low; at no time were there so many neglected belfries and rings of bells out of order; at no time were the relations between ringers and the clergy and church authorities so unsatisfactory; at no time was there so little improvement in method ringing.

In 1854 a writer in the 'Quarterly Review' thus speaks of ringers: 'Bellringers 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.'

Ringers were generally looked on as a very undesirable lot, with whom the less one had to do the better. More than one clergyman held and expressed the opinion that 'there is no desirability to have change ringing in the parish—the fewer bells and the fewer ringers the better.' And Mr. Snowden told a tale of a certain man

'who had become religious, had stopped cursing and swearing, had turned teetotal and given up change ringing.' We have seen something of prize ringing and its attendant circumstances. Prize ringing was confined to the North and the West, and was never held in the East and the South. But the general state of ringers and ringing was no better in the latter districts than in the former. The one notable thing throughout the country was the almost complete secularisation of bells and ringing. The bells hung in the church towers, but the ringing of them was almost entirely secular.

In the city of Norwich there had been, from the first, bells and excellent ringers. The bells were always chimed for service; never rung, not even on the great church festivals. The ringing was done either as a purely secular sport, or for national, civic or personal reasons, and was paid for either by the city authorities or by the people who were getting married; seldom or never by the church authorities. At Christmas there was much ringing, but this was to celebrate the social festival, not the ecclesiastical, and was the preliminary to a house-to-house collection for Christmas boxes. In London it was very similar. None of the famous bells were rung for Sunday service except St. Paul's, where there has always been a paid band. Ringing on Lord Mayor's day and other civic occasions was done by a number of men, most of whom did not otherwise appear in the belfries. They were called the 'Scroof' ringers. This is a very old name, and how it originated I do not know. For many years Mr. J. R. Haworth was head of the Scroof, and controlled the paid ringing in many towers. The ringing was always Call Changes, never change ringing.

(To be continued.)

**BELLS IMPORTED FROM AMERICA.**

A chime of thirteen bells, the heaviest 3,000 lbs. in weight, has been installed at the Parish Church, Falkirk. They are the gift of Mr. Robert Dollar, an 82-year-old San Francisco shipping magnate and millionaire, to his native town, and are a replica of the bells given by Mr. Dollar to the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, San Francisco. They were cast by the Arc Stone Bell Foundry Company, of Baltimore, and brought over from America. At the dedication, which was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Dollar, three pieces of sacred music were played on the bells.

**'SEASONED' THOUGHTS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We know reasoned thoughts are often 'seasoned' thoughts, and it is evident by your 'gossip' column and from what I hear that the humorous references to beetroot, etc., are the subject of much comment and some laughter. The Exercise must bear in mind, however, that a laugh often disarms a difficult opponent. Thus 'Irenæus' says, 'Laugh at me, but believe in "Simpson."' This is proper business and good propaganda.

Since we have now got on to Millet's masterpiece, one might say that we are mostly in agreement that it depicts eventide. Probably 'Irenæus' had recalled to him Gray's well-remembered lines:

'Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight,  
 And o'er the air a solemn stillness steals,  
 Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight,  
 And Ange-lus its five-toned "Simpson" peals.'

Of course, we must also admire the way in which the pathos of the Angelus is blended as a foil to the comic cuts of the beetroot. If we knew him better, 'Irenæus' would probably still more remind us of the versatile Irish priest, so famed in song, and, indeed, he might well have taken 'Father O'Flynn' as a pen-name. Of course, we may be on the wrong scent, but a knoll is as good as a mount to a blind horse, as a Diarist says.

Will you allow me space to conclude with another quotation (again, quite from memory), which seems apt:

'Dads and the divil an' all, at Divinity,  
 Father O'Flynn would make hares of 'em all.  
 Faith! And I venture to give you my word,  
 Never the likes of his logic was heard,  
 Down from Mythology into Thyology, or  
 Troth! Campanology! if hee'd the Call.'

Let us laugh with 'Irenæus,' and hope that he will laugh with us, and so feel a little kinder to the non-Simpsonians.—Yours faithfully,  
 'TEMPLE BAR.'

**FOR THE BEGINNERS.**

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

If the young conductor will prick out the lead ends of the 720 which I gave last week, he will see that the 5th makes the first bob in each part, and is called 'out' (that is, when it would otherwise have made 2nd's place) at the other two bobs. This is an extra guide for calling correctly, and the 720 will soon become as easy to call from any bell as from the tenor (the observation). It will be observed, on pricking out the whole of the lead ends of this 720, that to call by certain bells 'Before' (that is, when they hunt down before the treble, and, instead of making 2nd's place, are caused by the bob to run out, as described above) amounts to this: 3.55; 4.55; 2.55; S2 halfway; 4.55; 3.55; 2.55; S2 end.

This will be interesting for the young conductor to practise, and should very soon prove to be even more simple than ringing the observation bell, as he will only have two other working bells to be looking out for, because he is ringing the other one of the three himself.

On Thursday evening, September 16th, at St. Michael's Church, Kirby-le-Soken, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins.: C. Mann (Kirby) 1, M. Ling (Kirby) 2, C. Marven (Tendring) 3, F. W. Goodfellow (Ealing, Middlesex) (conductor) 4, E. Durrant (Thorpe-le-Soken) 5, E. Davey (Clacton) 6. This was Mr. Mann's first 720. Mr. Ling is also to be congratulated on ringing so well. These two, together with the other local ringers, have only recently taken up change-ringing. The conductor was on holiday at Walton-on-the-Naze.

At Hartford, Cheshire, for practice on Tuesday, September 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes in ten different callings) was rung in 42 mins. by: A. Moore 1, R. Rigby 2, H. Parker (conductor) 3, J. S. Royle 4, J. Hornby 5, H. Howard 6. It was the first quarter-peal of Doubles for the ringers of treble and tenor, and first quarter-peal for the ringer of the 5th.

**A HUGE CLOCK.**

MESSRS. JOYCE AND CO.'S CONTRACT.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., the well-known clock makers, of Whitechurch, Salop, have secured the contract for the construction of one of the largest clocks in the world. It is to be erected at the new Customs House, at Shanghai, China, and Messrs. Joyce have been successful against the competition of all the biggest clock manufacturers of the two hemispheres.

The building for which the clock is required is being erected by Chinese Maritime customs, for whom Messrs. Joyce have already supplied several smaller clocks. Much of the steel work, it may be mentioned incidentally, is being made in this country. It will be of a skyscraper design, consisting of twenty or thirty storeys, and the clock will stand in a tower several hundred feet from the ground. The building is to cost about a million and a quarter sterling.

The huge timepiece will have four faces, each of which will be 13 feet in diameter, and it will strike the hours and Westminster chimes on five bells whose total weight will be ten tons, the largest, the tenor bell, weighing  $6\frac{1}{2}$  tons. Each of the faces will weigh over a ton, and, together with the bells, it is estimated that the clock complete for shipment will not scale less than thirty tons.

The clock will be on similar lines to the one erected by the firm at Birmingham University about twenty years ago, but it will be slightly larger than that. As for the amount which the contract represents, with the bells it is sure to run into several thousands of pounds, but Messrs. Joyce and Co. have been given practically a free hand. It has been pointed out to them that the clock 'will give standard time to the whole of Shanghai, a city of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  million inhabitants, and one of the world's most important ports,' and they are therefore left to add any refinements which will ensure its strict accuracy as a timekeeper. There will, of course, be exceptional climatic and other conditions to provide for. The temperature, for instance, ranges from 25 degrees Fahrenheit to 105 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade, and that will have to be provided for in the compensation of the clock. The glass in the front of the dials will also have to be of exceptional thickness similar to that used in lighthouses, for Shanghai is subject to typhoons, and the wind pressure is at times as high as 60 lbs. to the square foot. The clock will be illuminated at night, and a special feature will be the treatment of the centre portion of each dial with flaked opal in burnt sienna, which, when lit up, will represent the colour of the sun.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A short-course peal, the 'first ever,' was rung at Ipswich on Saturday. It is the third peal of Maximus which Mr. G. E. Symonds has conducted this year, and in them he has called an aggregate of 448 bobs and four singles! Some calling for 12-in!

English bell founders will have to look to their laurels. A chime of thirteen bells has been imported to Falkirk from America!

Will the gentleman who took the wrong cap from St. Peter's tower, Staines, at the recent Middlesex Association meeting, kindly return it to Mr. Parker, c/o St. Peter's Vicarage, Staines?

William Shipway was born at Bath on September 29th, 1760.

A peal of 6,701 Stedman Caters was rung on September 25th, 1845, at St. James' Church, Bermondsey, 'the greatest number attainable with treble in 2nd's place and bobs only.' It was composed and conducted by John Cox.

Braughing bells, Hertfordshire, were made into eight and rung for the first time on September 25th, 1745, the trebles being given by William Freeman. It was a year later—September 30th, 1746—that the first peal was rung on the bells, the band being all local men.

On September 30th, 1783, a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Oldham. It was followed in January of the next year by a 14,480.

Fifty years' service by each of four ringers at one church is the noteworthy record which has been completed by Messrs. A. Goodall, G. H. Hardy, J. Raddlesden, and Herbert Dransfield at Earlsheaton, Yorkshire. A peal to commemorate the event was rung on Saturday.

The fifth annual Yorkshire Association dinner was held in Sheffield on Saturday last, when a widely representative gathering paid tribute to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the association. The event was a huge success, and will be fully reported in our columns in due course.

St. Giles' (Camberwell) ring of ten bells (tenor 24 cwt.) are to be restored, and work upon them commenced this week when the bells were taken down. They are to be rehung in the old frame with all the new and latest fittings by Messrs. Taylor and Co. It is of note that this is the Parish Church of the Master of the London County Association, Mr. T. H. Taffender, who is also Master of the local society. He has been authorised to see the work carried out.

'Chanticleer' asks which is the well-known London ringer who intends to swim the Channel to visit 'Uncle Joe' and to qualify for the £1,000 prize (which he, quite erroneously, imagines is being offered by 'The Ringing World'), as soon as the liquid is changed to that purveyed in the neighbourhood of Amen Corner.

He also inquires if it is a fact that, on the occasion of the recent Row broadcast, so severely criticised, it was not the A.C.Y.'s showing the Children's Corner what 'changes' are, but the children showing the A.C.Y.'s Corner a few stunts.

The marriage took place at Holy Trinity Church, Southwark, on September 11th, of Mr. A. H. Keighley, the popular general secretary of the London County Association, the bride being Miss Alice May Tomlinson. As the tower bells were unringable, a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells in the church porch as the bridal party left.

Full details of the Devon and Cornwall tour last week had not reached us up to the time of going to press. Up to Saturday morning, eleven peals had been rung, including three on the Tuesday.

Owing to pressure on our space, Mr. George Baker's concluding article on 'Shipway's Fallacies,' the reports of a number of outings, and other items are unavoidably held over.

## SPLICED PEAL RINGING.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It is pleasing to see Mr. J. Hunt's letter in your issue of September 17th, for it shows there is a growing interest in this fascinating form of ringing.

I hope that Mr. Hunt, in his study of this question, has procured a copy of 'Spliced Methods,' now on sale, and has found it helpful. It deals exhaustively with the subject, and what is said applies to all numbers, as well as to Minor.

As to whether it is worth while to ring a peal where the method is only changed at the quarter or half-peal ends, there can only be one logical answer. If a peal of 5,000 true changes in one method, say, Bob Major, is worth ringing, it must be equally worth while, and more interesting, to ring a peal in two methods.

In whatever form two or more methods are joined together into one peal, they can correctly be described as 'spliced.' To take the simple analogy of rope, whether you connect two or twenty different pieces, the resultant length of rope is 'spliced.'—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

HYPHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Thursday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: C. R. Millway (Dover) 1, S. A. Baker (Cheriton) 2, R. J. Birch 3, A. G. Wratten 4, W. Bidnell 5, W. H. Joiner (Mitcham, Surrey) 6, C. Turner (Dover) (conductor) 7, W. Probble 8. Arranged for Mr. W. H. Joiner, who was on a visit to Folkestone.



**BELL TONES.**  
**HOW TO OBSERVE THEM.**  
 By E. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

**PART I.**

It is said of bells that strictly they are not to be classed as musical instruments, though we as ringers shall be inclined to disagree with this, and certainly believe that when combined into a 'ring' they are quite musical. We shall have to allow that bell-tones are not, as regards their partials, balanced by Nature, like piano tones, inasmuch as bell-tones are a compromise where Man has approached as near to Nature as his instrument would allow. This sets the musical ear an unfamiliar task, which at first makes judgment difficult. The aim of these observations is to help the ear in overcoming this and other difficulties.

There is much difference of opinion in the Exercise as to which single bell or 'ring' of bells has the most pleasing sound; and as to whether (1) the Old Standard, or (2) the 'Simpson,' is the better way of tuning them. But most ringers will agree that certain 'rings' have a grand general tone (few of us had the privilege of hearing Coventry). This tone marks them out from others, even though the latter be from the same foundry and of the same note and weight. Though in such outstanding cases ringers may have given judgment, it is a thing not to be done generally without carefully considering all the points involved. Skill, experience and taste are required. As regards the last, each person is a law unto himself. In music, as in all arts, there must always be divergence of opinion, for as no two men see alike so no two hear alike, yet their differences will be gradually lessened by the study of their art.

To beginners (most of whom have ears, but hear not) and to the whole of the general public and even to most round ringers, criticism upon the merit or otherwise of a certain bell or a particular peal may appear to be based upon mysterious nothings. All they hear, if outside the tower, is a roar of sound, and, if within, the addition of a clatter of ropes, etc. The non-ringer has a difficulty in picking out any bell save the tenor, and does not know the number of bells being rung, and even the experienced ringer may hesitate to state the number and method, when first hearing the bells at a little distance, and some will ring through a 'touch' or even a peal relying nearly the whole time upon 'rope-sight.' These are also amongst those who 'hear not.' A striking example of non-hearing was shown after the Central Council meeting, 1924, when many of the representatives met at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (of course, it was a mixed band and a strange tower). But it was only after they had been ringing the '12' in 'rounds' for some time it was discovered that the 4th bell was not being rung (the rope being hooked back over a wall peg). The foregoing remarks will suggest how much more valuable to his band and how much looked up to is the ringer who has the gift of a good and well-trained ear.

It is, therefore, much to be desired that beginners should, as soon as possible, train their ears so that every bell will stand out clearly and recognisably; first their own and then the rest. This in itself will almost produce that esteemed ringer, the 'good striker.' There is, however, no way to mastery other than that of concentration and practice, in which it is hoped that the following suggestions may prove useful.

A 'ring' of eight, in key C, is assumed for reference. Firstly, let the tyro stand in 4th's position and pull off his own bell, and attune his ear to its note, then in going off in 'rounds' watch the three bells in front and note also their intervals, checking both by eye and ear, and paying no attention to the covering bells behind. The position can next be changed to one further back, say 5th or 6th, and the observations repeated. Secondly, while not himself ringing, let him take a position from which the tenor, 7th, 6th and 4th can be seen, then one at a time watch the rise of the ropes and note the incidence of the sounds in each case. Upon getting a note well established in the ear, it will stand out much more boldly than the others (it is merely a trick of the ear, of which there are more to follow). The further illusion will almost be felt that the note is produced by the hands of the ringer, as they rise upwards to the rest position at either 'hand' or 'back.' The observer's next step in such a practice should be to extend it to two bells at a time, selecting those of dominating notes, such as tenor and 7th, tenor and 6th, and 4th and 6th. Beginners will find it indeed surprising to see how soon the maze of flying ropes begin now to speak out their special notes at once to eye and ear. The perceptive faculty next begins to anticipate the sounds, and to know the music of the falling ropes ere they rise, and before the blows are actually struck. This is more especially so if the listener is something of a musician or even knows but the tonic sol-fa of the major scale. The beginner is now on the way to good striking. If he will refer to Shipway's remarks as to 'beat' (which has to do more with the compass of a peal, and the rhythm of falling into any 'place'), he is on the right road.

Having thus paid deference to Youth, one might be allowed to ask what use Age has made of its privileges. It has listened for many years to that great heritage it shares with the Church—i.e., fine outstanding 'rings.' How has it appraised the bells such as those we still have at, say, Mancroft, Fulham, Bow, Painswick, Lavenham, etc.? One would hold a brief for Age and say that, of course, it has felt that questions of music and taste are full of difficulty, and so it has allowed Youth to rush in and lay down the law. If the older ringers were apathetic, the recent loss at Coventry came to them as a disagreeable jolt, and the result has been a considerable re-awaken-

ing of interest in bell-tones and bell-tuning. The evidence given at the Court and the subsequent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' were closely followed, though much of the latter was vague and some of it misleading. It is felt, therefore, that these notes are quite topical, and it is hoped that they will help to clear the air.

In considering the tones of bells, it must be remembered that, with few exceptions, musical notes are compound. The main tone, or tap-note, is reinforced, and should also be beautified by a natural succession of overtones. These being only a part of the whole are called 'partials,' and it is worth noting in passing that the main tone itself is only a 'partial,' for it has to join with the others in producing the whole or mass tone. It is upon this composite tone that the ear has to pass judgment.

At Coventry, one of the witnesses said that it was difficult for some people to believe that there was more than one note in a bell. There is much more, for all bells are endowed with an embarrassing wealth of notes, and founders probably wish that there were many less. Returning to our opening lines, in Nature there is hardly such a thing as a simple tone; for instance, the sound produced by the voice or by a musical instrument, is composed of a large number of 'partials,' the first, or 'fundamental,' being the lowest and nearly always the loudest, and the higher ones the faintest. (In the case of bells, however, the first partial, or 'hum-note,' is by no means the loudest.)

For instance, taking C in the bass clef as No. 1, the natural series is, up to No. 10, as follows: C, C, G, C, E, G, B flat, C, D, E, etc. A set of tuning forks so tuned to C and its nine harmonic overtones produces a full and rich tone of fine musical quality. Unfortunately we cannot get this sequence of overtones in a bell; its tones are natural to its shape and thicknesses, they are a compromise, and can only be adjusted slightly by tuning on either of the accepted lines, viz.: 'The Old Standard,' or else the medieval method (now revived as the 'Simpson'). They will be called (1) and (2) respectively in these observations. The following table gives their reputed tones, together with their accepted names as adopted by the Exercise perhaps a little loosely:

	(1) Old Standard.		(2) 'Simpson.'
	C		C
	G		G
	E		E natural
	C	Overtones	C
	G		G
	E		E flat
Nominal	C		C
	E		E
Tap-note	C	Undertones	C
	D		C
Hum-note	D		C
			Hum-note

It will be seen that a new term has appeared—i.e., the 'nominal'; there is yet another, the 'strike-note.' These with the term 'tap-note' have been used for years quite vaguely, and are at times interchanged. It is probable that the octave which they embrace, being the key note of the bell, strikes the ear as one dominant chord, and so the difference has arisen. Examining the respective notes, it will be seen that the difference on paper is only slight and that both make but a small departure from the scale of 10 tones given above. In (1) we have the enharmonic interval, D, C, whilst in (2) we have another, E flat, E natural. If tried upon a piano both will be found extremely distasteful. In the above only eight partials are shown, but, of course, following the laws of sound they will go on, repeating and splitting up until they pass beyond the range of recording instruments. The laws governing sound, music and the ear are difficult and elusive, and, despite their splendid knowledge, our scientists admit that they have yet far to go ere these are fully known. For an elementary insight into them, the reader is recommended to consult a good encyclopædia.

[The above article was intended for publication in 'The Ringing World' before the last Central Council meeting, but the strike prevented this being done, and Mr. Young circulated it privately. As, however, the matter is of interest to ringers generally, it is now published for the perusal of the Exercise at large.—Ed. 'R.W.']

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Hunts Archdeaconry was held at Huntingdon on September 11th, and was attended by ringers from Huntingdon, Godmanchester, St. Neots, Hemingford Abbots, Somersham, Long Stanton, Chatteris, Cambridge, Trumpington, Peterborough, and Debenham (Suffolk). The general secretary, the Rev. R. Copeman, was among those present, but had to leave immediately after tea. A short service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted (in the absence of the Vicar) by the district secretary (the Rev. H. B. Woolley), and tea and the usual business meeting followed in the Oromwell Cafe.

At the meeting, at which the Rev. H. B. Woolley (district secretary) was in the chair, it was proposed to hold the next meeting at St. Neots in November.

A resolution was carried unanimously, requesting the general secretary to arrange, if possible, for a meeting of the association at Ely at an early date.

Touches were rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Huntingdon, during the afternoon, and at Godmanchester in the evening.

A vote of thanks was passed to the incumbents for the use of their bells, to the Rev. C. F. Burde for the use of St. Mary's Church, and also to the organist for playing at the service.

## DEDICATION OF PENWORTHAM BELLS.

### IMPRESSIVE MASONIC SERVICE.

Penwortham Church, dedicated to St. Mary and beautifully situated upon a tree-clad hill near Preston, was the scene, on Saturday, September 11th, of a unique ceremony, when, at a Masonic service, the restored and augmented bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Whalley. The work which has been done has been carried out at the expense of local Freemasons, and this is the first time in history that a dedication of bells has taken place with official Masonic participation. The restoration is the result of the unremitting efforts of Mr. J. R. Taylor, of Penwortham, who has been a vice-president of the Lancashire Association and is one of its representatives on the Central Council. For over 25 years Mr. Taylor had the ambition of seeing the peal of six augmented to an octave, and, after several unsuccessful attempts, he was able to get the scheme definitely started this year, with the support of Lt.-Colonel J. Yates Foster (chairman of the committee), the Rev. T. J. Cunningham (vice-chairman), and brother Masons of Penwortham and district.

The bells were originally a peal of five, cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1712. A treble was added in 1858, and was recast in 1891 by Meers and Stainbank.

The present restoration, which has now been admirably completed by the Whitechapel firm, consists of recasting the old 3rd, which was found to be cracked, cleaning the others by sand-blast and tuning them, and adding two trebles to complete the octave. The bell-frame was reconstructed to take the eight bells on one level, and the bells relung with the latest type fittings, including cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings.

The tenor weighs 8 cwt., and the peal is in the key of A flat. The inscriptions on the new trebles and recast (old) third are:—

2nd.—'Lieut.-Col. J. Y. Foster gave this bell in memory of his beloved wife, Elisabeth Steuart Foster, 1926.'

Treble.—'Rev. T. J. Cunningham gave this bell in memory of his beloved wife, Ada Cunningham, 1926.'

Recast (old) 3rd.—'This bell was recast at the cost of W. S. Rawkins in memory of his mother, Eliza Regent Rawkins, 1926.'

The rigidity of the old oak frame after reconstruction has been specially commented on.

It should be mentioned that the lowering, hoisting and cartage of the bells was done by Mr. C. Miller, a ringer of St. Mark's, Preston, about 25 years ago.

### A MEMORABLE SERVICE.

A large number of Freemasons attended the dedication service, and their varied regalia added a wonderful colour effect to the impressive proceedings. The centre of the nave was wholly occupied by the brethren, and the aisles were filled with parishioners.

The service opened with the processional hymn, 'O God, our Help in ages past,' and the procession formed by the clergy included: The Right Rev. Dr. A. G. Rawstorne (Bishop of Whalley and Archdeacon of Blackburn), the Bishop's chaplain, Rev. Oliver Burton (Vicar of Penwortham), Rev. A. E. Nock, R.D. (Vicar of St. Peter's, Chorley), Rev. Canon Morris, R.D. (Vicar of Preston), Rev. A. A. Dallman (chaplain 'Unanimity' Lodge), Rev. D. R. Davies, W.M. ('Newby Bridge' Lodge), and several other visiting clergy. The Masonic brethren who attended included: The Right Worshipful Brother John Hearn Burrell, P.G.D. (Eng.), Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Lanes, accompanied by: Wor. Bro. C. Jefferis, Provincial G.D.C., Wor. Bro. Llewellyn C. Bailey, P.G.D. (Eng.), Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wor. Bro. J. A. Wilson, P.A.G.D.C. (Eng.), Provincial Grand Secretary West Lanes, Wor. Bro. A. Foster, P.G.D. (Eng.), Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Wor. Bro. J. Y. Foster, P. Provincial G.W., Wor. Bro. A. Milner, P. Provincial G.W., and many other Provincial Grand Lodge officers.

On arrival at the lectern, and at a sign from the Provincial G.D.C., the officers lined each side of the centre aisle, whilst the Provincial G.M. proceeded to his seat near the sanctuary, each officer following in order of seniority.

After special Psalms 19 and 84, the Provincial G.M. was conducted to the lectern to read the lesson, which was taken from Numbers x., 1-11, following which the Bishop, clergy, the donors, and the Provincial G.M. proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the Bishop dedicated the restored and augmented bells.

The opening touch was rung by the following brethren: W. Taylor, J. R. Taylor, C. B. Taylor, S.W., E. W. Hutchinson, P. Provincial, A.G.D.C., C. Miller, S.W., E. Blundell, G. Phillipson, P.M., and W. Nelson, this band including father and two sons.

Immediately following the ringing, the memorial tablet in the west entrance to the church was unveiled by the Right Worshipful the Provincial G.M.

Lieut.-Col. Foster said this function was the opening of a fresh chapter in the long story of Penwortham and its church, which went back for many centuries. There was a church on that site in Saxon days, and William the Conqueror found a castle and a church there when he landed. It was mentioned in Domesday Book. The present building was built in the fifteenth century. How long it had possessed a peal of bells was uncertain, but the old peal of six bells was cast in 1712, and had been in constant use from that day to this. The fittings and appliances had become in a bad state of repair, and one bell was cracked circumferentially. The Craft of Freemasonry in the parish, having regard to the close connection which had always existed between them and the church, decided to restore the bells.

The Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, in unveiling the tablet, said the connection between the Masonic body and the church building and restoration was a very ancient and close one, dating back to the days when operative masons gathered themselves into guilds and societies and indented the stones of the cathedrals and churches with their individual or guild marks.

At the request of Brother the Rev. T. J. Cunningham, the Bishop of Whalley dedicated the memorial tablet, which is inscribed as follows: 'To the glory of God the Freemasons of Penwortham and district restored and rehung five bells in this tower and erected this tablet. The existing peal of six bells was augmented to one of eight by the gift of two new treble bells, one by Worshipful Brother Lieut.-Colonel J. Y. Foster, P.P.G.W., of White Friars, in memory of his wife, Elisabeth Steuart Foster, and one by Brother the Rev. T. J. Cunningham, M.A., of Penwortham House, in memory of his wife, Ada Cunningham, 1926. One bell was recast at the cost of W. S. Rawkins, Esq., of Bank Top, in memory of his mother, Eliza Regent Rawkins.'

After the anthem 'I have surely built Thee an house,' other appropriate prayers and the hymn 'O worship the King,' the Bishop gave a brief address, speaking upon the words inscribed on a restored bell in his own church at Croston, 'Ring clearer than before God's praises evermore,' which, he said, crystallised the message of the age to the Church. They had, he continued, a history to be proud of, one which went back to the very origin of time, and which reminded them that God's mercy had been with His people in days gone by and would be with them in days to come. The Church stood for continuity, and its message was the same to-day as in days gone by. The Church to-day stood for goodwill amongst every class, and longed to see more and more that barrier which seemed to have risen between one class and another broken down, that goodwill should unite them all in harmony, and that God should show them the way to find a just and honourable solution of those difficult problems which had been causing so much dispute. The Bishop also spoke of his great appreciation of the honour conferred on him in being chosen for this service. He held a special position in relation to that ancient parish, as his grandfather, father, and uncle were all Vicars of Penwortham, covering altogether a long period of time. He was himself baptised in that church as an infant, and it had fallen to his lot to become patron of the benefice.

The memorable service closed with the recessional hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells.'

### LANDMARK IN HISTORY.

At the conclusion of the service, touches were rung by the following visiting brethren: G. I. Davies and J. Wilkinson, of Liverpool, I. Whalley and W. Riley, of Oswaldtwistle, J. Hurst, of Leyland, T. Crookall, of Blackpool, A. A. Hughes, of London, assisted by J. R. and W. Taylor, of Penwortham. Visiting ringers also came from Preston, Manchester and Leeds.

The Masonic brethren assembled at tea afterwards, to have an opportunity of meeting the Provincial G.M., after which Masonic toasts were honoured. The Provincial G.M., in his speech, congratulated the brethren of Penwortham and Preston district on the successful termination of their efforts. He mentioned that it was particularly interesting to him, as he had that evening gained some knowledge of the work involved in church bell ringing. He referred to the recent peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Chelmsford by brethren of twelve lodges and twelve associations, thus showing that Masonic ringing events are being noted by those in authority. Further, he had also arranged, in company with the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, to unveil a tablet recording the Masonic peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Garston on March 29th, 1924.

The entire ceremony was wonderfully impressive, and was particularly interesting, as it is the first occasion on which the restoration of a peal of bells has been carried through solely by Freemasons. It is, indeed, a landmark in the history of Freemasonry and church bells. A special feature was the ringing by brethren in full Masonic clothing, this being the first occasion such an event had taken place, and for which a special dispensation had been granted.

At the invitation of the Vicar, twelve courses (1,344 changes) of Double Norwich were rung on Sunday afternoon by: W. Taylor, J. R. Taylor, H. France, R. Armstrong, — Richardson, F. Harwood, B. A. Knights, and E. Armstrong.

An incident occurred at a garden party in connection with St. Mark's, Preston, just over the river, which testifies in a striking manner to the excellence of the augmentation and musical qualities of Penwortham bells. A lady, hearing the sound of the bells of Penwortham from across the river, went to the Vicar of St. Mark's, Preston, and promised him £200 towards the cost of rehung his bells, which have been in bad repair for several years. These are now being restored by Messrs. Meers and Stainbank.

### FIRST 'SPliced' RINGING IN CUMBERLAND

At St. Mary's Church, Egremont, Cumberland, on Wednesday evening, September 15th, 720 spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Ben Douglas 1, A. Eilbeck 2, J. Rothery 3, W. Douglas 4, W. Norman 5, G. W. Towley (conductor) 6. This was the first spliced method ringing by all, the first by the association, and was rung at the first attempt.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.****FIRST SHIELD COMPETITION.**

The first ringing contest for the handsome shield purchased by the Barnesley and District Association for competition among its members, took place on Saturday, September 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Barnesley. The event had been eagerly anticipated, and many companies went into serious training. Eleven bands entered, and the draw resulted in the ringing taking place in the following order, the points lost for faults and penalties being also shown:

1, Folkirk, 482 faults and penalties; 2, North Anston, 233 faults; 3, Darfield (rung out) 448 faults and penalties; 4, Cawthorne, 232 faults; 5, Shelley, 162 faults; 6, Wath (No. 1 band), 386 faults; 7, Horbury (rung out in 18 minutes), 632 faults; 8, Hoylandswaine (rung out in 18 minutes), 382 faults; 9, Spotborough, 627 faults and penalties; 10, Ackworth, 600 faults in part of 720; 11, Wath (No. 2), 352 faults and penalties.

The winners were, therefore, Shelley, with 162 faults, and they take possession of the shield for one year, and the ringers won six plated teapots as prizes. Cawthorne, with 232 faults, took second prize (six silver and gold medals); North Anston, with 233 faults, third prize (six cases of half-dozen tea spoons).

The time occupied in the ringing was lengthy, and tended to weary the waiting visitors, many of whom, as well as ringers, had to leave for home before the results were declared.

Prior to the judge's decision being given and the distribution of the prizes, some pleasing songs were given by local singers in the Parish Room. The business meeting was also held there, and at 9.30 Mr. R. N. Brearley made known his awards, which were read by Rev. Willes, curate of St. Mary's.

Mrs. Hone, the Rector's wife, gracefully presented the prizes.

The winners of first and second awards were present, and were much elated. The winners of third prize had had to leave, so were not present. No fewer than 95 ringers and visitors partook of tea at the Regent Cafe.

It may be asked, Are these contests good and of lasting benefit for striking? It must be admitted that it has proved successful in the past, and is so still.

The handsome shield is modelled with the figure of a ringer standing at the rope in the handstroke position, with a tower bell above, inverted, ready for ringing. The unique trophy has been purchased by the association out of the savings of many years.

**ST. ALBANS' VETERAN RINGER.****MR. TOM CONLEY REACHES HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY.**

Mr. Thomas Conley, of St. Albans, who on Tuesday of last week celebrated his 90th birthday, has been connected with bellringing at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, for nearly 75 years. He was born at Stapleford, a village near Hertford, and went to St. Albans when quite a boy. He lived for some time at an inn, in St. Peter's Street, close to St. Peter's Church, called the Ten Bells, which many years ago became a private dwelling house, and it would seem that he must have caught the beginnings of his enthusiasm for bells from the ringers who frequented the house, for at the age of fifteen years he counted himself a ringer, although ringing in those days was confined to 'stone.'

Thus he has, as mentioned above, a record of 75 years' connection with St. Peter's tower. He retired from active ringing about two years ago, although still capable of mounting the staircase. In March, 1921, he was still young enough to ring a touch of 1,000 Grandsire Caters. In the tower he always rang the treble, and has scored several peals. During the war he did his 'bit' by deputising for Mr. Whiteman, the Abbey steeplekeeper, and was responsible for the daily chiming of the bells for the services of the Church—no mean task in view of the many steps that had to be climbed on each occasion.

Mr. Conley has a passion for tune ringing on handbells, and possesses a good set. It has been his custom for a long period of years to visit gentlemen's houses and other places in the district to bring cheerfulness at the Christmas season. He is also fond of a good song, and members of St. Peter's Society always used to look forward, at their annual supper, to 'Tommy's' repertoire of songs of long ago—still now, perhaps, some of the best.

By trade, he is a cabinet maker, etc., and quite an expert at his business. Up to quite recent times he proceeded daily to his shop in The Cloisters to do some little job, proceeding home regularly at one o'clock for the mid-day meal. A few weeks ago he met with an accident in the street, but is now about again, taking his walks about the city and the church which he has known so long.

**WHEN THE LIGHT WENT OUT.**

On Saturday week an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Prestbury, Glos. After ringing about twenty minutes, however, the electric light was unexpectedly switched off, and, as no one came to the rescue and it would have been impossible to finish before darkness set in, the conductor allowed the bells to run round half way, the 2,520 changes being rung in 1 hour 29 minutes by: W. Dickenson 1, G. Walters 2, H. Halford 3, J. Causon 4, W. Dyer (Charlton Kings) 5, W. Townsend 6, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8. The attempt was arranged for Mr. Dickenson, who was on a visit from Heckington (Lincs), and also for the anniversary of Mr. Halford's wedding day.

**CORNWALL'S NEW PEAL OF SIX BELLS.****A REMARKABLE FEAT OF BELL-HANGING.**

St. Ewe, Mevagissey, Cornwall, is to be congratulated on its new possession of a peal of six bells, which were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall, Ven. G. W. Hockley, on Thursday, September 9th.

This was a day long to be remembered in this quiet little village. It was a happy thought to combine the harvest festival with the dedication of the bells, for the bright harvest hymns and the tastefully decorated church added much to the joy of hearing the bells rung for the first time.

The Archdeacon gave an interesting address on the history and uses of bells, after which the warden, Mr. W. H. James, handed the ropes to him, with the request that the bells be dedicated to the service of God. After the dedication, the Rector, the Rev. A. E. Beynon, received them with the charge that they be used only for holy and hallowed purposes.

A few rounds were then rung by the St. Goran ringers, who were in the charge of the Rev. Yonge, Vicar of St. Goran (who is himself a ringer) and Mr. Richards, five lady ringers taking part. After the service, the bells were kept going by different bands from the surrounding districts (including St. Austell and St. Mewan) until a very late hour. Cornish ringers are not great at 'scientific' ringing, but for perfection of striking in 'raising, rounds, call changes and falling,' they have not their superiors, and the bells were thus heard to their fullest advantage.

There were originally three bells in this tiny tower, two of which were cast in 1684, but had become cracked, while the third was cast in 1826 by Rudhall. These were dismantled some two years since because of the unsafety of the old wood frame. The third bell was rehung in an iron frame and new fittings, but having one bell only to call the people to service was not considered good enough for this fine old church. The late Mrs. Lovering recognised this, and in her will she left £200 for the restoration of the bells in memory of her brother, the late Mr. J. Stevens, of St. Austell, and a handsome marble tablet recording the gift was unveiled by the Archdeacon at the dedication service. Mr. Lovering faithfully carried out his late wife's wishes, and with the wholehearted efforts of the Rector and the parishioners enough funds were raised to enable them to approach the bell firms to see what could be done. It was the earnest wish of the parishioners that a ringing peal should be installed.

**SMALLEST TOWER WITH RING OF BELLS.**

Eventually the plans and specifications of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, were accepted for recasting the three bells, adding sufficient metal to make up a peal of six with a tenor of 7 cwt., and hanging the whole in a steel and iron frame with all the most up-to-date fittings. The total weight of the bells is about 25 cwt.

It seemed an almost impossible task that this firm undertook, when it is considered that the available space was only 5ft. 2in. square for a height of 11ft., and above that 7ft. square for a height of 8ft. It has been necessary to hang the bells in three tiers. This is believed to be the smallest tower in existence containing a ringing peal of six bells, and is more remarkable still when the size of the peal is considered. Even in so crowded a space it was found possible to fit a complete Ellacombe apparatus, so that the bells can be chimed while a band of ringers are being taught.

How well the work was carried out was the subject of general comment, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be heartily congratulated on this their latest success in perhaps one of the most difficult jobs which has been done in hanging ringing bells. All ringers commented on the perfect 'go' of the bells, while all who heard the bells praised their perfect balance of tone. No inconvenience was found in ringing in the ringing-room, which is 5ft. 2in. square, an ingenious rope guide being fixed at a suitable height to prevent the ropes catching each other during ringing.

The church itself is a large one, and will seat 400 people. The tower and broached spire on top (72ft. in height) were built in A.D. 1320, and are an architectural joy. The small space available for bells is due to the fact that the tower (the walls of which are 5ft. 6in. thick) was only designed to carry the spire, and so is narrow.

**151 YEARS AGO.**

September 19th, 1775, was the date on which the first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the then new peal of ten bells at St. Wulfran's Church, Grantham, by a band of Nottingham and Newark ringers.

The present company of ringers at St. Wulfran's marked the 151st anniversary by ringing for evensong on Sunday, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 51 minutes: T. Hall 1, H. Thorpe 2, E. Nedd 3, P. Turner 4, W. Thorpe 5, A. Parker 6, G. Corner 7, E. Proctor 8, S. Proctor (conductor) 9, and R. Pick 10.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, for the wedding of Miss Edith Ada Barnett to Mr. Harry Tipton on Wednesday, September 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Butler 1, O. Gollop 2, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 3, H. Payne 4, F. Mursell 5, H. Reeves 6, F. Cole 7, A. Newman 8.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO MR. ARTHUR CRAVEN

Following closely on the Jasper Snowden commemoration dinner, held this year in Sheffield, at which he was present, his many friends will learn with regret that Mr. Arthur Craven, of 79, Carver Street, Sheffield, has met with a rather serious accident. Whilst returning home from church on Sunday morning he was knocked down by a motor-cyclist. Among the numerous injuries he has sustained are a broken nose and a broken rib. Although suffering a good deal of pain, Mr. Craven is as comfortable as can be expected.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### THE ATTRACTIONS OF LOUGHBOROUGH.

On Saturday, September 11th, despite the fact that the morning had promised anything but fine weather, many ringers with their characteristic optimism 'renewed their licenses' in order that they could be present at Loughborough on this date. For some reason or other this town has a great attraction for ringers; whether it be the 'bells' or 'bells' is a mystery which remains unsolved. It was rumoured that a section of the young bloods from Lincoln area sent an advance party out on the previous Saturday in order that the latest and best road surfaces might be attacked, and that a certain lady riding pillion should do so with the minimum of 'bumps.'

According to custom, the bell foundry was open to the visitors. Some took the opportunity of touring it for the first time, whilst others renewed their acquaintance, and, as on previous occasions, saw many 'have beans' mingling with those that 'are,' and the appearance of those bells that 'are' made one look with disdain at their humbler sisters, some covered with the grime of an industrial town, while others were more suggestive of the country-side and birds.

Always a great attraction, the foundry 'ten' were well in demand, yet they demanded their fair share of attention and more careful handling than many were capable of giving, and if good ringing was not always produced some good laughs were. These cost nothing and often help strangers in getting to know one another. The more sober-minded went on to the Parish Church and soon had the noble ten pouring forth their sweet music.

Under the able guidance of the energetic hon. secretary and his band of lady helpers, tea was served in the Fearon Hall, to which about 57 members and friends sat down. They represented: Hugglescote, Lockington, Staveley, Lincoln, Boisover, Surfleet, Weekley, Rathwell, Kegworth, and local ringers.

In the absence of the district chairman, the business of the evening was transacted under the chairmanship of Mr. J. P. Fidler. Nothing of exceptional interest being on the agenda, and none being brought forward, the business was of a routine character and was soon disposed of.

After the usual votes of thanks, the bells of the Parish Church and the foundry campanile were again requisitioned. Some of the ringing was good, but a good deal was of the usual meeting 'hotchpotch,' and one well-known ringer was heard to ask, 'Cannot Taylors make ears?' Still, everyone had a good time. Those who were fortunate enough to possess a bus had no need to hurry, and departed in a far more dignified manner than those who had to rush for trains. In some instances the rush was in vain, and it is hoped that those who did miss their train got home the same day in order that they might get permission to visit Loughborough next time there is a meeting there.

## WYCOMBE RINGER'S WEDDING.

An interesting wedding took place at All Saints' Church, High Wycombe, on Saturday afternoon last, when Mr. George Francis Hinton (a member of the Wycombe bellry) and Miss Edith Martha Green were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. On the Monday evening previous, the Rev. W. L. P. Float, M.A., LL.B., on behalf of the ringers, presented Mr. Hinton with a clock as a wedding gift, extending the good wishes of himself and fellow-ringers for the health and prosperity of the happy pair.

Immediately after the wedding ceremony, the bells of the church rang out merrily in honour of the event, and the opportunity was taken of throwing open the tower till six o'clock to any visitors who cared to take advantage of the privilege of ringing here on a Saturday. The local men were very glad to welcome those old and new friends who came.

## BUCKNALL BELLS' ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

On Thursday, September 2nd, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Vale Royal: R. Preston 1, J. E. Wheeldon 2, H. Billiffe 3, C. Bowen 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheeldon (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.—On Saturday, September 4th, for a special missionary service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: D. Preston 1, Alice Preston 2, C. Bowen 3, J. E. Wheeldon 4, W. Wheeldon, jun., 5; W. Fradley (conductor) 6.—On Thursday, September 9th, for practice, 720 Crowland: R. Preston 1, W. Wheeldon 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, C. Bowen 4, W. Fradley (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6. J. E. Wheeldon and J. Walley hail from Norton. This is the first 720 in the method by all, and was rung in honour of the fortieth anniversary of the installation of the bells.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The September meeting was held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday last, members attending from Darlington (St. John's), Stockton, Middlesbrough, Guisborough, Stokesley, Skelton, Saltburn and Ormesby. The meeting was also honoured with a visit by the Rev. W. P. Wright, who was the first secretary of the association, and afterwards became president, from 1903 to 1914. Tea was provided at the Fox and Hounds Inn, Carlton, which, by the way, belongs to the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Kyle. The tea was presided over by the president (the Rev. A. Simpson). After tea, the president thanked Mr. Kyle for the use of the bells, and expressed pleasure in seeing the Rev. W. P. Wright amongst them again. The fact that he had taken up ringing again made one think that ringing was worth considerably more energy than seemed to be put into it by the young men of to-day. The president also congratulated 'the father of the association' Mr. W. Newton (Stockton-on-Tees) on his seventieth birthday. The family of three generations ring together Sunday by Sunday. Continuing, the president referred to the loss the association had sustained in the death of Mr. Walter Pick, and to show their sympathy he asked them to stand in silence for a few moments. He hoped the secretary would convey their condolences to the widow and family.

The Rev. J. L. Kyle, Vicar of Carlton, in his usual breezy way, welcomed the association, and hoped that it would not be long before there was another meeting there, as he liked to hear the bells rung.

The ringers returned to the tower, and kept the bells going until 7 o'clock, the methods rung being Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

## CHARING BELLS PUT IN ORDER.

Charing, a village near Ashford, in Kent, has a peal of six bells, the tenor weighing 13½ cwt., which was presented to the church in 1878 by Bishop Tuftnell, who was curate-in-charge of the parish at the time of the restoration of the church, which was destroyed by fire about 1590. It was recently found necessary to overhaul the bells and framework. This was entrusted to Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who put in new bearings and gudgeons, new headstock to the tenor, and steel plates on every corner of the frame. Between the 5th and 6th bells there used to be only a round iron bar to keep the frame together, and this has been replaced by a strong set of tie bars which has considerably strengthened the frame. All the pulley wheels have bronze bearings in place of the old squeaking iron ones, whilst the bell wheels have been repaired and fitted with blocks to prevent friction as much as possible where the ropes pass through the wheels. Other smaller items have been put in order, and the work very well done.

Friends from Brabourne and the local men had the pleasure of trying them on Friday evening, September 17th, and the 'go' was found to be perfect.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Fotheringham) and the Parochial Council's secretary inspected the work, and after getting the opinion of the ringers as to the 'go,' etc., the Vicar invited the party to the White Swan, where he suitably thanked Mr. Bowell for the excellent and prompt manner in which he carried out the work.

## DEATH OF MR. W. PICK OF SHAROW.

### A RINGER FOR 64 YEARS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Walter Pick, of Sharow (Ripon), who died on Saturday, September 11th, at the age of 75 years. Mr. Pick, who was well known and highly respected in the district, was a native of Sharow, and lived the whole of his life in the same house. He was educated at the local village school, and at an early age was apprenticed to gardening, which he followed for many years. He became an overseer of the parish of Sharow forty years ago, and he always had the pleasure of meeting the Government auditor with great credit. He also took a very great interest in friendly society work, and became a member of the Kingston Unity of Oddfellows at a very early age. He attended to the business of the Lodge up to the last. He passed through the various offices of both Lodge and district, and his advice on Lodge matters always carried great weight. He took up church bellringing when only twelve years of age, and followed it to the end of his days. He became a member of the Yorkshire Association in 1873, and a life member of the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1881. He was one of the original members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, for which he had rung ten peals. The latter part of his ringing career was mostly confined to teaching young ringers, of which there are a good many in the district of Ripon. He was one of the men who attended most diligently to his church, and was verger for a great number of years. He was also a manager of the Sharow Schools.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, September 14th, at Sharow Church, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. The service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Rev. R. A. Powtall, Vicar of Sharow. The hymns were 'Now the labourer's task is o'er' and 'On the resurrection morning.' The bells, which he loved to hear, were fully muffled, and were rung both before and after the service.

The deceased leaves a widow and grown-up family to mourn their loss.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**ISLEWORTH.**—For morning service, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: —, Beadle 1, W. H. Hollier 2, T. Beadle 3, A. H. Harding 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. Brooks 8.

**ERITH, KENT.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: F. Sims 1, F. J. Cullum, sen., 2, S. A. Stagg 3, Gnr. W. Thomas, R.A., 4, L. J. Cullum 5, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 6, E. J. Hott 7, W. Darke 8.

**BEACONSFIELD.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for harvest festival, morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: F. Buckland 1, H. Wingrove 2, F. Corke 3, J. Blackmore 4, R. Turner 5, J. Bating 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, F. Lamb (first quarter-peal) 8.

**ROTHERHAM.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, the first quarter of Bob Royal (1,260 changes) was rung on the bells in 55 mins.: G. Oakes 1, W. Barton (Pudsey) (conductor) 2, A. Firth 3, J. W. J. Cottam 4, A. Stamp 5, G. Tuke 6, J. H. Brothwell 7, J. Ambler (Pudsey) 8, L. Littlewood 9, S. Briggs 10.

**HOUNSLOW.**—At St. Paul's, on September 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Triples in 43 mins.: J. Tricker, jun., 1, W. Sparrow 2, J. Kent 3, T. Hawthorne 4, J. Milner 5, C. J. Tricker, sen., 6, S. G. Armstrong (conductor) 7, E. A. Hadlow (Gravesend) 8.

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—For morning service, on September 5th, at St. Faith's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: M. Marshall 1, Miss Edith K. Parker 2, B. Clark 3, W. Monk 4, R. J. Hasted (conductor) 5, W. Gent 6, Geo. W. Fletcher 7, S. Parsons 8. Ringers of the 2nd and 7th are from Edmouton.

**TIMBERSCOMBE.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Church of St. Petrock, for evening service, on Sunday, September 5th, in 45 mins.: W. Hoyle 1, B. Wheeler 2, S. Graham 3, E. Thorne 4, A. Bryant (conductor) 5, J. Farmer 6, A. Stevens 7, E. Gould 8. The ringer of the treble is from Minehead, 2nd from North Wingfield, near Chesterfield, 5th and 7th from Old Cleeve; the others belong to the local band. This is the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells, also the first quarter for ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor.

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.**—On Sunday morning, September 5th, at the Church of St. James, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. L. Harlow (conductor) 1, H. King 2, E. Frossell 3, J. Church 4, L. Williams 5, H. J. Harlow 6.

**NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Doubles, comprising five extents of Grandsire and one of Plain Bob in 25 mins.: Mrs. W. T. Hart 1, J. W. J. Brown 2, Cyril Pooley 3, W. T. Hart 4, F. N. Golden (conductor) 5.

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#### NOTICE.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch —The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Sutton Courtney on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting at school room 4.30. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by September 30th.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen St., Abingdon.

## NOTICES.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Greasley on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wellington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Further particulars by circular. In addition to the towers named on the circular there will be available St. Peter's, Halliwell, Saviour's and All Souls'. All churches are on car routes, particulars of which will be posted in Holy Trinity Church.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. — Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Langham on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guiltsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Buckby on Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec., Guiltsborough.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Caldicot, Mon., on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Spondon on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 5.30 to 9 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Oxhey Saturday, September 25th. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30. Ringing till 8 p.m.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Northallerton (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Daleston Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided, at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The new ring of eight bells at St. Michael's, Southampton, by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30th. Bells after service. All ringers welcome.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half travelling expenses will be paid to members attending. Please notify me before Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tower will be opened at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. Please notify me by Sept. 29th. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Farnham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know?—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cottingham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in King Street Schoolroom, followed by business meeting. Short service at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. E. Hodgson, 268, Northgate, Cottingham, by first post Thursday, Sept. 30th. All outstanding subscriptions for year ending Sept. 30th should be paid at this meeting.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Bury Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7. Tea will be provided at 5.30 for all those sending in not later than Wednesday, Sept. 29th, to Mr. Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Hushorne Crawley on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. It will greatly help the tea arrangements if those intending to be present will send a card to Mr. H. H. Smith, 44, High Street, Hushorne Crawley. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch (ringing only) will be held at the Church of St. Michael, Blackburn, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Arrangements for October:—St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m., Monday, the 11th, at 6.30, to be followed by the quarterly business meeting at 8, and Monday, the 25th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 5th, at 8. Members are urged to attend the important Northern District meeting at South Hackney on Saturday, the 16th (see separate announcement).—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E. 14.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Beeston, Notts. This is Goose Fair Saturday, and cheap trips will be running to Nottingham, from whence buses run every few minutes. Bells (8) open from 2 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, followed by general meeting, all in School Room. Owing to difficulty in catering it is quite essential that those intending to be present at tea (1s. 10d. per head) advise Mr. W. Clifford, jun., 25, Enfield Street, Beeston, not later than Oct. 7th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Ringing from 3.15. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Tea at Barker's Restaurant, Broad Street, at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify me not later than Oct. 5th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. The address at the service will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, and a tablet recording peals of Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major will be unveiled. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 5th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall, not later than Oct. 6th?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 5th? All ringers welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Oct. 16th, which all mem-

bers are urged to attend. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, to be followed by tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Well Street, at 6 o'clock, and then important business meeting, which will be asked to accept the resignations of the Master and secretary for business and domestic reasons, and to appoint successors.—A. Riley, Steward and Acting Sec., 6, Rydon Street, Islington, N.1.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, will be at the Church House immediately after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th.—W. Lafter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—A meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, to form a Northern District of the Guild. All lady ringers (non-members included) are invited. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Miss N. M. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham, has removed to The Priory Hostel, London Road, Cheltenham.

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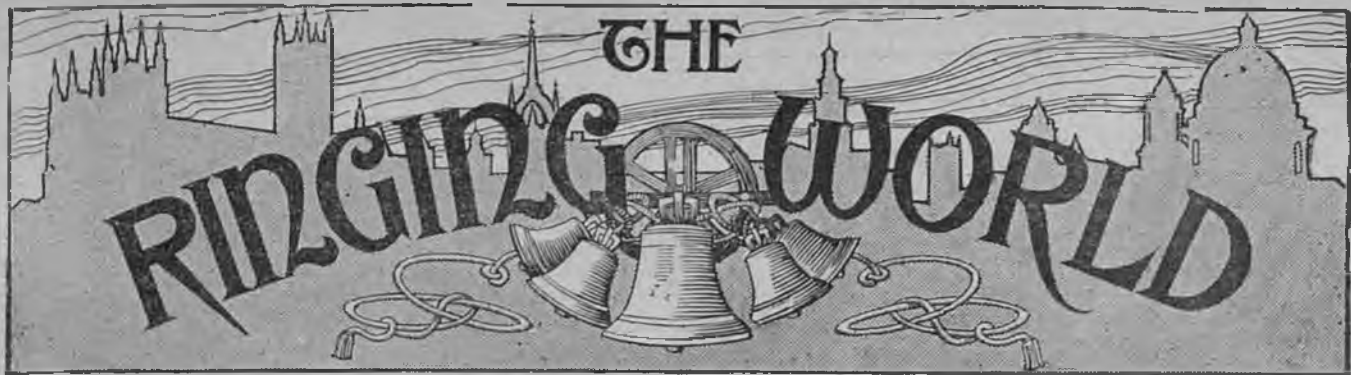
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## ASSOCIATION PIONEERS.

The Lancashire Association is the latest among the ringing organisations to celebrate its jubilee, and the Exercise at large will congratulate the ringers of the County Palatine on reaching this interesting 'birthday.' In this it has followed closely after the neighbouring county of Yorkshire, whose association was founded only in the year prior to that of Lancashire. It is extremely interesting, also, to know that there are still living in Lancashire men who helped to form the association in 1876, and that they continue to be actively concerned in the fortunes of the sturdy tree which they helped so successfully to plant. To those who can recall the early days of these associations these jubilees are a rather painful reminder of the rapid flight of time, but there must be at the back of any such feeling a considerable sense of gratification that the associations have developed as they have done into organisations of influence and importance. They came upon the scene in those days which the writer of 'Notes by the Way' — quite by a coincidence — describes this week as the worst period in ringing history. It was, of course, the necessity for action, both to uplift the position of the Art and the status of the ringer, that led to the formation of the modern associations, and the need for them was recognised in the north as early as anywhere. Not that in the north ringers were any worse than elsewhere, or that ringing had slipped back into a more deplorable condition there than in any of the other counties, but these men of Yorkshire and Lancashire were among the first to realise that organised effort was necessary if the use of church bells was to be preserved for the Art — nay, more, if the Art itself was to be preserved. How well they carried out their task, the flourishing condition of the two great associations remains as proof. The fine spirit which prompted their founders has continued to animate the actions of those who have followed them throughout the years, and the examples of Yorkshire and Lancashire were in no small degree the source of inspiration which led, in the immediately succeeding years, to the establishment of many similar societies throughout the length and breadth of the land. Ringers of the younger generation, who have only come on the scene in the last fifteen or twenty years, can hardly realise, perhaps, all that the early work of the county and diocesan organisations has really meant to the Art and the Exercise. It was a movement from within to bring about reforms and the development of change ringing at a time when ringers were in general disrepute, and, except in a few places, which formed a striking contrast to the general position, change ringing had drifted into a state bordering on inanition. It was the labours of those

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who founded the associations and did the heavy spade work of those early years which prepared the way for the advances which have been made in this century, which raised the Art to another plane and helped to make ringing easy for the men of to-day. These labours have resulted in tremendous advances in the science; they have brought about the restoration of hundreds of peals of bells; they have given ringers a totally different idea of their duty to the Church, and they have given the clergy and a considerable portion of the public an entirely different view of the standing of the bell ringer and his place in the entity of the Church.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK HINDLE ... .. 6
*FRED CHAMBERS ... .. 2	*JOHN SANDERSON ... .. 7
THOMAS WILSON ... .. 3	JOHN WATSON ... .. 8
*HERBERT CHAMBERS... .. 4	†WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 9
*THOMAS CHAMBERS ... .. 5	*MATTHEW KEARNEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the building of the present Blackburn Parish Church and its elevation to Cathedral rank.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. WILKINS ... .. Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... .. 6
CHAS. T. COLES ... .. 2	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS... .. 3	HENRY RUMENS ... .. 8
HENRY J. MAYNARD ... .. 4	FRED C. MAYNARD ... .. 9
WALTER STEED... .. 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. T. COLES. Conducted by R. MAYNARD, JUN.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Robert Maynard, sen. 50th peal by J. C. Adams.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
JAMES FLEUZY ... .. 2	*DAVID VINCENT ... .. 6
WALTER ARNOLD... .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal in the method.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble	FRED PRICE ... .. 5
BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 2	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 4	WILLIAM GREEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

ARMLEY, LEEDS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH, UPPER ARMLEY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Armley peal, including William Green, Miss Olive L. Lumley, H. Stanley Robinson, Joseph Bennett, Sidney Sadler, George Robinson, Henry Lindsay, and Percy J. Johnson.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON \* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. S. Sadler, H. Lindsay and the conductor, and also in honour of the birthday of their old friend, Mr. A. Windsor, of Armley.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, September 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Table listing names and positions for the Saxlingham peal, including William C. Rumsey, David Vincent, Richard Baldry, Albert G. Harrison, John Aldis, Charles Cutting, George Poyntz, and William Steggall.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. The thanks of the band are due to the Rector for kindly providing tea at the conclusion of the peal, which was arranged to oblige the ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Kettering, Northants.

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

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Christleton peal, including William Astle, Thomas Griffiths, Robert Sperring, John W. Davies, Henry W. Wilde, Walter Thomas, William Griffiths, and Robert Gregory.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. G. M. V. Hickey, M.A., who was leaving to take up work at Trowell, Notts, after having been Rector at Christleton for 16 years.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Long Stanton peal, including Miss Catherine Fields, Charles W. Cook, Harold J. Hazzell, Herbert Fields, George Perkins, John Smart, A. George Rivers, and Ernest G. Hibbins.

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS. This peal was specially arranged for G. Perkins, of Hemmingford Abbots, and J. Smart, of Huntingdon, this being their first peal on eight bells.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 3/4 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Sandbach peal, including Harold G. Smith, Frederick H. Crawley, Thomas Hurd, George W. Biddulph, Harry Parker, Charles Mason, Albert Crawley, and John Parker.

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes, AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Table listing names and positions for the Loughborough peal, including Leonard H. Whitehead, Frederick S. Price, J. Frederick Milner, Edgar C. Sheppard, E. Harry Stoneley, Harry Morgan, Edward C. Gobeys, and Percival Price.

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

RICHMOND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Table listing names and positions for the Richmond peal, including Thomas Lunn, Thomas Walton, Henry Taylor, Thomas Metcalfe, George Holmes, John G. Kinchin, Rev. A. Simpson, and Richard J. Todd.

Conducted by the REV. A. SIMPSON.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Redenhall peal, including Frederick Borrett, Charles Cutting, David Vincent, James Eldridge, George Gower, Charles Clarke, Rosell Riches, and Walter Barrett.

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal in the variation.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

Table listing names and positions for the Over peal, including Harry Overton, Thomas Butler, Harry F. Holding, Harold Edwards, James H. Riding, J. William Edge, Thomas R. Butler, and William Chadwick.

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, which are a left-handed ring.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Perry Barr peal, including Samuel J. Hughes, Louis S. Griffiths, Richard T. Ingram, George F. Swann, Sydney T. Elton, Frederick W. Rishworth, Joseph W. Pemberton, and William Davis.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Long Melford peal, including A. Symonds, S. Evans, T. Chinery, F. Poulson, W. F. Poulson, G. C. Birby, C. G. Birby, and W. Borge's.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. BORGES-

\* First peal in the method. Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, has rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*[CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... Treble	† J. W. CORNFORD ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	J. H. CHEESMAN ... .. 6
† WILLIAM HODGETTS ... .. 3	T. WILLSON ... .. 7
† JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

\* First peal in the method. † Elected members of the association previous to starting.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. RONTIER ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the eve of the golden wedding of Mr. A. W. Ruggles Brise, J.P., for many years an honorary life member of the association, and Mrs. Ruggles Brise, of Spains Hall, Finchingfield.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours & Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH. BISHOPSGATE, E.C.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT

The conductor's 300th peal.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER FRANKS ... .. Treble	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 6
CHARLES J. CHOET ... .. 3	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 7
HARRY FRANKS ... .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT C. DARNELL

The ringer of the treble hails from Battle, Sussex. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Hoing.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

R. ROCKALL ... .. Treble	* F. ROCKALL ... .. 4
* F. GOODE ... .. 2	* W. LUFF ... .. 5
J. W. HAYNES ... .. 3	* J. MONK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. HAYNES.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to F. Rockall.

HEREFORD.—On Wednesday, September 15th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 54 mins. (tenor 41 cwt.): C. Edwards (conductor) 1, W. E. Williams 2, Alec Taylor 3, T. Tayson 4, G. Giblin 5, Walter Taylor 6, A. W. Davis 7, W. H. Symonds 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

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

On Monday, September 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

THOMAS WISE ... .. Treble	GEORGE PARKER ... .. 3
ALFRED PICKFORD ... .. 2	JAMES MARR ... .. 4
ISAAC BENNETT ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, September 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following: Netherseal, Bourne, York, Durham, Annable's London, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR ... .. Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM ... .. 4
HARRY GREAVES ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... .. 5
FRED HALL ... .. 3	CHARLES SEVERN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

All the above are of the local company.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being equal parts of Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... Treble	REG V. JOHNSON ... .. 3
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 4
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by all the band.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,680 changes each of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH ROBERTSON ... Treble	ERNEST GOSDEN ... .. 4
EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 2	JOHN GEORGE ... .. 5
JAMES E. SCOTT ... .. 3	ALBERT SCHEOF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. A. HERN.

First peal of Doubles by all the band and by this association.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 24, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

* RICHARD FURNESS ... Treble	ISAAC BENNETT ... .. 4
ALFRED PICKFORD ... .. 2	THOMAS WISE ... .. 5
JOHN HAYNES ... .. 3	WILLIAM LUFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

\* First peal. First attempt. R. Furness and W. Luff elected members before starting.

APPLEBY, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT ... Treble	JAMES C. COLES ... .. 4
* BRIAN BRAY ... .. 2	GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 5
CHARLES H. BIRD ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

\* First peal and first attempt.

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST A. MARSH ... .. Treble	J. T. WILLIAM KILSEY ... 3
CHARLES S. FROST ... .. 2	RUFUS SCRIMSHIRE ... .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. The conductor wishes to thank the above local ringers for the opportunity of a peal at this church, and their kind entertainment afterwards.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Stedman and 22 of Grandsire.

A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

GEORGE HATTON, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN CURTIS ... .. 3
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 2	ALFRED W. BEADSMORE ... 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells which were made five in 1876. This is the 25th five-bell tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Hilperton on Saturday, September 18th. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and later the Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. B. Proby), Mr. Watts, who had come from North Bradley for the purpose, playing the organ. Tea was provided in the new Church Room, in the Rectory Garden, by the kindness of the Rector.

A short business meeting followed, at which the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes) presided, supported by the Rector and Sir Edward Wallington, C.V.O.

The chairman read a letter which the secretary had received from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, of Shroton, Dorset), which expressed his regret at being unable to be at the meeting, but all present were pleased to hear that he was better.

The chairman then thanked the Rector for his kindness in providing tea and for conducting the service and for the use of the bells. He also thanked the organist.

The Rector appealed for more young men to come forward and help with the ringing, saying how very different it was on Sundays when the bells were rung.—Sir Edward Wallington endorsed all the Rector had said, and hoped the holding of the meeting at Hilperton would have the desired effect.

Mr. W. Mees, the foreman of the Hilperton ringers, mentioned the interesting fact that on St. Stephen's Day next (December 26th) he would have completed 50 years as a ringer.

Ringling was then continued till about 8 p.m., ringers being present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Rowde, Bratton, Trowbridge, North Bradley, Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge, and Hilperton. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob were rung.

At the meeting the chairman drew the attention of the ringers to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' on good striking, and while agreeing that good striking was to be desired said, nevertheless, ringers should not be discouraged because good striking could not be always attained.

Keovil was proposed as the place for the next meeting, and the quarterly meeting was postponed till November, at Warminster, for the convenience of the chairman.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday, September 18th, at Pennsett, where the autumn meeting of the above society was held. The new ring of eight bells, recently installed by Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., of Smethwick, were kept going in the standard methods during the afternoon and evening.

The service in church was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, and a very interesting address delivered by the Rev. N. Edwards, Vicar. About 30 members and friends sat down to a good tea on the Vicarage lawn, which was much enjoyed. Of the nine new members enrolled, three were of the local company.

Darlaston is selected for the next meeting on January 8th.

DEVON AND CORNWALL TOUR.

The following twelve peals were rung in Devon and Cornwall by well-known ringers from eleven counties, on a holiday tour, September 11th to 19th, 1926:

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIFLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 3	FRANK J. DAVEY ... .. 7
JAMES RIDING ... .. 4	ARTHUR H. GOAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The date coincided with the 'silver wedding' anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge.

The three 'back' men are Exeter ringers, and represent St. Sidwell's, the Cathedral, and St. Thomas' towers respectively.

While the above was in progress, a team of eight visitors rang 14 hours for Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Thomas' tower. Mr. T. J. Stokes kindly welcomed the strangers to Exeter.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Monday, September 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6080 CHANGES;

Tenor 2, cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 8
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 9
JAMES RIDING ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by GEO. R. PYE.

A birthday touch for Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook. Mr. Edwin Shepherd (Exeter Branch chairman) met the visitors at the tower.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Monday, September 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 5
HARRY BARTON... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	JAMES RIDING ... .. 7
* THOMAS F. KING ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal of Double Norwich by Mr. King, of Twerton-on-Avon, who was staying at Teignmouth.

A 'Superlative' team of visitors went to Sowton Church the same afternoon, and, being unsuccessful, spent the evening at Littleham.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qt.

* AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Major by Mr. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh.

The Rector met the band at the tower, and congratulated the ringers on completion of their peal.

The above band travelled by motor-car from Exeter to Plymouth, calling at Buckfast Abbey on the way.

The 'railway' team were successful with Cambridge Surprise Major at Totnes the same morning.

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BOTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday evening, September 21st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,316 changes of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: T. Samuel 1, M. Beud 2, J. R. Jackson 3, C. H. Jallands 4, F. C. Briggs 5, C. Hallam 6, A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, R. Jackson 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Duke of Rutland, his Grace being president of the Framland Society, also lord of the manor.

TOTNES, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 6
JAMES RIDING ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. PARKER. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS  
Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Major rung upon these bells. The tenors fairly 'talked' to each other during this peal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 7
PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... .. 3	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 8
JAMES RIDING ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 9
HARRY BARTON ... .. 5	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE  
The third ringer, Miss Moss, was on holiday at Kingsbridge, having cycled down from Uxbridge the previous week. Messrs. G. H. Myers and Son met the visitors at the tower and gave them every assistance.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. GERMAN'S,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6
JAMES RIDING ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS  
First peal in the method upon the bells, and possibly the most changes in any performance yet rung in the county. The Rev. H. A. Kennedy, Vicar, met the visitors at the tower and gave them a welcome.

Another team attempted Stedman Triples here in the afternoon, and rang 24 hours.

KENWYN, TRURO.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
JAMES RIDING ... .. 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.  
A birthday peal for Mr. W. H. Fussell. The other team visited Kea and Helston towers without success.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Treble	JAMES RIDING ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.  
The first peal upon the bells. This church is within a few miles of Land's End, so that the above performance is the most southerly peal of Surprise rung in the British Isles. Perhaps a team will venture across the Atlantic some day! Dr. J. Symons welcomed the visitors to benediction.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
IN THE NORTHERN COMPANIE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 7
HARRY BARTON ... .. 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 9
EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.  
First peal of Royal in the county. The Cathedral company made excellent arrangements for the welfare of the tourists.

LADOCK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 4	JAMES RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS  
The first peal upon the bells. The conductor's 100th Surprise peal, rung in seven different methods.  
The Hampshire men left by car for home after this peal. The two Bristol 'featherweights' left at 9 a.m. for Trowbridge.

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.  
The first peal on the bells.  
An early morning motor drive of nine miles out from Truro was much enjoyed by the above tourists, who returned to London by the 12 o'clock Cornish Riviera express.

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**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
SOUTH SHROPSHIRE RINGERS JOIN.**

A successful meeting of the above was held at Church Stretton on Saturday last, when thirty-three ringers attended from Shrewsbury (St. Chad's and St. Mary's), Coalbrookdale, Ludlow, Bishop's Castle, Hodnot, Hopesay, Church Stretton, etc.

Ringings commenced soon after three o'clock, and the bells were kept going in various methods till 5 p.m., when the members adjourned to the State Cafe for tea.

At the business meeting, Major E. R. Trevor Corbett presided. A number of new members were elected from South Shropshire towers.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Shrewsbury, as usual, in January, and Mr. Rodenhurst was asked to obtain estimates for new certificates for the association and to have the peal book entered up to date.

After the meeting, the members returned to the tower, and some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

**NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.**

Always a 'bright' spot in the Nottingham area, Greasley, with its fine peal of eight, was visited on Saturday by nearly thirty members, who did ample justice to the splendid tea as well as to the opportunities in the belfry.

The usual business routine resulted in one new member, and the selection of Bulwell, Mansfield and Radcliffe for the next three meetings. The annual meeting of the Nottingham district was also fixed for January 8th, 1927, at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

The vice-president announced that owing to two societies existing in Nottingham now, and it being deemed advisable that no member should hold office in both, he, along with the hon. secretary and Mr. F. Bailey (committee), would not seek re-election at that meeting.

The customary votes of thanks to the Vicar and the locals for a really first-rate entertainment, to which Mr. J. Hobbs replied, ended the business, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

**RETURNING TO AMERICA.**

After a stay in this country of eleven months, Mr. Albert Crossley, a former ringer at Oldham, is returning to New Bedford, U.S.A. On Sunday evening a farewell touch of 504 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's Parish Church: V. Sykes 1, S. M. Butterworth 2, E. Geary 3, J. Lees 4, J. W. Taylor 5, C. H. Marsland 6, R. Greenwood (conductor) 7, J. Cox 8.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S WEDDING**

Large numbers of people flocked to the Church of the Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Southwark, on Saturday, September 11th. It was the occasion of the wedding of Miss Alice May Tomlinson to Mr. Arthur H. Keighley, the well-known secretary of the London County Association. The church was nearly full, as Mr. Keighley has done much social work in connection with the church of South London, and the interest taken in his wedding shows how much his labours have been appreciated. Among the congregation were several officers of the London County Association, including the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), the treasurer (Mr. E. A. Young), assistant secretary (Mr. T. W. Taffender), senior steward (Mr. F. W. Chorley), Past-Master (Mr. C. F. Winney), and a large number of ringers.

The choir, of which Mr. Keighley is a member, met the bridal party at the church porch, and the service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. Hammell Smith, the curate-in-charge.

There was one regret, that the eight splendid-toned bells in the tower (tenor 20 cwt.) could be neither rung nor chimed, an examination having revealed that the pits were choked with birds' refuse. But the ceremony was not allowed to pass without the bells playing their part for, as the bride and bridegroom passed out of the church, a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells.

The wedding breakfast and reception were held in St. George's Hall, Borough Road, where the festivities were kept going till a late hour. A number of ringers were present. During the afternoon six courses of London Surprise Major were rung at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East by: A. J. Neale 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. Wingrove 3, W. Miller 4, G. Faulkner 5, J. R. Gammon 6, A. Card 7, E. D. Smith 8.

**LADIES' GUILD.**

The Western District of the Ladies' Guild held a quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, September 18th, about thirty members and friends being present. The Guild service was held, and an address given by the Vicar (Preb. Badcock).

At the business meeting, which followed tea at the Cinema Cafe, it was decided to hold the December meeting in Bristol, St. Andrew's, Clifton, being the tower chosen.

The attendance in the belfry after tea was small, owing to the beauty of the evening and the attraction of the sea front. Those, however, who did find their way back quite enjoyed themselves.

Earlier in the afternoon All Saints' Church was visited by some of the party, who had the pleasure of meeting and ringing with the lady members of the local band.

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The meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, which was to have been held at Hillingdon on October 9th, has been postponed to the 30th.

To-day is the anniversary of a peal of 5,040 Bob Major rung in the year 1749 by the Eastern Scholars, being the first 'on ye eight new bells at St. Mary Rotherhithe.'

On October 1st, 1793, Joshua Short called a peal of 15,360 Bob Major at Aston.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells at All Saints', Fulham, was rung on October 3rd, 1819.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung for the first time on October 6th, 1788. This was at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by the College Youths, and 'is an instance of that unrivalled merit only to be equalled by a similar assiduity and perseverance.'

Born in 1783, William Booth, one of the most famous of old Sheffield ringers, and grandfather of Charles Henry and Thomas Hattersley, died on October 6th, 1849.

The first known Northamptonshire bell-founder, Henry Bageley, son of a blacksmith, at Chaceombe, was baptised on October 2nd, 1608. He apparently started bell-founding in 1632, and died about the year 1676.

Mr. Isaac Emery, of Bromley, Kent, and Mr. John Emery have sustained a sad bereavement by the death of their father, who passed away on Friday within three weeks of his 88th birthday. The funeral took place at St. Mary Cray, Kent, on Wednesday.

The death has occurred at Liversedge of Mr. William Collins, at the advanced age of 81 years. He had been a ringer since the year 1861, and some details of his long career will be given in our next issue.

Part II. of Mr. E. A. Young's article on 'Bell Tones' will appear in our next issue.

## METHODS VERSUS STRIKING. APPLIANCE FOR OBTAINING PUBLIC ANNOYANCE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leader, 'Methods versus Striking,' and in particular to the continual 'banging about,' which applies not only in attempting to ring a method which is really beyond the capabilities of a band but to novices who bang about the bells in attempting their first plain course, in Jasper W. Snowdon's book, 'Rope Sight,' on pages 4 and 5 he states: 'A very efficient apparatus capable of being fixed to any ring of bells, by which, when the clappers are lashed or fixed, blows, corresponding to the times at which the clappers of the bell would have sounded, are struck on miniature bells fixed in the ringing chamber. By this means the ringers have the benefit of the sounds from their bells when practising, without any annoyance being given to the public by irregular sounds from the tower bells. Having had several opportunities of practising with this apparatus, and of hearing the opinion of those who have it fixed to their bells, I can with confidence recommend it, and consider that it ought to be fixed in every tower where the practising of beginners is likely to cause any annoyance.'

It would be interesting to know the makers of this apparatus and its cost, as it would probably be a means to overcome the annoyance to those outside who, as you say, are compelled to listen.—Yours truly,  
ARTHUR C. WALSH.

## WORDSLEY BELLS RING OUT AGAIN.

**AN INTERESTING CEREMONY.**

Shortly before noon on Sunday, September 12th, and immediately following the celebration of Sung Eucharist, a very interesting ceremony was performed at Wordsley Parish Church. The tower, which had been closed for many months for repairs and strengthening, was re-opened by the Rector (Rev. R. H. Fowler).

A procession was formed, consisting of the clergy, the wardens of both the Parish and Glynn Mission Churches, the architects (Messrs. Webb and Gray, Dudley), Miss Carr, representing Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, the bell-founders responsible for the retuning of the bells, and the choir, and upon arrival at the tower the Rector read prayers of dedication.

Upon the stroke of 12 the Rector pulled the wire and started the clock, which had stood still for about 12 months. As soon as the clock had finished striking, the ringers ascended to the belfry and rang a short but merry peal. In the afternoon they again, with the assistance of two ringers from Wollaston, rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, and the ringers afforded much pleasure to the villagers.

The ringers were unanimous in their opinion that the bells had been splendidly hung, and that the highest possible credit was due to the firm responsible for the work of retuning.

It has been decided to have the dials of the clocks illuminated, and for this purpose a fund has been opened. Mr. W. H. Stuart, J.P., of The Mount, Wordsley, has consented to act as treasurer, and will be pleased to acknowledge any donations which may be forwarded to him. It is hoped that the new dials will be fixed in the course of the next three weeks.



## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION COMMEMORATION DINNER ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.

The fifth annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield on Saturday, September 18th, at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, when a widely representative gathering of ringers and friends paid tribute to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the association. The bells of the Cathedral and of the neighbouring church of St. Marie were available for visitors during the afternoon, some very good ringing being heard at both churches.

At 6 p.m., the Ven. Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Very Rev. John Russell Darbyshire, M.A.), took the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. Frank Willey (vice-president), Mr. P. J. Johnson (secretary), and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. Colterill (treasurer), Rev. W. G. Lalgie (Vicar of All Saints', Sheffield), the Revs. H. F. Sheppard and David T. Sykes (of the Cathedral), Mr. A. Walker (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), and Mrs. Walker, Mr. S. R. Roper (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), Mr. J. Oldham (Messrs. Taylor and Co.), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. W. Knight (Bristol), Mr. T. King (Bath), Mr. H. R. Newton (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. W. H. Shaker (secretary of the Lancashire Association), and Mrs. Shaker, Mr. W. Payne (Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. J. H. Howell (Beverley), Mr. C. D. Potter (secretary of the Barnsley and District Association), Mr. G. H. Walker (secretary of the Doncaster and District Association), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Chester Guild), Mr. A. Craven, Mr. J. Holman, Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, and Mr. C. Harrison, all of the Sheffield District Society, Mr. S. P. Palmer (secretary of the Dinner Committee), and many ringers from towers both near and far.

The toast of 'The King' having been proposed by the chairman and honoured in the usual custom, the toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who said he did indeed consider it a privilege to be invited to say a few words that night on the subject of Church and State, and to ask them to join with him in drinking that toast. He thought that the subject first mentioned was of all toasts the most misunderstood. By the 'Church,' in many cases they referred to Bishops, Archdeacons and old gentlemen who took care of their cathedrals, and they did not always realise, perhaps, the part which the Church had played in their history. It was responsible for their code of laws. Having outlined something of the history of important movements in the churches, he went on to say that, so far as the clergy were concerned, those who were with them that night were an excellent example of what every member of the Church should be. He felt, and was sure, that deep down in their hearts everyone connected with the Church believed that they should ring true in every sense of the word. During the last fifty years they found that enormous strides had been made in belfry reform, and what was a very pleasing fact was that it did not come from outside but from the ringers themselves. In the present state they found that the clergy came amongst them more and more. The example they had that day was a very good proof of this. With regard to the State, never in the history of the nation had they had a position such as they had to-day, which engaged the thought of all classes, yet they ought to see, and would see, the desired results if they realised that in dealing with matters connected with the Church and State they put the Church first. Such principles should be reflected in national legislation, and these would then, no doubt, be embodied in the national life. The clergy had come forward in the present dispute with proposals of their own, which, unfortunately, had not produced the desired results, but if they followed the principles of the clergy in viewing affairs of the State, they would find that the interests of the Church and State were the principles of the country combined (cheers).

### RINGERS AND THE CHURCH.

The Archdeacon of Sheffield, who responded, said Mr. Johnson had remarked that the toast was a theme that was perennial, and it was most appropriate that it should be so. In most ancient times bells were used for State occasions as well as for ecclesiastical occasions. In ancient belfries one use of the bells was undoubtedly to summon the people to civic assemblies or to give the alarm in the case of the irruption of the foes of the State, and it was frequently the case that in unsettled times one of the first precautions was to annex all bells or even to destroy them in order that they should not be the means of summoning the people for any hostile purpose. That this was not an unnecessary precaution would be proved by an amusing little experience which befel their colleague, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, in the course of the recent Cambridge Guild tour. Raising the bells for a peal in a certain village belfry, the effect must have sounded to the authorities very like their fire alarm, for within a few minutes the local fire fighters descended upon the church enquiring for the fire (laughter). Continuing, the chairman said that the association between Church and State appeared to be closer in the case of ringers than in that of any other body of church workers, and he expressed the hope that it might always be the outstanding feature of ringers as a body that they well represented in themselves the union of Church and State. He would like to take the word 'church' in a wider sense than Mr. Johnson had done, the latter having apparently indicated by his remarks the Established Church, and quite naturally so, as the vast majority of the company present represented towers of the Established Churches. Nevertheless, it was not only the towers of such churches that possessed bells, as even in his own city there was a very fine peal of eight in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Marie, whilst in some places there were peals in the belfries of Nonconformist

places of worship. The real cleavage between Church and State would be liable to come if they were to take the possibly controversial stand-points to which Mr. Johnson objected. If the Church were viewed simply as a number of old gentlemen taking care of cathedrals (this remark brought a smile from the clergy present), then it would be pretty useless; it could not stand against the opinion of the great bulk of the civilian population. If every ringer, Established Churchman or otherwise, would make it his business to be a Churchman as he individually construed the word, he would be able to do a great amount of work and exert a considerable measure of influence to bring about the communion of interest between Church and people which Mr. Johnson desired to see. Referring to the present industrial crisis, without touching on the ground covered by the proposer, he expressed the hope that all present were filled heart and soul with a genuine desire for a lasting settlement devoid of bitterness which would provide a natural occasion for all ringers of Yorkshire to ring 'the wildest peal of years.' Since the possibly not too good old days when the leather jug was a prominent feature in belfry furniture, great progress, continued the speaker, had been made towards unity of ideas and purpose between clergy and the laity, particularly that section of the latter occupied in ringing, and it was essential that this should continue and that an increasing freedom of intercourse between them should come about. He felt that coupled with this toast should have been the name of the society's esteemed president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, who, in view of his great abilities, both ecclesiastical and campanological, might very fitly, in his own person, stand for both Church and State. He was very glad that Mr. Marshall was not the only clerical gentleman lurking in the midst of the evening's gathering. In addition to the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, by now well known to those present, they had a newcomer in the Rev. D. T. Sykes, a colleague in the cathedral work who was very welcome, although up to the present had not been infected by Mr. Sheppard's 'bell-ringing mania' (laughter). He was not alone in that respect, as the speaker had to confess that his only experience of campanology so far extended to the ringing of a single bell for matins and evensong at the Cathedral, in the occasional absence of the verges. In conclusion the Archdeacon thanked the company for having invited him to take the chair and to join them in doing homage to the memory of their worthy founder, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, to whose memory he would ask them to drink the toast in the time-honoured manner by passing round to each individual present their historic loving cup and observing the toast in silence, standing (loud applause).

### HONOURED MEMORIES.

The company having so honoured the society's founder, the vice-president (Mr. Frank Willey) then proposed the toast of 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association.' He said: 'It is impossible in the short time at my disposal to give a resume of the many vivid memories I have of the sterling character and inspiring leadership of our great predecessor, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and, really, I think it is unnecessary after the splendid way in which the Rev. C. C. Marshall described his services to our Exercise in his address four years ago.'

As evidence of the way in which the passing of years is robbing the art of its old stalwarts, it is interesting to note that on Mr. Willey asking how many of the company (which included men whose names have been a household word for very many years) remembered the founder, personally, no one present, save Mr. Willey himself, could claim that honour.

The speaker continued by referring to the early struggles in the middle of the nineteenth century, during which the foundation of the present prosperity of the Exercise was laid by the founder, ably assisted by such worthies as Robert Tuke, Wm. Whitaker, Charles Jackson, George Breed, Tom and Charles Henry Hattersley, the friendship of whom he had known and enjoyed. Of them all could it with truth be said, in the words of Tennyson, 'Ne'er shall their memory fade, long live their names.' Mr. Willey's remarks (he is a great favourite with all ringers) were greeted with loud and prolonged applause.

At this juncture a well executed course of Stedman Cinques was rung by: C. Harrison (St. Marie's) 1-2, J. Thorpe (Cathedral) 3-4, S. F. Palmer (Cathedral) 5-6, S. Briggs (Rotherham) 7-8, A. Walker (St. Martin's) 9-10, R. Harrison (St. Marie's) 11-12.

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies' was proposed by Mr. C. Harrison (secretary of the Sheffield District Society), who drew attention to the very cosmopolitan nature of the gathering, including, as it did, representatives from as far north as Newcastle, from London in the south, Bath and Bristol in the west. They missed especially Mr. J. Rowbotham, of the College Youths, and although he had sent his apologies for absence and wired his good wishes, they would have much rather had him there in the flesh. The speaker referred to the long-standing associations between the Yorkshire Association and the College Youths, and said they were indeed honoured that Mr. H. R. Newton had found it possible to come. In speaking of the St. Martin's Guild, and the welcome which they habitually extended to visitors, he said that the consistency with which Mr. Albert Walker attended their Yorkshire gatherings proved and showed the mutual desire of both societies to cement the friendships begun in the days of such men as Charles Henry Hattersley, Henry Johnson and John Carter. They especially welcomed the ladies that night, to share the memories of men who had made ringing what it was to-day and to join in the friendships, cemented and made anew that night (loud cheers).

## DIFFICULTIES OF BROADCASTING

In reply, Mr. Albert Walker said how gratified he was to have the privilege on that further occasion. He was most struck by the wide area from which the visitors had come, which indicated their interest in the work of the Yorkshire Association. He felt that they were particularly honoured by the presence of the Ringing Master of the College Youths, and he heartily congratulated the College Youths upon a very notable achievement which would be a prominent milestone in the history of the art, namely, the broadcasting of change-ringing on Bow bells. He might say he had the honour of arranging the first broadcasting of any church bells, and was aware, as few people were, of the tremendous difficulties to be overcome before this could be satisfactorily executed, as the wireless transmission greatly accentuated even the slightest trip or other defect of any kind. Whilst congratulating the College Youths, he would also sympathise with them, as he understood that in a recent broadcasting programme they had the misfortune to have a stay break while ringing for transmission. Their several performances of Stedman Cinques for broadcast purposes were worthy of the highest appreciation. It was particularly pleasant for him to be responding on this topic in a Sheffield gathering, as both towns owed so much to each other, Birmingham being especially indebted to Sheffield for the assistance and encouragement which their members and he, personally, had received in their early struggles from such men as the brothers Hattersley. He recalled with pleasure a most enjoyable visit to Sheffield which the Birmingham ringers paid on invitation some years ago. For some time past it had been in the speaker's mind to arrange a suitable return compliment, and had it not been for the present industrial crisis this would have taken place at Duffield this year. However, he had every hope that this fraternal event would materialise during the course of the coming year (applause).

Further messages of goodwill were voiced by the representatives of two of the most distant bodies, namely, Mr. H. R. Newton, of the College Youths, and Mr. W. Payne, of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association' was admirably proposed by the Rev. David T. Sykes, who said he was specially pleased as what might be termed an outsider to be asked to propose such a toast. He felt, nevertheless, a certain amount of kinship with the ringing art, as when 'a young man' he had been a member for a year of the Cambridge University Guild, and had also pleasant memories of many outings with ringers in the Staffordshire area. He recounted an amusing incident which occurred to a band who were invited to a village church outside Cambridge to ring a peal. The only means of entry to the ringing chamber was by a ladder leading to a trap door. However, the band climbed in, got started, and rang without incident until about twenty minutes from the end, which he was told was a very critical time. At this juncture, however, a pale young curate, who was about to say evensong in the Lady Chapel, but who feared he would be unable to make himself heard, came climbing up the ladder, raised the trap door, and in a very gentle voice said, 'My dear friends, I am just going to say evensong, and I must really request you to stop.' Without a moment's hesitation, the conductor, who was nearest the trap door, extended his foot, and, applying his whole weight, closed the trap door and rang on to a successful conclusion without a word (laughter). He (the speaker) felt that he was similarly placed to the 'pale young curate,' and inasmuch as the gathering was undoubtedly keenly looking forward to Mr. Marshall's speech, he would close the trap door upon himself and without further ado would ask the company to join him in the toast he was so delighted to propose (laughter and applause).

## PRESENCE OF CLERGY WELCOMED.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the association), in proposing 'The Chairman,' said although this toast was the last on the list he felt that it was by no means the least important for two reasons, firstly, he was so often the chairman himself at similar gatherings that it was a real pleasure to sit aside for once and see the duties carried out by an abler hand. Secondly, he spoke as a ringer and not as a clergyman or a president, and as such he heartily welcomed the presence of so many different clergymen and officers of the Church. At no time had a better feeling existed in Sheffield between ringers and the Church than during the Archdeacon's stay. In the past it had been felt that the clergy had not considered them enough or been amongst them sufficiently often, but that time was now rapidly getting past, and such gatherings as that evening's did a great deal to help both parties to know each other and appreciate each other better. It might be said that the laity did not often really know the clergy, and this was possibly because there was still a tendency for the layman to shun the clergyman, as having no sympathy with many of his walks of life. Nothing could be further from the actual facts, and he hoped that as time went on this impression would be banished for ever. A concrete instance of this was the attitude of 'the man in the street' towards a cleric of great renown and striking ability, who for a long time now had been popularly known as 'the gloomy Dean.' As a matter of fact, no description of such a many-sided and talented character could be wider of the mark. Anyone who had the time and privilege to read that gentleman's book which had recently appeared would have no difficulty in refuting the suggestion conveyed by such a description, and the speaker put the gathering in laughing vein by quoting some really first-class 'howlers' from Dean Inge's book, which showed that, at all events, that gentleman certainly did

not lack the saving grace of a splendid sense of humour. It was obviously quite wrong to say that a man with such a trait could be indifferent to the aims and interests of the English layman (cheers).

The Archdeacon suitably replied, and announced that ringing would be permitted on the Sunday morning between the hours of 9.30 to 10.30, and in the event of any of his 'pale-faced curates' interrupting their wita requests to stop for Matins, they were to 'chuck him out' (laughter).

During the course of the evening the Sheffield Orpheus Male Choir and the Norton Handbell Ringers rendered various acceptable items, it being a special treat to hear the choir whose fame is by no means confined to the Sheffield district. The visitors had a real sample of the Yorkshire dialect in their rendering of the famous Yorkshire folk song, 'On Ilkka Moor 'bart 'at,' which was received with tremendous applause.

About a score of the visitors stayed overnight and visited the various towers on the Sunday.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## FUND FOR CATHEDRAL MEMORIAL BELLS COMPLETED.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Bigby on Saturday, September 18th. The weather being ideal for the occasion, a large number availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting this village with such charming surroundings, also of inspecting its fine old church and having a ring on the nice toned peal of six bells. About 90 members and friends were present from the following places: Ashby, Barrow-in-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Branston, Brigg, Burton-on-Stather, Gainsborough, Grimsby, Haxey, Lincoln, Retford, Scotter, Scunthorpe, and Uleoby, in addition to the local company, also Mr. J. H. Brothwell, Treeton, near Rotherham. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, when several touches were brought round in various methods, ranging from Grand sire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Service, consisting of the Guild Office, was held, at which the Rector (Rev. H. T. Parry) officiated. The Rev. T. E. Muerig Davies (Vicar of Barnetby) was the preacher, and delivered a most appropriate and instructive address to the large congregation assembled. Amongst those present were the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (president of the Guild), and Mrs. Fry, Dr. F. P. H. Birdwhistle, Barton-on-Humber, and Mr. E. Dawber, Gainsborough (honorary members). Mr. H. Rushby, one of the ringers at Grimsby St. Andrew's, presided at the organ. The hearty way in which the members joined in the singing added considerably to the brightness of the service, and left an impression which will be remembered for some time to come.

Subsequently, through the kind generosity of the Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Parry the company were entertained to tea in the schoolroom. It was at this juncture that the Dean of Lincoln informed the members that he had been successful in raising sufficient money to meet the balance required for the augmentation of the Cathedral bells to twelve, as a memorial to the ringers in the diocese who sacrificed their lives in the Great War. This announcement was received with applause.

At the conclusion of tea, a collection was taken for the fund and realised the sum of £4 7s. 7d.

Owing to the Dean having to leave early, Mr. F. F. Linley, on behalf of the members, extended to him and Mrs. Fry a very hearty welcome and also thanked them for their presence.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. Linley (Northern Branch president) took the chair. Apologies for absence were announced from Canon Hicks, Messingham, Revs. H. A. C. Herbert, Broughton, R. Bond, Lincoln, and E. W. Carpenter, Kingerby. Reference was also made to the loss which the Gainsborough company had sustained through the departure of Mr. H. Morgan, owing to his removal to Leicester.

One new honorary member, Rev. Hall, Welton, was elected. It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Harleston, an amendment to visit Barton-on-Humber finding no seconder.

Votes of thanks were proposed as follows: To the Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Parry for their kind hospitality, the church authorities for the use of the bells, the Rev. T. E. Muerig Davies for his excellent sermon, Mr. H. Rushby for presiding at the organ, the ladies who so willingly assisted at the tea tables, and all others who had helped towards making the meeting such a success. These were carried and duly responded to.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business, after which further ringing took place, thus bringing to a close what will be remembered for some years to come as a red-letter day in the annals of the Northern Branch. It was with regret that the members received information of the indisposition of the Rev. H. T. Parry, but all hope and trust that he may soon be once again restored to health and strength.

## SILVER WEDDING.

On Tuesday, September 14th, at Kidderminster Parish Church, 1,344 of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: Keith Salter 1, G. Davies 2, T. J. Salter 3, E. J. Brooks 4, J. Smith 5, J. Woodberry 6, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 7, J. Bennett 8. Composed by A. J. Pitman, and contains 108 6-7's, 48 4-6's, and 48 7-4's. Rang as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on his silver wedding day.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. THE JUBILEE MEETING.

The Lancashire Association assembled for its annual meeting on Saturday at Bolton, and there was special interest in the proceedings inasmuch as it was the jubilee gathering. All and sundry did their best to make it a success, but each one disclaimed that he did more than anyone else. The result, however, was highly gratifying. The eight rings of bells of Bolton and also Walkden were at the disposal of members during the afternoon, and were well used in the various methods beloved by ringers.

The real business of the day commenced at 4 p.m., when service was held at Holy Trinity Church. The association had been fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, for their preacher, and he was assisted by Rev. G. A. Deakin, Vicar of Holy Trinity, who intoned the service, Rev. Canon Lloyd (Wigan), who read the lesson, and Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee (president of the Lancashire Association), who gave the blessing. Also in robes were the Rev. F. E. Cheetham (principal of Egerton Hall, Manchester), Rev. W. Moore Smith (Walkden), Rev. J. H. Martin (All Souls', Bolton), Rev. J. W. Willis (St. Bartholomew's, Bolton), Rev. H. W. Bland (curate of Bolton Parish), and Rev. C. A. Clements (Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild).

Tea followed in the schools, when 133 sat down, the tables being presided over by the ringers' wives and friends. After tea, handbells were brought out, and the desire for 'more' delayed the start of business. The meeting was presided over by Canon Elsee, supported by the Mayor of Bolton (Councillor Percy Knott) and officers of the association.

After the president's address, the Mayor extended to the members a welcome to Bolton in a witty speech. As he could not stay long, he was thanked for coming to the meeting.

The committee's report showed 106 new members and a balance of £9 on the year's working. It also mentioned repairs and renewals in the various belfries in the county and the loss by death of 15 members. A printed balance sheet was in the hands of those present, and, after the auditors' report, was passed.

As there was only one nomination for each office, the following were re-elected and thanked for past services: President, Rev. Canon Elsee; general secretary, Mr. W. H. Shuker; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jackson.

A ballot took place for the election of Central Council representatives, and of the seven candidates Canon Elsee, Messrs. H. Chapman, P. Crook, and W. H. Shuker were elected.

Wigan was chosen as the venue of next year's meeting.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and wardens of the various churches for the use of bells, also to the organist and choir of Holy Trinity, and, last but not least, to Mr. P. Crook, the energetic local secretary, and his band of ringers for the labour they put in to make the day one to be remembered.

As the meeting was closing, a telegram was received from the Yorkshire Association, congratulating the Lancashire Association on attaining its jubilee, and the good wishes were highly appreciated.

Among those at the meeting were Mr. W. G. Mann, one of the founders, Mr. Marsden, of Chorley, and Mr. H. W. Jackson, the treasurer, who met together at Chorley 50 years ago to put the association on its feet. To-day it has 1,066 ringers in the county.

### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held their quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 18th, at Wolverley. Ringers from all parts of the branch began to assemble at three o'clock, the towers represented being: Harborne, Halesowen, Old Hill, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, Kinver, Stourbridge, Wollaston and Wolverley. The bells were kept going in various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. E. Wilson, who also kindly entertained the ringers to tea on the Vicarage lawn.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. He gave the members a cordial welcome to Wolverley, and apologised for the absence of Mrs. Wilson, who was indisposed.

Mr. A. Hackett (Halesowen) was re-elected ringing master of the branch, Mr. A. J. Skelding (Stourbridge) was re-elected secretary, and Mr. J. Piggott (Smethwick) was elected as Central Council representative.

Mr. J. Price invited the branch to hold their next meeting at Old Hill, and it was unanimously agreed that the invitation be accepted.

Mr. A. E. Parsons thanked the Vicar, on behalf of the branch, for his excellent address in the church and also for entertaining the members to tea in such beautiful surroundings. He expressed the hope that Mrs. Wilson would soon be recovered from her illness, and thanked the organist and choir for their services. The Vicar, in replying, thanked the ringers for their kind wishes for Mrs. Wilson's speedy recovery, and said it gave him great pleasure to have the association at Wolverley. He knew that through the great work of the ringers' associations, belfries had become occupied by men who were real church workers. It was one of the best meetings of the branch.

The ringers again visited the tower till about 7.30, and touches of Cambridge Surprise and various other Minor methods were brought round.

### A GLOUCESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.

#### QUAINT STORY OF A STOLEN BELL.

After a silence of 15 years, the bells of Abson, a little village hidden away in the Gloucestershire countryside, on the Bristol-Chippenham Road, have been heard again, their restoration having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The task of raising the necessary sum of nearly £300 has been a long one, but patience and perseverance have rewarded the authorities, and much of the success of the scheme is due to the unflagging zeal of Mr. Frederic Lewis (the people's warden) and Mrs. Lewis, who undertook the work of raising the last £150. Only a few pounds remained to be cleared off when the restored bells were rededicated on Saturday week, amidst the rejoicings of the villagers.

The bells, a peal of six, with tenor 10½ cwt., have an interesting history. There are two pre-Reformation bells among them, and the treble, known as the 'Vicar's bell,' has passed through many vicissitudes, having been, so local legend states, taken away from the church 120 years ago, only to be recovered in a daring manner by two villagers. The bell was then hidden, it is said, in a garden for two years; afterwards it was melted down and a smaller bell made from the metal. The present overhauling included sand-blasting and tuning, each bell also being one-eighth turned, and the original cannons have been preserved in a patent head stock.

The Rural Dean (Rev. J. H. Robertson, Rector of System) performed the dedication in the presence of a crowded congregation, and gave an interesting address.

The bells were first rung by members of the former body of ringers, Messrs. H. Perry (foreman), W. Nelmes, F. Hembery, T. Mizen, T. Smith and A. Amos. They were followed by members of the Mangotsfield Guild, and during the evening the bells continued to sound their mellow notes, while the villagers made merry on the green below. The programme included a public tea in a huge neighbouring barn lent by Mr. W. Brown, while during the evening the Staple Hill Concert Party gave enjoyable items, Mr. R. Brimble also taking part.

Arrangements are now being made to organise a new body of ringers for the parish. A collection at the service in aid of the bells realised over £4 10s.

On Saturday a meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Abson, and sunshine again favoured the proceedings. When the roll call was made for the Bristol party, thirty members boarded the motor, and Abson was reached in good time, everyone enjoying the drive into this remote part of the county, where for the first time in the history of the association a meeting was held. A good gathering of the clans had been asked for on this particular occasion, and the spirit was manifest when sixty gathered together from over a good radius. All the ringers were eager to try the bells, but some proved too strong for the light going little ring.

The association form of service was held in the church, which was tastefully decorated for the harvest festival, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. E. Lewis), who gave a splendid address and quoted Schiller's beautiful poem on bells, which was heard for the first time by several present.

Tea followed in the neighbouring barn, which was also decorated, and in right good fellowship the good things that had been arranged by Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis and a band of lady helpers were much enjoyed. The large company, in addition to members of the local church, included the Vicar and the following visitors: Miss N. Williams, Messrs. F. W. Canning, T. Grant, J. G. Taylor (Bath), S. R. Roper (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croxford), and C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), Mr. Spurrier (vice-president) and Mrs. Spurrier, while it was also gratifying to renew friendship with old ringers from St. George's, including the redoubtable 'Charlie.'

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), at which Messrs. S. Riches, W. H. Payne, W. True, P. Bryant, and W. Greenland, of St. Werburgh, Bristol, were elected performing members.

Mr. F. Lesker proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for taking the service and giving the address, and said it was the finest address he had ever heard at a ringers' meeting. He also thanked Mr. F. Lewis for arranging the tea, the ladies for looking after their comfort, and Mr. W. Brown for the use of the barn. He concluded by congratulating Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the excellent way they had carried out their contract.—Mr. Heginbotham seconded and, in a humorous speech, 'brought the house down' by his folk-lore stories.—The Vicar, in responding, thanked the meeting, and said he would do his best for the ringers and all concerned.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the St. Thomas' (Bristol) ringers gave a fine selection of tune playing on the handbells, which was much appreciated by all. Further ringing on the tower bells took place till after eight o'clock, and thus another happy meeting ended. The motor ride home to Bristol in the fine, autumnal weather was again enjoyed, 'Old Charlie' keeping the company alive. The next meeting (quarterly) will be held next month on the banks of the Severn, at Abbots Leigh.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, 1,285 changes of Grandsire Caters in 56 mins.: E. Hinton 1, W. Stone 2, C. W. Player (Ashford, Kent) 3, J. W. Chandler (Rugby) 4, G. Stone 5, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 6, A. Woolf 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston 9, B. Kerley 10.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE WORST PERIOD IN RINGING HISTORY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Last week I referred to the low ebb to which ringing came in the years before the 'eighties' of last century. In country districts there was a great decline in ringing. The repeal of the Corn Laws and the consequent cheapening of wheat badly hit the agricultural interests, and caused a great change in village life. The younger and more intelligent men crowded into the towns, where there was at the time a great industrial expansion. The old sports seem to have died out, and there was little for the farm labourer to do after he had finished his day's work except to loaf about and go to the village public-house. All this affected ringing, and for the worse. The Rev. Dr. Jessopp, a widely known writer of the time, in a book he called 'Arcady,' laments the decline of the old English sport of ringing. He did not stop to inquire the reasons. If he had done so he could have found one, and a quite sufficient one, in the tower of his own church at Scarning—the bells shamefully neglected and totally unringable. And all round there were towers with the bells in similar condition, at once the cause and the result of the bad times that ringing was going through.

The period we are talking about has always seemed to me to be the very worst in the history of English bell founding and hanging. In bell hanging no improvements had been made for many years. Bell frames and fittings were the same as had been used for two centuries, the only difference was that the work was worse done. And there are few rings cast in this period which are of any great merit. There are, of course, exceptions like Southgate (1874), but there are none to compare with the fine rings of the eighteenth century by Rudhall and the Whitechapel Foundry, nor with those in the early nineteenth century by Osborn, Dobson and others, nor with the many excellent modern peals. The most ambitious rings cast in this period were those at St. Paul's Cathedral and at Worcester Cathedral. Both show the influence of Lord Grimthorpe, and neither is a good peal. The Worcester bells especially are poor and very hard in tone.

If it were possible to arrive at the number of change ringers in England in the year, say, 1870, I think we should find that it was actually less than a hundred years previous. There were, of course, many good bands, but method ringing outside one or two of the simpler standard methods had declined. In London, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal were practically all that were practised. In the East, Oxford Treble Bob and nothing but Treble Bob. In Yorkshire, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples. Elsewhere Grandsire Triples. Birmingham had a good band, and rang peals in some methods off the beaten track, such as Stedman Royal in 1876. But nowhere will you find bands anxious to push on and do something fresh in method ringing like the College Youths in Annable's time, or the old Norwich Scholars, or the Cumberlands when Shipway was ringing with them, or many other bands of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The Woolwich band, when the Bannisters were ringing there, and the Bennington band, with their three peals of Surprise—Superlative in 1855, London in 1870, and Cambridge in 1873—were almost the only companies that practised any of the higher methods. Between 1851 and 1876 no peal of

Double Norwich Major was rung. Then a solitary peal in 1876, and another in the following year; and it was not till 1882 that peals in the method began to be fairly regularly rung.

During this period there were several eminent names associated with the theoretic side of ringing. Henry Johnson and Thomas Day, in Birmingham; James and Tom Lockwood, in Leeds; William Harrison, of Mottam; John Thorpe, of Ashton; and others. Apart from Johnson, most of their work was in Treble Bob, and in that method they produced a number of fine peals. In many respects the standards of composition were deplorably low. Many men got reputations as composers by the simplest and most obvious variations of other people's work. Two of the worst offenders in this respect were Jeremiah Miller, who was supposed to have composed the three Surprise peals rung at Bennington; and William Sottanstell, whose book is packed with simple variations of older peals. To be fair, it must be added that Sottanstell did compose a good many good and original peals. And there is no reason to think that he was consciously dishonest in his variations. The truth was that the general standard was low.

Now, I have painted a very depressing picture, but there are quite enough men still living whose memories go back to at least the last years of this period, and who can testify that it is a true one. It will be interesting next to see how the Exercise got into this state, and then the various steps it took once more in the direction of growth and development.

(To be continued.)

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHERN DIVISION'S VISIT TO AN INTERESTING CHURCH.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held on Saturday, September 18th, at Great Yeldham. This church possesses a very fine tower, dating from the end of the 15th century, and there are also many other interesting features, parts of the building dating back to 1350. The churchyard, neatly kept, with its fine trees and wealth of flowers, could not fail to impress the visitors on this lovely sunny day.

The bells, which were kept going during the afternoon and evening, are a nice little light ring of six, the 'go' of which is everything to be desired. The usual service was held in the church, when the Rector gave a short address, laying great stress upon the beauty of their form of service, and giving them a very hearty welcome to the parish.

Afterwards, the ringers sat down in the village school to a tea which had been provided by the Church Council, the Rector occupying the chair. There were 23 present, representing the following parishes: Earls Colne, Great Yeldham, Rayne, Great Henny, Sible Hedingham, Feering, Halstead, Greenstead Green, Stobbing, Braintree, Wethersfield, Black Notley.

At the business meeting, the chair was occupied by the District Master, Mr. F. Claydon, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), Mr. W. Keeble, Mr. L. W. Wiffen, and the district secretary. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Halstead, subject to the consent of the authorities.

Mr. C. H. Howard moved a resolution thanking the Rector for the use of the bells and for taking the service, also the organist for his services, and the Church Council and all those who had assisted in providing the tea.—To this the Vicar responded, saying it had been a pleasure to him to have the meeting at Great Yeldham.

After the tea, the Rector invited the company to walk round the Rectory garden, and also took them over the house—a fine old timber-built structure, part of it dating from the year 1500, and it goes without saying that this was greatly appreciated by all present.

During the day touches were rung in various methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

On Wednesday, September 15th, the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. C. H. Holt, a former highly respected Vicar of the parish and later of Hornchurch, Essex. Touches were rung in the following methods: Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and London Surprise Minor.

The bells were also rung half-muffled on Sunday, September 19th. For matins, 360 Bob Minor; for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Wilfred Park 1, E. Brown 2, W. Oliver 3, W. N. Park 4, R. Park 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble, and the first 720 inside by the ringer of the 2nd.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, September 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, 1,080 London Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. This was the longest length in any method for the ringer of the treble, and the first 1,080 of London by all the band, except the conductor.

**GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.**—For harvest festival, on Sunday evening, September 26th, 720 London Surprise: G. Wiffen 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, F. Claydon 4, W. Burgess 5, A. Saunders 6. First London on the bells; also 360 Cambridge.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Sunday, September 26th, at St. Iltyd's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,316 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Evans 1, R. Evans 2, A. C. Jones 3, F. Rowsell 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, H. Wright 8.

**CHELMSFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): F. Tolworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Head 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, R. C. Clark 5, P. T. Spencer Phillips (first quarter-peal on the bells) 6, J. Wood 7, P. Timson 8, L. J. Clark 9, G. Cooper 10.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—On Sunday, September 26th, at St. John's Church, for evensong, in 48 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Bundy 1, W. H. Bennett 2, H. Mitchell 3, E. C. Chandler 4, S. Rawden 5, F. Frampton 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. This was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 5th, and was rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. The ringer of the 7th is from London.

**CHARING, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: W. Henniker 1, J. Edwards 2, G. Youngs (Boughton Aluph) 3, W. Good 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Calbreay 6. This is the first quarter since the bells were relung by Mr. A. Bowell.

**BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, September 26th, at St. Mary's Church, for the harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260) of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: T. Samuel 1, M. Bend 2, C. H. Jallands 3, J. R. Jackson 4, S. Proctor (conductor) 5, C. Hallam 6, A. W. Ward 7, R. Jackson 8.

**HORNSEY.**—On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,272 changes) in 52 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, T. G. Deal 2, R. Bullen 3, E. A. Hall 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Treble Bob by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5, and first quarter-peal of Treble Bob known to have been rung on the bells.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.**

A meeting was held at East Coker, on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: East Coker, Yeovil, Martock and West Pennard.

A short service in the Parish Church was conducted by the president of the branch (the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock). He also presided at the tea and meeting which followed in the Scouts' Hall. There were also present: The Rev. Maurice R. Bailey, Vicar of East Coker, and the Master of the association, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Vicar of West Pennard.

One new member was elected, and South Petherton was chosen for the next meeting.

On the motion of the president, a hearty welcome was accorded the Master, who in reply thanked the members, and said that during his term of office it would be his endeavour to know and to be known to as many members of the association as possible.

The president also thanked the Vicar for his welcome and the excellent arrangements. Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman were the methods rung.

**BISHOP RYDERS' RINGERS.**

Eight ringers from Bishop Ryders' Church, Birmingham, under the leadership of the Ringing Master (Mr. J. George) visited Hampton-in-Arden, on Saturday, September 18th. On arrival the ringers adjourned at once to the tower, where the young band did some good ringing. Afterwards, the party made way to 'Dei Gratia,' the home of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Redfern. Here a good spread had been prepared, and after some well-struck Stedman on handbells, the visitors sat down on the lawn and attended to their physical wants in great spirits.

The band were honoured at tea with the company of Councillor R. R. Gelling and Mrs. Gelling, the donors of Bishop Ryders' bells, Rev. Canon G. E. Badger and Mrs. Badger, of Bishop Ryders', Rev. R. J. J. B. Colthurst, the Vicar of Hampton-in-Arden, and Mrs. Colthurst.

After tea, the ringers attended evensong, and the bells were then again rung until time to depart home. Thanks are tendered to all who helped to make the outing a great success, particularly the host and hostess for their abundant tea, to whom the party are very grateful. Thanks are also offered to the Rev. R. C. J. B. Colthurst for the use of the bells, and to the two local ringers for having everything in readiness. Splendid weather favoured this annual outing, and everyone returned home after a very happy day.

J. G.

**NOTICES.**

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half travelling expenses will be paid to members attending.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tower will be opened at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Farnham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know?—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cottingham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in King Street Schoolroom, followed by business meeting. Short service at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. All outstanding subscriptions for year ending Sept. 30th should be paid at this meeting.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Bury Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Canford and Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Ringing: Canford 3 to 5. Tea at Gush's Restaurant, Wimborne, 5.15. Ringing at the Minster from 6.30.—C. A. Phillips, 36, Dean Park Road.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Sutton Courtney on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting at school room 4.30.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. It will greatly help the tea arrangements if those intending to be present will send a card to Mr. H. H. Smith, 44, High Street, Husborne Crawley. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch (ringing only) will be held at the Church of St. Michael, Blackburn, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 5th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 19th; 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.**—The next general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Beeston, Notts. This is Goose Fair Saturday, and cheap trips will be running to Nottingham, from whence buses run every few minutes. Bells (8) open from 2 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, followed by general meeting, all in School Room. Owing to difficulty in catering it is quite essential that those intending to be present at tea (1s. 10d. per head) advise Mr. W. Clifford, jun., 25, Enfield Street, Beeston, not later than Oct. 7th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Tea at Barker's Restaurant, Broad Street, at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify me not later than Oct. 5th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Oct. 9th. The bells will be available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate (1s. per head). A service will be held in church. All ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. The address at the service will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, and a tablet recording peals of Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major will be unveiled. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 5th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall, not later than Oct. 6th?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 5th? All ringers welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—S.W. District Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ycalmpton on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free to members. All requiring tea please notify secretary before the 7th.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Plymouth.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Oct. 9th, when all ringers will be heartily welcomed. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Please let me know how many for tea by the Tuesday (the 5th).—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Sunday School. Members directly affected by the strike to be free to tea. All members requiring tea must notify before Oct. 6th to Mr. Geo. Broadhead, Earnshaw Terrace, Darton, near Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Aldermaston on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of C. E. Keyser, Esq., at Parish Hall 5 p.m.—A. T. Claydon, Hon. Sec., Englefield, Reading.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhurst Hey, Todmorden.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Fontmell Magna (6 bells), on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (6d. for members), meeting to follow. Will any ringers who wish to attend please let me know by October 5th.—Reginald E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A mid-week practice meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Tuesday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 7 to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, will be at the Church House immediately after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock at 1s. 3d. each. Please notify Mr. M. C. Fowler, 26, Northcliffe Rd., Conisborough, by Thursday, Oct. 14th. Will members please note that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, as the end of the financial year is Sept. 30th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party and social will be held at Oldham Parish on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by social in Evangelist School, Lord Street, Oldham. Tickets (gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 9d.) obtainable from local secretaries. Will

local secretaries please return all unsold tickets to Mr. V. Sykes, 8, Houghton Street, Longsight, Oldham, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3.15. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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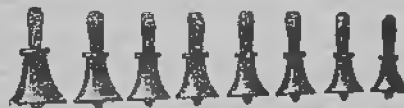
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### PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTS.

From various causes many documents, which the passing years would have made both interesting and valuable to the student of ringing history, have unfortunately disappeared, but there is a growing feeling that such MSS. as remain to us should not share a like fate. At present, however, very little has been done to ensure that old papers in the hands of private individuals should not be lost sight of. It has often happened, and there is danger that the same thing may occur in the future, that papers which would be of considerable interest to the Exercise, have, on the death of the ringer who had treasured them, come into the hands of people who know nothing of ringing or its history, who look upon the collection as so much rubbish and destroy it accordingly.

Documents which are in the hands of existing associations are, we may assume, in safe keeping, but all ringers must lament the disappearance of the records of some of the extinct societies. To be able to read to-day the records of some of the very early ringing organisations would be vastly interesting and instructive, and even the disappearance of the peal books and other belongings of the more modern Waterloo Society and the Trinity Youths is a distinct loss which all must regret. But if such documents as these can so easily be lost, how much more risk is there with papers which are in private hands? There are ringers up and down the country who have private collections of MSS. which they or their predecessors have gradually accumulated. They may or may not be valuable, but the risk of their being eventually lost without being inspected by someone who can judge of their importance or otherwise is very great, and we think it would be a good thing if those in possession of such papers or books would so arrange for the disposition of the property, in the event of their death, that the documents should pass to the Central Council to settle their disposal, unless the testator desires them to come into the hands of some individual who will preserve them with the same devotion. An expert connected with the Council could then inspect the material and the preservation of anything of real value or interest would thus be secured. Moreover, if the Council could induce the possessors of such papers to send a description of what they have in their possession to the Council the latter might possibly be able to keep a watchful eye upon the MSS. in the future, not with the idea of interfering with the free and unfettered disposal of anything which a man might have, but with the sole desire of seeing to its future safe keeping. This is a plan which could be worked out with the good will of those who are fortunate enough to have interesting documents relating to the

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past, and which would, we think, be welcomed by many of them, because they have at present no idea how best to arrange for the disposal of the material they possess.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES BILBY... .. 1	THOMAS F. KING... .. 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. 2	JESSE FRANCIS... .. 7
WILLIAM C. WEST... .. 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS... .. 8
SAMUEL J. HECTOR... .. 4	WALTER FARLEY... .. 9
RONALD G. BECK... .. 5	REGINALD F. BECK... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Loud and Miss Crucifix, the bridegroom being a member of the local band.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5163 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING... .. 1	HAROLD EDWARDS... .. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING... .. 2	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 7
HARRY OVERTON... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN... .. 8
RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 4	THOMAS R. BUTLER... .. 9
ALBERT J. HUGHES... .. 5	EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

\* First peal of Caters. 50th peal by H. Overton.

CARDIFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*FREDERICK E. STONE... .. 1	CHARLES GREEDY... .. 6
SIDNEY DAVE... .. 2	ERNEST COOMBS... .. 7
FRANK J. BAILEY... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN... .. 8
GEORGE LARGE... .. 4	ERNEST STITCH... .. 9
JOHN DAVIES... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. HOLFIELD. Conducted by E. COOMBS.

\* First peal on ten and first attempt. Arranged for the ringers of treble, 8th and 9th, who hail from Aberavon.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. 1	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAPPENDER... .. 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE... .. 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER... .. 3	FRANCIS E. DAVE... .. 8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE... .. 9
JOHN W. JONES... .. 5	WALTER FARLEY... .. Tenor
	REGINALD F. BECK... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAVE.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM STEGGALS... .. 1	TOM FORD... .. 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE... .. 6
WILLIAM IRELAND... .. 3	GEORGE ARCHER... .. 7
CLEMENT J. MORE... .. 4	JOHN SOUTER... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.  
T. Ford's 50th peal. A birthday peal for the conductor, who reached the age of 76 years.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5856 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 1	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6
DAVID VINCENT ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. W. LAST

This peal was arranged to oblige Mr. D. Vincent, of Kettering, and was his first peal of Major in the method.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... .. 1	WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	*FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 6
HARRY KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY A. FOLKARD ... .. 7
*MISS RUBY G. HAWKSWORTH ... .. 4	ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT A. FARDON

\* First peal in the method. Specially arranged with great pleasure for Mr. William A. Tack, who was on a visit from Barley, Herts.

ALTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 1	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5
OLIVER SIPPETS ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... .. 6
*GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH  
AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, September 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 1	ROBERT EDWARDS ... .. 5
HARRY BAKER ... .. 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 4	ALFRED BATTEN... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Pitman. 200th peal by Charles Tribe.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 1	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 5
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... .. 6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

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

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE ... .. 1	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. REEVES ... .. 2	REGINALD S. COOK ... .. 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 3	*HERBERT GATES ... .. 7
*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... .. 4	HENRY GOLDING... .. Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by WALTER AYRE

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels as the quarterly peal for the Western District. This composition is now rung for the first time.

JESMOND, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... .. 1	*JOHN ROTHWELL ... .. 5
EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 2	*ALEX. STEWART... .. 6
ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 7
ERNEST GOSDON... .. 4	ADAM DEAS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

\* First peal. The ringer of the treble hails from Durham Cathedral, and is believed to be the first resident of Durham city to ring a peal on eight bells. It was rung after only four months' instruction. The ringers of 5 and 6 belong to the local band.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 1	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 5
STANLEY HARRISSON ... .. 2	JOHN POTTER ... .. 6
FRED GRUNDY ... .. 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Katherine, Countess of Ellesmere (sister to Lord Normanby), who was interred in the family vault on Tuesday, September 28th. The 5th and 7th ringers hail from Belton, 6th from Walkden, the rest are of the local company.

WALKDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY ... .. 1	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 5
FRED GRUNDY ... .. 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 6
JOHN POTTER ... .. 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
STANLEY HARRISSON ... .. 4	JAMES DENNER ... .. Tenor

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

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of Katherine, Countess of Ellesmere, who was interred at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Tuesday, September 28th, 1926. At the conclusion of the peal, Mr. T. White, a churchwarden, congratulated the band on their performance. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th are from Worsley, 5th and 7th from Bolton, the rest belong to the local company.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, September 30th, at St. Edmund's, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: E. Sibley 1, B. Soden 2, H. Goodman 3, W. Gamage 4, J. Mackay 5, J. Dove 6, T. Wise (conductor) 7, T. Tebbutt 8.

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## FROME, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt. (approx.).

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 2	*RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 4	REGINALD F. BECK ... .. Tenor
	WALTER F. BISHOP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

\* 50th peal for the above association. J. S. Goldsmith was elected member before starting.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

PERCY G. LANE ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
ALFRED J. TRAPPIETT ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 7
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 4	JOHN AVERY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung with the bells fully muffed to the memory of Mr. H. Willis, churchwarden when these bells were installed (1890). The conductor has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	*FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 5
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6
MISS FRED A. ORR ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

\* 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

## CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT W. BOND ... .. Treble	FRED LAMBETH ... .. 5
GEORGE LANCASTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 7
HENRY W. L. WELLS ... .. 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung on the occasion of unveiling a peal board recording a peal of Double Norwich rung by the same band (G.W.R. employees) on these bells on April 24th, 1925.

## AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS &amp; LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*CHARLES E. WERR ... .. Treble	WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... 5
†MISS ELIZABETH M. SUART 2	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 6
WOODBURN NEVINSON ... 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 7
THOMAS B. NEWTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. This peal was specially arranged for Miss E. M. Suart, of Dalton-in-Furness, and was the conductor's 50th peal.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On September 21st, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Parsons 2, E. Morey 3, E. Lish 4, A. E. Baker 5, F. Cruttenden 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, G. Payne 8.

## OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 28 cwt. in E flat.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. BARTRAM ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 7
HARRY MORGAN ... .. 4	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6
JOHN BURLES ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

PHILIP S. SPRINGHAM ... Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 5
*JOHN HAIGH ... .. 2	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 6
Mrs. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7
CHARLES WINSER ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the dedication festival.

## NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH ... .. Treble	JAMES BRUNETT ... .. 5
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## LESTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KREBLE ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 2	JAMES G. RDNSEY ... .. 6
DAVID VINCENT ... .. 3	CHARLES SAMPEON ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

Arranged for Mr. D. Vincent, of Kettering, who was spending a holiday in the district.

## NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... .. Treble	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 5
THOMAS SENIOR ... .. 2	JOE GREENWOOD ... .. 6
*CLIFFORD ELLISON ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 4	ALBERT JAGGER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

\* First peal in the method.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... Treble	GEORGE NEWTON... .. 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 6
C. HENRY WEBB... .. 3	CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... .. 7
THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 4	GEORGE P. GARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by G. P. GARNER.

Rung on the eve of harvest festival, as a farewell peal to Rev. H. V. Williams, who is leaving the parish to take up duties at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
*FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 3	SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	JOHN PERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Stedman. The tenor ringer has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*HAROLD J. HAYZELL ... Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 5
*MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	ALBERT E. ADSTIN ... .. 6
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS... 3	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Also the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung by the Ely Diocesan Association by a band of all resident members.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*CHARLES THORLEY, JUN. ... Treble	FREDERICK G. LEWIS... .. 5
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 2	EDGAR G. STACEY ... .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. 3	ARNOLD HILL ... .. 7
PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. 4	HAROLD WALKER... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Cawsey, of Tickhill, mother of the conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

DAVID G. WHITEMAN... .. Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 5
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2	LESLIE G. BREIT ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	THOS. WM. LAST... .. 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

G. Pryke's 100th peal. The thanks of the band are due to the Rector for permission to ring at short notice. The original intention was to attempt the peal at Framsdon, but owing to a death in the parish the bells were not available.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 'SPliced' LITTLE BOB AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR,  
5096 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. Treble	FRED S. PRICE ... .. 5
ALLAN R. HICKTON ... .. 2	ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This peal contains 2,520 Little Bob and 2,576 Plain Bob, and is the first peal rung with these two methods spliced in distinct halves.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT MERRITT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. RICH ... .. 4
THOMAS R. CLARK ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 5
HARRY PROUT ... .. 3	GEORGE BREWER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CROCKER.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 24, 1926, in Two Hours & Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720's rung alternately. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES BATTERS ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 4
BERNARD WELLS... .. 2	GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 5
REG. V. JOHNSON... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

ZEALS, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*F. BALL ... .. Treble	W. C. SHUTE ... .. 4
H. S. PARSONS ... .. 2	*F. A. COWARD ... .. 5
†E. J. ROWE... .. 3	*E. G. L. COWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First peal. † First peal on inside bell. First peal as conductor. Rung after meeting short of Minor. Thanks are due to F. Ball for ringing the treble at moment's notice. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bells, which were hung by Mears and Stainbank in September, 1876. Also as a compliment to George Parsons, for 50 years a ringer at this church, who rang the tenor to his first 120 at the age of 77 years on the day of the anniversary.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*FRED BARBER ... .. Treble	JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 4
GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 2	†GEORGE LINES ... .. 5
JOHN KING ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor and 70th peal. First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells. Rung for the harvest festival. It is twenty years since the treble ringer rang his last peal.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On September 1st, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters: H. C. White 1, R. Chaundy 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, Miss S. Davis 4, F. Messenger 5, F. Sharpe 6, A. E. Lock 7, G. Holfield, jun., 8, G. Holfield, sen. (conductor) 9, W. Holfield 10.

## AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE E. SHALLISH... ..Treble	GEORGE GILLING ... .. 4
RAYMOND J. WEBB ... .. 2	FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... 5
EDWARD J. AVERY ... .. 3	*JOHN SHALLISH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

## HEYDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in B

NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..Treble	EDWARD J. BARTON ... .. 4
CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 2	ERNEST KIMM ... .. 5
EDWARD HOWES ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## WESTON, BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*GEORGE F. A. REEVES ...Treble	JESSE HALLETT ... .. 4
†GEORGE CROSS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 5
FREDERICK C. RICH ... .. 3	HARRY PROUT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CROCKER.

\* First peal and first attempt. † Elected member previous to starting.

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Bowden and Stockport Branch.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY ... ..Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 4
TOM WILDE ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
HARRY LANGLEY ... .. 3	FRED HOLT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. C. Stredder. Also to commemorate the close of 25 years as Vicar of the parish, and as a farewell to him on departing for Tredington, Worcestershire.

## BACKWELL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single Court, and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERIC WADMAN ... ..Treble	REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 4
FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK... .. 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*JOHN W. PARSLow ... ..Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 4
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... .. 2	†DANIEL COOPER... .. 5
JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. The band wish to express their thanks to Mr. Alfred Miller and family for their hospitality after the peal.

## NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*RICHARD W. COOK ... ..Treble	RICHARD EVANS ... .. 4
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 2	ALFRED TALBOT ... .. 5
*CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Bob Minor as conductor, and first peal of Minor on the bells.

## SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE E. ALLIN ... ..Treble	CECIL BECKLEY ... .. 4
WILSON ALLIN, SEN. ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5
CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... 3	FRED BLOOD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. ALLIN.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## CROMER, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 27, 1926, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WILLIAM TENNANT, 12, MOUNT STREET,

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

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 16 in A.

MISS KITTY WILLERS'... .. 1-2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3-4
CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****DERBY DISTRICT MEETING AT SPONDON.**

The monthly meeting of the Derby District was held at Spondon on Saturday, September 25th, when the visitors, who numbered upwards of twenty, were welcomed by Sir Henry Fowler, who afterwards entertained them to tea, which was served in the cafe close to the church. During the afternoon several 120's of Stedman and Grand-sire Doubles and short touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob were brought round, in which Sir Henry took part, but owing to the tenor casting the rope on account of a broken pulley a 720 was not scored.

After tea, the business meeting was held, presided over by Sir H. Fowler, when it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Breadsall on Saturday, October 30th.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and local ringers for making arrangements, also to Sir Henry for providing such an excellent tea.

On behalf of the Vicar and himself, Sir Henry thanked them for the vote of thanks, and said how pleased he was to be present and to welcome the ringers to Spondon. He regretted the absence of Lady Fowler and Miss Fowler, owing to another function in connection with the church, but hoped he would have the pleasure of meeting the ringers again soon, when he would arrange for the tea at the Hall.

Afterwards, some members of the party were escorted round the church by Sir Henry, who explained the historical parts which abound in the beautiful old building. Others ascended the tower, where they were met by the Vicar, who gave them a welcome, and, after ringing up to service time at 7 o'clock, one of the most pleasant meetings of the district came to a close.

**BISHOPSGATE RINGERS' OUTING REVIVED.**

On Saturday, September 11th, the members of St. Botolph's Society, Bishopsgate, renewed their annual outing after a lapse of several years. The party consisted of the Rev. J. A. S. Bullock (senior curate of St. Botolph's), Messrs. Davis (towerkeeper), Hewett, Sanders, Reeves, Hairs, Brett, Grimwood, Nelder, Pike, Bennett, Digby, Nudds and Walker.

Hertford was reached at about 3 p.m., and the bells of St. Andrew's (eight) were set going to Grandsire Triples, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major.

The party then proceeded to All Saints', a truly noble edifice, where the ten were set to the tune of Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Royal. At this stage the inner man needed attention, and the party adjourned to the tea rooms near by, where arrangements had been made for a high tea, to which, needless to say,

ample justice was done. A pleasant mile walk took the party to the quaint village of Bengoe, and Holy Trinity (eight bells) was visited, and several touches, including London Surprise, Bristol, Stedman, Kent, and Double Norwich were successfully negotiated, the tit-bit of the evening being a touch of Kent brought round in masterly style by eight East Anglians in the company. The success of the outing was mainly due to the liberal generosity of the Rector and churchwardens of St. Botolph's in contributing towards the expenses incurred, and to the Rev. Jas. Bullock for honouring the company with his presence. The thanks of the members are heartily tendered to the authorities of the churches mentioned for their kindness in placing the bells at the disposal of the visitors, and to Mr. Davis for the excellent arrangements made by him for the comfort of all concerned.

**LIVERSEGE VETERAN DEAD.****MR. WILLIAM COLLINS' INTERESTING CAREER.**

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the death occurred on Saturday, September 18th, of Mr. William Collins, of Liversedge, at the age of eighty-one years. Mr. Collins had been well known in ringing circles up to six years ago, when he had a fall whilst attending ringing for Sunday service. He never appeared fully to recover from the effects of this accident, although he got well enough to go about again, but could not climb the belfry steps any more.

It is not known how many peals he rang, but his first peal, which was Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung at Huddersfield in 1861. It was in Huddersfield where he started his ringing career. Later, he came to reside at Liversedge, and joined the Liversedge company.

The most notable of his performances were a 10,272 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1871 and 8,544 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1873. He also rang about five peals each of Violet Major and Cumberland Exercise Major. As a contest ringer, he won about thirty first prizes.

The funeral, which took place at Liversedge Church on Tuesday, September 21st, was conducted by the Rev. A. Swann (Vicar), and attended by relatives, friends and ringers from Mirfield, Almondbury, Birstall, Earlsheaton, Huddersfield and Liversedge. Ringers acted as bearers, and as the funeral party came in sight of the church, the bells, which were fully muffled, were tolled round. Three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung on handbells over the open grave by A. Marshall 1-2, F. Hodgson (conductor) 3-4, E. Betts 5-6, T. Scott 7-8. Immediately after the interment, muffled touches were rung on the tower bells. A muffled peal was attempted on Saturday, September 25th, but came to grief after ringing fifty-three minutes as a result of the fourth rope breaking.

Mr. Collins had been associated with Liversedge Church for sixty years.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal at Risley, Bedfordshire, where there are five bells, was rung on Saturday. A tablet in the tower records that these bells were restored in 1891 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the founders of which firm originally came from this parish.

Mr. W. Hughes, of Liscard, Cheshire, rang his first quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob last week on the occasion of his 73rd birthday!

Henry Hubbard, who was born in 1807, died on October 9th, 1881. Holt's famous ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the first time on October 12th, 1754, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the Cumberland Youths. George Partrick, who rang the treble, 'call'd bobs.'

The first occasion upon which seven working bells were rung in a peal by priests was at Prestbury, Glos., on October 14th, 1886. It was not until October 11th, 1910, that a clerical ten-bell peal was rung. This was Stedman Caters, at St. Mary's, Warwick.

## LONDON TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will any London member of the Exercise kindly furnish me, through the correspondence column of 'The Ringing World' with the names of churches, practice nights, and weight of tenor, of bells in the London area, say within three or four miles of town, as I like to go round the towers when I am in London.—Yours,

DRUMMER.

## CANNON BALL IN CHURCH TOWER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Pannett, seems to think that he has easily 'solved the mystery' of the cannon ball found in Faringdon Church. May I inform him, through your valued paper, that the ball referred to in a paragraph of your issue of September 10th was found in the tower, while, if he had stopped to think, he must have realized that the ball, reputed to have shot off the leg of Mr. John Beckley, is built into the east wall of the chancel.

With regard to his remarks about the ringing, I am sure that he will be interested to know that even a sleepy old place like Faringdon can change, and should he honour the town with another visit I can assure him that the ringers will demonstrate to him that they can ring changes without the assistance of a 'huge card for the particular bell he is ringing, laid on the floor, with rows of figures on it.'—Yours, etc.,

A FARINGDON RINGER.

## THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The above society was re-established by the late Rev. H. A. Cockey, W. Weatherstone, J. Laws, and other old members about the beginning of the year 1886.

The old peal book was rebound, and 50 more new leaves added by Mr. Bedwell, printer, etc., Lewisham.

I called the following peals, which were entered:—  
May 4th, 1886.—Holt's Original, St. Mary's, Lewisham.  
October 26th, 1886.—Holt's Original (reversed), ditto.  
July 27th, 1888.—Holt's Original, St. John's, Deptford.  
September 11th, 1888.—Holt's Original, St. Mary's, Rotherhithe.  
September 12th, 1890.—Bob Major, St. John's, Deptford.  
September 22nd, 1890.—Grandsire Caters, Greenwich.  
January 6th, 1891.—Stedman Triples, St. John's, Erith.  
February 20th, 1891.—Stedman Triples, Dartford, Kent.  
April 2nd, 1891.—Stedman Caters, Greenwich.  
April 4th, 1891.—Treble Bob Major, St. John's, Deptford.

I rang in Holt's ten-part, February 12th, 1889, at St. George's-in-the-East, conducted by W. Weatherstone, the first on the bells for 65 years. After this, I do not think the society held together very long. Mr. F. W. Thornton or Mr. E. E. Richards may know more about the matter.—Yours, etc.,

F. G. NEWMAN.

## RADSTOCK'S CHURCH BELLS.

Writing in the 'Somerset County Herald,' Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey gives some details of Radstock bells. He says:

The peal consists of five bells; approximate weight and tone as follows:

Tenor A, 9 cwt.; 4, B, 6½ cwt.; 3, C sharp, 5½ cwt.; 2, D, 5 cwt.; treble E, 4½ cwt.

Only the tenor bears an inscription, namely:—

'Bill Biē cast all we.  
Mr. Charles Simmes,  
Warden, 1740.'

and, evidently what is a foundry-mark, 'G 11.' Judging from the 'play' on his name, the founder (Bilbie) was in merry mood when arranging the inscription, and, equally so, that someone was anxious the 'warden' should not suffer from lack of full description.

An idea prevails of making up an eight-bell ring, and so doing could be comparatively cheaply accomplished if a 10 cwt. bell, at present lying soundless in the parish, could be obtained, wherefrom to cast the three additional.



**BELL TONES.****HOW TO OBSERVE THEM.**

By E. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

**PART II.**

The preceding remarks were mostly devoted to the consideration of single bells. Turning now to the quality of peals in general, or to any 'ring' in particular, there should be presented to the ear a pleasing blend of sound, made up of tap-tones, hum-notes and steady overtones, all in proper relationship to each other. Borrowing a slogan from a controversy of the day—i.e., that a bell should be 'in tune with itself,' one would desire to submit the paraphrase that a peal should be 'IN BALANCE WITH ITSELF.' Therefore, a primary question is, has the peal this quality of balance? The main component tones must necessarily be in tune; but as to the whole effect, is the critical ear satisfied, apart from the ready assurance 'that the bells are right to half a vibration of a fork?' When the critical ear is satisfied, it is doubtful policy to go beyond. The tuning-fork may be a good servant, but also a bad master. It is, indeed, worth remarking that some 'rings' that are highly valued for their musical quality, the 'forks' would pronounced as being quite impossible! To the Exercise it is submitted that tone, tune and balance come first and always have done, and that the tuning-fork should come in to check the result only, and not to dictate it.

In considering tone, tune and balance, the first is a matter largely of taste. In an article (see Chambers' Encyclopædia) written some thirty years ago on bells, tubular ones were referred to so highly that it was even suggested that it was only a question of time ere they replaced the ordinary ones; but to the taste of to-day their brassy tang is notorious and taken as something to be avoided. Despite the fact that it cannot be absolutely obtained in a bell, the aim should be purity of tone, and then with the bells blending quickly in 'changes' there should be a musical result. The fute and harp are both known for their purity of tone, and if some of their quality can be detected in the bell-tones, then we have the desired character. The harp and the bell, it should be noticed, are both percussion instruments. It is to be hoped that, returning to the tones, these are neither hard, dull nor metallic; nor, at the other extreme, uncertain, or, like the tubular bell, brassy. In considering balance, the bells should be taken both individually and as a whole. Thus, does the tenor cover well, with a good bold tone? It is the master bell and can compensate for many small defects of its companions. Then the trebles, these should speak up well, without being harsh or strident. Taking the general grade of loudness or softness, does one or more of the bells come above or below it? Are the clappers right? We can presume that when the bells were hung the founders gave this highly important branch of their craft every attention; unfortunately they are often followed by a local smith, one perhaps with the best of intentions but a bad ear. It is customary to emphasise the treble and sometimes the tenor; but, apart from this, does the peal come down smoothly in 'rounds'? It is to be noted that our ears have strange ways; for instance, the 5th bell is apt to sound weaker than it is, and, on the other hand, the 4th and 6th bells are apt to appear stronger than they are. The ear will also impose a rhythm or accent on the bells falling in 2nds, 4ths, 6ths and 8ths places, and these will appear louder than they are. The final test is listening to the peal as a whole, and is the most important of all.

When a peal is going in 'changes,' a ringer hears something more than that roar of sound which was previously referred to. His trained ear tells him that it varies greatly with different 'rings,' but that there is always in common the characteristic tap-tones more or less clearly standing out on a certain background of other tones, and this background is one of the chief factors for him to consider in judging the peal as a whole. It is made up of the overtones blending with the undertones, and which with the tap-tones form the mass tone of the peal. This latter will vary with the weight of the bells, the style of tuning and to some extent with the weight of the clappers. In 'Simpson' peals, the background (with both classes of tone very pronounced) is made to stand out at the expense of the tap-tones, which are themselves slow speaking. In Old Standard peals, the background varies with the weight of the bells, but is not nearly so pronounced, especially as regards the overtones, which are still harder to hear in the heavy 'rings' some of their value has probably gone to the tap-tones, which are rounder and brighter, with more percussive value.

Many ringers find a difficulty in hearing and sorting out, as it were, the various tones. The ear may be assisted by a light plug of cotton wool, and may be trained by listening first to 'Simpson' peals and then returning to the others. It will then be observed that there are the same undertones, but weaker, and the same overtones, but thinner and sounding high up over the tap-tones, like harmonics in the air; even the so-called 'howl' is there, too, if we intently listen for it. Another aid to get on to these higher overtones is to listen to the trebles or lighter bells for a time, and try to imagine their tones as they would sound if heard an octave higher. The required tones will suddenly come, and once perceived are afterwards recalled with increasing ease. One should expect to hear something like little piping flutes of three or four notes, changing and slurring together. The undertones present less difficulty; they are easily heard in 'Simpson' peals and also in the heavier peals tuned on the 'Old Standard'; they blend and merge slowly together, sounding like the deeper notes of an organ playing some musical piece. The reason of this is that

they are wider in interval and fewer in number; though there may be discords (because these hum-notes and undertones last longer and overlap each other), the ear is more tolerant of such than it is of the discords in the overtones.

It will be observed from the above that the primary notes are boldly standing out on a background of tone value, always merging and changing, which from the very lowest notes that can come rumbling to the ear reaches thence upwards to the highest notes which it can appreciate. There is no doubt that in getting the proper relationship as a whole, i.e., balance, the skill of the founder and bellhanger is most happily exemplified. The three sets of tone values work together, they emphasise and enrich each other, and it is certain that some property of the ear finds pleasure in contrasting them. For instance, observe how delightful it is, after concentrating on the overtones, to let the ear come back to the clear-cut tap-tones; these immediately appear to have a crisp brightness which had not been observed before. Why this is so, it is impossible to more than suggest. It may be that the aural nerves desire variety or call for contrast, as is the case with the eye, for the eye and ear have much in common, especially in devices to escape fatigue.

To sum up, the perfect peal should present to the ear the combined musical value of the bells with tone tones all in perfect balance. It should have tap-tones properly graded, and, of course, in proper tune; if they have been shaded out of tune, then it must have been with the aid and concurrence of a gifted tuner. These tones should stand out brightly upon a proper background of the deeper undertones, and, finally, when the ear requires it, and only then, there should appear the fute piping of the higher overtones.

An article dealing with this subject, even though on elementary lines, is not complete without some reference to those puzzling and seemingly mysterious notes observable when bells are in peal. One might call them 'ghost notes,' which reminds us that in ancient days our ancestors used to refer to the overtones of a bell as 'spirit-notes.' The writer has noticed them at Lewisham and at Appleton; in the former it is almost like the 5th speaking twice, only fainter. Of notes that persist, probably most 'rings' have them, providing that a certain combination is brought about, such as the 2nd and 4th in the eight at Lavenham producing a well-marked octave 7th (i.e., the 2nd, if the 'ring' had been of ten bells). This is a droning note produced by two strong partials forming a chord continually being reinforced before it can die away. There are many such things to be noticed when listening to change-ringing. For instance, at St. Paul's, when observed from Ludgate Hill, there is a well-marked long repeat of the treble's note, but having the character of what on stringed instruments are called 'harmonics.' There is also to be observed in this fine peal of Taylor's a very deep reverberation, reminiscent of the rumbling note of a distant big water-fall; it is, perhaps, caused by the mixture of certain middle tones only a semitone apart. These produce 'beats' which, being comparatively few per second, the ear registers as a low note, but one that has no existence in reality outside the ear, either in the bell or elsewhere (it is a case of a deep tone appearing as a 'ghost-note').

Taken at random from the writer's experiences and gleanings are the following, viz.: A good resonator, for those who are slow in picking up the overtones, may be found in one of the church doors, or in a bench end, even if up at the other end of the church; try several and close the outer ear. Scientists tell us that Youth more readily picks out the overtones, therefore Age may hope to excel in undertones. On a calm day, try to find in which corner of the churchyard your bells sound best; they all vary, and one may be far preferable, for sound lingers in corners and among leafy trees. Good bells are supposed to have 'liquid' tones; they nearly all have if heard across a fair stretch of water. Bells differ in sound on various days, according to the weather; compare them on a dull, wet or foggy day, with their sound on a dry, bright and sunny one. High overtones travel better up wind than do the undertones. Bells, especially 'Simpson' ones, sound best when in a lofty tower.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should like to bring to the notice of your readers that the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers is actively engaged in promoting the art of change ringing at Oxford.

Any who are interested in this exercise, and who may be coming up to Oxford next term, are invited to communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. S. W. Evans-Jones, Jesus College, Oxford, or with myself.

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**TWELVE-METHOD PEAL LOST.**

At Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincolnshire, on Saturday, September 25th, a peal in 12 methods was attempted by the following: W. Tilley 1, Miss Jutson 2, J. J. Jutson 3, A. Riggall 4, H. M. Day 5, G. Wells 6. All went well until 120 changes from home, when a change-course brought the bells round. The methods included in the six well-struck 720's were: Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Bob, and Fulbeck Bob, this being the first attempt for this particular peal. The ringers hope to try again in the near future.

### A RESTORATION AT SOUTHAMPTON. DEDICATION OF ST. MICHAEL'S SPIRE AND BELLS.

The ring of eight bells at St. Michael's, Southampton, were dedicated and opened on Thursday, September 30th, and rung after a silence of about 12 years.

Soon after the war, the Church Council decided to have their bells put in order, but after they had been taken down and removed to the foundry it was found that extensive repairs to the spire were necessary, and the scheme was held up for want of funds.

Even after the spire had been restored, the church authorities were in doubt as to whether it would be safe to have the bells hung for ringing, and it was only after the tower had been inspected and a favourable report made by Rev. C. E. Matthews, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. G. Williams that the work was proceeded with.

The whole scheme, bells and spire, cost £2,000, and this amount has been raised in full.

All the bells have been recast and hung in a new iron frame, with all new fittings. The weight of the tenor is 17 cwt. in F. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in their customary excellent style, the 'go' and tone of the bells being all that can be desired. The only complaint is that the ringing chamber is rather noisy, but it is hoped to remedy this at an early date, as at present there is only one floor between the ringers and the bells.

The re-dedication of the spire and bells was performed by the Lord Bishop of Winchester.

The proceedings began with a reception in St. Michael's Parish Room, which was attended by a large gathering, including the Bishop of Winchester, the Mayor and Mayoress of Southampton, and other members of the Council.

Congratulatory speeches were made by the Mayor and the Bishop, and the dedication ceremony followed at evensong. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. S. J. Danbury, the late Vicar, through whose efforts largely the restoration was due, and after the formal dedication of the spire and bells, the Bishop gave an address.

Following the service, the bells were open for ringing, and some twenty members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild attended and took advantage of this privilege. Among those present were: Messrs. G. Williams (Master), W. Andrews, W. Tucker, F. Blondell, S. R. Roper (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), and members from North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, Dibden, Portsmouth, Southampton (St. Mary's), and Winchester Cathedral. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

All those who wish to ring on these bells will have an opportunity to do so, as a Guild meeting will be held there on November 6th, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

### LAVENHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, September 18th, the band at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, held their annual outing. Travelling by saloon bus, a fine run of 15 miles brought them to the first stopping place, Hinflesham, where the 'camera man' was soon shouting orders, after which the peal of six bells were set going to Plain Bob and Kent Minor. This was followed by an organ 'recital' by the conductor. It was his first recital and first attempt. St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, was next visited, the party being met by Messrs. R. Brundle and H. Shemming, and Mrs. Gillingham. Mr. J. Lee (Clapham) and Mr. W. Lee (Sudbury) also joined the party at this tower, where touches of Stedman Triples, Kent and Superlative Major were rung. A short stay was made at Woodbridge, where some cooled their heads and other their tongues. As the bells here were unringable, the party had to be contented with the strains of a nearby piper. At the Lion Hotel, Ufford, ample justice was done to a splendid dinner. The brothers Lee, having again discovered the whereabouts of the visitors, joined in at the repast. After some handbell ringing, a visit was paid to the church, where the Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Fisher greeted the visitors. Many beautiful items of interest were pointed out and explained by the Rector, especially a magnificent pre-Reformation font cover. This cover is the object of the only piece of praise given in the diary of Win. Dowling. After touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford and Cambridge had been rung, a move was made for Grundisburgh. This place, however, was not found, the wrong road having been taken. Ipswich was again visited, and the last few courses of a peal of Bob Maximus were listened to by the 'elders,' the juveniles having made tracks for the 'Hip.' The rest of the journey home was enlivened with songs, handbell tunes and ringing, and in the lending of helping hands behind the bus up hills. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m., all perfectly satisfied that the M.C. knew how to arrange an enjoyable day's tour. The ringers wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, the friends who met them, and the deputy conductor for his genial words and help.

### MR. STAFFORD H. GREEN'S 50 PEALS.

Stedman Triples 3\*, Stedman Cinques 3\*, Bob Major 3 (conducted 1), Double Norwich Court Bob Major 10 (6), Kent Treble Bob Major 1 (2), Kent Treble Bob Royal 5 (1), Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Superlative Surprise Major 14 (7), Cambridge Surprise Major 5 (2), Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, London Surprise Major 1; total 50 (conducted 19). Rung in 23 towers for five societies. \* Including Masonic peal.

### THE LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Cranleigh on Saturday, September 25th, and the ladies met with a warm welcome. Ringing commenced soon after 3.30, and various touches were rung until 5 o'clock, when the service was conducted by the Rev. P. Cunningham. Tea was provided in the Church Hut, for which thanks are due to the local ladies.—It was proposed to hold the January meeting at Farnham.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and all the kind helpers brought the meeting to a close. Further ringing was then indulged in.

### HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DISTRICT.

Although the attendance was not what it might have been, quite an enjoyable meeting of the Western District was held at Apsley End on Saturday, September 16th. Unfortunately, one tower was holding its annual outing, unknown to the secretary, so no representatives were present from there. However, a variety of plain methods was rung and enjoyed by all.

The Vicar, Rev. C. H. Goodwin, gave a delightful short address, and extended a hearty welcome to the members.

Following this, the company adjourned to the Church Room, where tea was very kindly provided by the Vicar.

During the meeting, over which the Vicar presided, Tring was chosen for the next meeting-place, the band picked for the quarterly peal attempt, and, last but not least, the chairman was elected an honorary member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his presence, address, and generosity, and also for presiding at the meeting. All then adjourned to the tower.

### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District of the above society held a pleasant business meeting at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, September 18th. The tower was opened at four o'clock, and the bells were going just after with a touch of Grandsire, which was followed by Stedman and some Major methods. After tea, the business meeting was held at the church. Mr. T. H. Taffender was voted into the chair, owing to the Master (Mr. U. Mance) being away on his holidays. Routine matters were disposed of, and one new member from Lee was elected to the society.

The bells were again set in motion, with touches of the popular methods, and ringing concluded about 9 p.m.

The ringers most earnestly desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Warnett and the local company for the cordial reception.

### NORTH STONEHAM RINGERS IN SUSSEX.

The North Stoneham ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, September 4th. The route had been planned and all arrangements made by Mr. G. Williams, with his customary thoroughness. Leaving Swaythling at 8 a.m. by charabanc, the first tower on the list was East Meon, where Mr. Blackman had everything in readiness, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Major were rung. Petworth, with its new ring of eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was next visited, and Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich rung, and the fine tone of the bells admired and enjoyed. Mr. Lanaway, the steeplekeeper, joined the party, and a very pleasant half-hour was spent. At Pulborough Mr. Doick was awaiting the party, and a splendid lunch was enjoyed at the Arun Hotel. A move was then made to the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were brought round. Arundel was the next objective, but before this was reached the party was for some time 'lost in the wilds,' in spite of the conductor's knowledge of Sussex. On arriving, the party were met by Mr. Caldwell, who conducted them to the tower, where time only permitted a course of Kent Major to be rung. Compared with the other well-kept ringing chambers visited, that at Arundel was a sad contrast, presenting a very neglected appearance. It is understood that no ringing is done, not even for the Sunday services. This appears to be a tower for the Sussex County Association to look up. Chichester was the next and last place on the list. On arriving, tea was the first order, after which a move was made to the campanile at the Cathedral, where Messrs. Ticehurst, Tucker, Tugwell and Blake awaited the party, and with their help Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Superlative were rung. Home was reached at 9.45 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing. The party wish to express their thanks to the various incumbents and ringers, and particularly to Mr. P. H. Doick.

### ALONG THE THAMES.

A most enjoyable half-day was spent on Saturday, September 11th, by the St. Mary's (Acton) company. Leaving Acton 1.45, Wargrave was the place for the first call by G.W.R. Here good use was made of this lovely peal of eight in the usual standard methods. Before leaving, the official photographer snapped the group. Again seeking the train, the ringers dropped off at Henley, where Canon Dams gave them a splendid welcome, and after the good things of a well laden table had been disposed of, the visitors enjoyed some more ringing, winding up with an hour on the river. They wish to tender their best thanks to those at Wargrave and Henley who helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable.

**AMBITIONS.****HOW SOME WERE SATISFIED AT WELLS.**

He is a poor ringer who has no aspirations, however humble; but there are some ambitions that men spend a lifetime to fulfil, and even then do not manage to complete.

Peals on cathedral bells have been the lifelong quest of Mr. F. E. Dawe, and while he has still some worlds left to conquer, he can, we believe, at least claim to have rung peals in more cathedral towers than any other ringer. He added one more to his list on Saturday, when he called a peal of Stedman Caters on the magnificent ring at Wells. These bells are the heaviest peal of ten in the country.

The band were drawn from a wide area—London, Surrey, Bucks, Monmouth, Gloucester, Warwickshire and Wilts, as well as Somerset being represented. Those of the company who just 'dropped in' to take their rope and ring the peal had a pleasant time, and no worry, but those who had had a hand in the arrangements, it appears, spent anxious days and sleepless nights. However, all's well that ends at Wells, as this peal did, although when he had finished the conductor verily believed he had rung his last peal and was going down to his grave with some ambitions still unrealised. Instead, he managed to go down to a revival, which put him on his feet and enabled him to make a graceful speech of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the undertaking. Mr. John W. Jones, one of the main props of the Llandaff Association, was also able to say how one of his ambitions—to ring a peal with Mr. Challis Winney, one of the pillars of the Ancient Society of College Youths—had been gratified that evening after waiting forty years, and then Challis had of necessity to respond to the nice things which had been said about him. The wonder is that he was alive to tell the tale, for his companion from London had run him off his legs in seeing the sights of Bristol earlier in the day. When he reached the top of the 107 steps to the ringing chamber he was two inches shorter than when he left home—he had worn his legs down. But it was a happy party that finished up the evening together, with numerous visitors who had come from Bristol, Bath and other places to hear the ringing.

What became of everyone afterwards hardly belongs to this story. The Cave-man collected one cargo and took them to the bank of the Avon, others were whisked over the Mendips at a speed which would have made the local police, had they been out of bed, rub their hands with glee at the thought of a good case and promotion; another went back to Bucks in the dead of night, but the old men of the party stayed in the sleepy old city, and, for all the writer knows, may be there yet. The last that was heard of one of them, however, was an inquiry whether arrangements could be made for him to turn in St. Cuthbert's tenor one afternoon and the Cathedral tenor in the evening. As this ringer is only 73, and had sufficient faith in himself to put down the life member's subscription of the Bath and Wells Association, instead of paying 1s. a year as a Scotsman would have done, this proposal is evidently not considered beyond the bounds of possibility.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****ROSSENDALE BRANCH AT BURY.**

A meeting of the Rosendale Branch was held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday. The bells were set going at three o'clock, and various methods rung. Tea, at the Coffee House, was kindly provided by the Rector, the Bishop of Hulme.

Afterwards the meeting was held in the Church House, and, in the absence of the Rector, Mr. William Mitchell presided. St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, was chosen for the next place of meeting, the date to be arranged later.

Mr. J. H. Banks proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his hospitality in providing tea for all, also to the church officials for the use of bells and to the rangers for having all in readiness.—Mr. S. Greenhalgh, of Pendleton, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going till a late hour in touches of Grandsire, Kent, Oxford, Stedman, Double Norwich and Bob Major. Members were present from Bury, Rawtenstall, Helmshore, Christ Church, Bacup, Ramsbottom, and vestry members from Middleton, Radcliffe, Pendleton, Didsbury, Miles Platting, and Bolton Parish Church.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

A quarterly meeting was held at Caldicot, on Saturday, September 25th. The attendance was not so large as is generally the case, but members attended from Llandaff, Penarth, Cardiff, Newport, Bedwas, Chepstow, Caerphilly, Monmouth, Llanbradach, Caerleon, etc., and were rewarded with a hearty welcome from the Vicar and local ringers. They were also favoured with a fine afternoon. The bells, a very handy and musical ring of eight, were raised early in the afternoon, and the standard methods rung. The Vicarage grounds and gardens, which were well laden with fruit, etc., were open to the visitors and much enjoyed. Tea, which had been very kindly provided, was followed by the business meeting. The Vicar presided, and welcomed the ringers.

Arising out of the minutes, several items were discussed, including instruction at Llantwit-Major, Pontypriid and Pendoylan.

The place to hold the next Monmouth meeting was held over until the annual meeting, which is to be held at Llandaff. The payment of subscriptions and votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close, and then all attended service at the Parish Church.

The bells were afterwards kept going until late in the evening.

**FOR THE BEGINNERS.****CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

Following the few hints to the young conductor on Bob Minor, he should, with a little study (not forgetting the use of pencil and paper at home before going to the tower), have no difficulty in calling the Treble Bob Minor methods, the foundation being laid in the former.

There being no singles in Treble Bob and the courses double the length of Bob Minor, perhaps a few simple remarks may not, however, be out of place.

By calling the tenor 'In,' 'Out' and 'In' (or, as it is commonly called 'In and Out unless with the 5th') will produce the 42356 part end, which, twice repeated, completes the 720.

The 'In' means when the tenor is going to dodge with the treble on the front and take up the slow work, and 'Out' when the tenor leaves the slow by dodging in 1-2 up with the treble.

The figures will show that at the bobs 'In' and 'Out' the 5th is left behind, to dodge in 5-6 down, so that the tenor is without the 5th. At the 2nd 'In' the 5th is brought back (by making the bob) to its coursing position behind the tenor, therefore the 5th is with the tenor and the bob at 'Out' has to be omitted.

Now, the young conductor may be led to think that this sounds something quite different from Bob Minor, but if he again gets his paper and pencil he will find the 5th works regularly in relation to the tenor in each part of 240 changes, as it does in each part of the 120 in the plain method; and, further, he will find in some of the more advanced and Surprise Methods the 5th and tenor are in the exact position at the 'calls' as they are in Plain Bob, therefore the calling of a 360 in the one becomes 720 in the other.

Members of the band at Wem, Salop, were enabled to take an encouraging step forward on Friday, October 1st, when, on the occasion of a visit by Mr. C. Edwards, Master of the Hereford Guild, and other friends, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: \*J. Ravenscroft 1, C. Edwards (conductor) 2, †J. Grocott 3, W. Lycett 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, F. A. Barnett 6, †G. Cowley 7, †G. Smith 8. \* First quarter-peal away from tenor. † First quarter on a bob bell. ‡ First quarter-peal.

At St. Bartholomew's Church, Bolton, on Sunday, October 3rd, for evensong, ten 120 Grandsire Doubles (1,200 changes) in 39 mins.: D. Knowles 1, H. Weall 2, T. Longworth 3, R. Knowles 4, E. Cutsforth (conductor) 5, J. Aspin 6. This is the longest length by all of the band except the conductor, who only took charge of this tower three months ago.

At the Durham Cathedral practice, held at St. Oswald's Church, Durham, on Thursday, September 23rd, 720 Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins.: Arthur Hodgson 1, C. F. Vasey 2, W. Brown 3, F. Sheraton 4, W. H. Johnson 5, E. G. Ferry (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 by the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 5th, who are local men, and was rung after four months' instruction in change ringing, they having been brought up in call changes. One has since rung a peal of Bob Major on the treble, and is believed to be the first Durham man to ring a peal on eight bells. The ringers of 3rd and 4th hail from Chester-le-Street, and the tenor from Newcastle. The ringers at the Cathedral, St. Oswald's, and St. Nicholas' Churches (the only peals in Durham) are all being instructed in change ringing.

At St. Mary's Church, Redbourn, on Friday, October 1st, for harvest festival, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles (A. J. Pitman's arrangement): W. Taylor 1, J. Hobbs 2, A. V. Good (conductor) 3, A. Brinklow 4, G. Daniels 5, H. Huckleby 6. Ringers of 3rd and 4th are from Apsley. First 720 by ringers of treble, 5th and tenor.—On Sunday, October 3rd, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 47 mins.: W. Lee 1, G. Daniels 2, A. V. Good 3, A. Brinklow 4, J. Stepp (conductor) 5, H. Huckleby 6. First quarter as conductor, and longest length by ringers of treble, 2nd and tenor.

At St. Peter's, Staines, on September 26th, for harvest festival, 1,000 Grandsire Triples: A. Stevens 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, G. Walmsley 4, J. Phillips 5, E. J. Goater (conductor) 6, W. C. Parker 7, A. J. Hiscock 8. This was an attempt at a 1,026, but owing to a late start only a 1,000 changes were rung.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**LEWISHAM, LONDON.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for the harvest thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnett, sen., 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, A. E. Darvill 4, C. Moulton 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.—After evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnett, sen., 1, C. H. Walker 2, W. W. Fox 3, H. Warnett, jun., 4, A. E. Darvill 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Conducted by H. Warnett, sen.

**EXETER.**—At St. Thomas' Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, October 3rd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) from first half of Davies' 10-part Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. H. Thomas (first quarter) 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, R. Davey 3, J. Hosgood 4, T. J. Stokes 5, A. H. Goad 6, C. Routley 7, W. Bailey 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal (1,288 changes) from 2nd half of Davies' 10-part Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: W. Bailey 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, R. Davey 3, J. Hosgood 4, R. Stamp 5, T. J. Stokes 6, W. Brewer 7, A. H. Goad 8.

**EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival morning service, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Pickering 1, G. Newton 2, M. Coe (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, H. Webb 4, E. Pickering 5, S. Coe 6, W. Reynolds (conductor) 7, L. Bousler 8.

**HORNSEY.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, R. Bullen 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**BARNES.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival, 1,260 Stedman Triples for afternoon service: A. Cutmor 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, W. C. Stacey 4, R. Mackrill 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, P. Stratton 8.—720 Kent Treble Bob Minor for evening service: H. Barrett 1, W. C. Stacey 2, H. Cook 3, R. Mackrill 4, C. Hunt 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6.

**HOUSLOW.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, J. Milner 2, S. Stilwell 3, F. G. Goddard 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

**SWENDON, GLOS.**—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Miss N. M. Bibby (Frodsham) 1, A. H. Cook 2, H. Voice 3, R. A. E. Cook 4, W. Yeend 5.

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for the harvest festival, before matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor and 216 Oxford Treble Bob.—Before evensong, 720 Wells Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. The ringers were F. Wright, L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch, A. Bradley, and the conducting was shared by E. Sitch and A. Bradley.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday morning, October 3rd, at St. Margaret's Parish Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: T. Stephenson 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. J. Pratt 3, H. Kirton 4, E. Hancock 5, J. B. Marks 6, H. J. Freeborn (conductor) 7, W. J. Silvery 8.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—For evening service, October 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. Morgan 1, T. Booth 2, G. King 3, C. Creasey 4, E. Mills 5, G. Mills 6, W. Head (conductor) 7, J. Goodsell 8.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**—On October 3rd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Minor in six methods in 42 mins.: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolsten 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service, harvest festival, 720 Oxford Bob: G. Saunders 1, W. Webb 2, F. Tubb 3, F. Cherritt 4, P. Blake 5, P. Barker 6.—Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Cherritt 1, F. Hubb 2, W. Webb 3, B. Tubb 4, P. Blake 5, P. Barker (conductor) 6.

**DORE, SHEFFIELD.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for choral communion, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major: Miss Jessie Davenport 1, R. E. Johnson 2, Miss Molly Davenport 3, W. Bingham 4, A. S. Robinson 5, John W. Sykes 6, N. Short 7, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal with the ringer of the treble, whose age is 13.—For evensong, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sykes 1, W. Bingham 2, Miss Molly Davenport 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, A. S. Robinson 5, N. Fisher 6, N. Short (conductor) 7, M. Fisher 8. Rung for the harvest festival services.

**BRAINTREE.**—For harvest festival evensong, on October 3rd, at the Parish Church, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 43 mins.: A. Wiffen 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Lindridge 4, C. H. Howard 5, H. T. Reason (first in the method) 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, J. Lee 2, S. Burton (Leicester) 3, J. W. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. L. Watkins 6, A. C. Darnall 7, C. W. Roberts 8, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 9, F. E. Collins 10.

**KENSINGTON.**—At St. Mary Abbots, Sunday, October 3rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 52 mins.: H. G. Miles 1, G. W. Frayne 2, R. E. Sadler 3, F. V. H. Sinkins 4, W. E. Judd 5, E. G. Locke 6, S. C. R. Flaxman 7, R. Congreve Pridgen (conductor) 8, A. F. Harris 9, G. C. Rice 10.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: G. Upshall 1, J. Read (first quarter in the method) 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples.

**GREAT BADDOW.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest thanksgiving morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Winnie Linn (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Rice 2, R. Thrift 3, A. Richell 4, Dr. Spencer Phillips 5, W. Franklin 6, Geo. Green (conductor) 7, W. Amos 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Dawson 1, W. Rice 2, R. Thrift 3, Dr. Spencer Phillips 4, H. Allen 5, A. Richell 6, G. Green (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, 'Dedication Sunday' and 28th anniversary of the restoration of the tower and bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. Eagles 1, G. Pound (Boxley, Maidstone) 2, J. Eagles 3, C. Turner 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, R. H. Stevens 6, H. J. Saunders 7, C. Hardeman 8. The above quarter-peal was also rung as a farewell to the Rev. O. F. R. Strickland, who has been in the ministry at St. Mary's, Dover, for the past six years, and was to be inducted Vicar of Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, on Tuesday, October 5th.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Saviour's Church for harvest thanksgiving, on Sunday evening, October 3rd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: A. Cooper 1, C. A. Hughes 2, W. Little 3, H. A. Edwards 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, G. W. Cooper 6, W. Stead (conductor) 7, H. V. Heninger (first quarter-peal) 8.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—For the harvest festival services, at St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, September 26th, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples. For morning service, the ringers were: Miss Hanson 1, B. Grater 2, J. Elsworth 3, Mrs. Knowles 4, W. Cockram 5, F. Viney 6, F. Newcombe (conductor) 7, C. Knowles 8.—For the evening service: J. Bowden (Bampton) 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, B. Grater 3, C. Knowles 4, F. Newcombe 5, R. Grater 6, J. Elsworth (conductor) 7, J. Bray 8.

**STAFFORD.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 26th, for the harvest festival, three quarter-peals were attempted by the local band. Grandsire Caters for morning service was lost after three-quarters of an hour's good ringing. Bob Major, after service, was successfully brought round in 47 mins. by: R. B. Sibery (first in the method) 1, J. Yeates (first 'inside') 2, A. E. Garbett 3, G. Booth 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, W. H. Jones 6, A. H. Taylor 7, J. J. Taylor 8.—For evening service, Stedman Triples was lost at the end of the 3rd part. All were conducted by J. J. Taylor. Altogether eleven local ringers took part in the attempts.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—For the Parish Church festival on September 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. W. T. Ginn 1, F. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.—For harvest festival (a welcome to the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, M.A., Vicar of Monk's Kirby), 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Robinson 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, A. J. Ginn 6.—For evening service on Sunday, October 3rd, when the special preacher was Bishop Price, of Ely, 720 Cambridge, hand as above, except B. Wayman, F. Ginn standing in.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, Sunday, September 26th, for the harvest festival, by the Holy Trinity Society, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: W. E. Jelly 1, C. N. Burdock 2, H. Hutten 3, W. J. Robinson 4, R. Philpott 5, W. R. Melville 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, G. W. Steere 8.

**HESTON.**—On Sunday, September 26th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Lewis (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, W. Lewis 2, T. E. Churchill 3, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 4, C. I. Edwards 5, H. C. Chandler 6, W. H. Hollier 7, W. Brown 8.

**TWICKENHAM.**—On Sunday, September 26th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Bradford 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, R. G. Ilsey 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, A. Harding 7, J. H. Morris 8.

**OXHEY.**—On Sunday, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: \*E. Bowley 1, H. Hodgetts 2, \*T. Norris 3, C. Leman 4, A. W. Dix 5, F. W. Elliott 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, H. Kirton 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, September 26th, at the Parish Church of St. Leonard, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Lee 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. L. Watkins 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, and as a farewell touch to the Rector who is retiring after 25½ years as Rector of the parish, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,296 changes) in 53 mins.: W. Fletcher 1, Miss P. M. Moss 2, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 3, W. Henley 4, J. Blackmore 5, J. Batting 6, F. Corke 7, H. Wingrove 8.

**HURWORTH-ON-TEES, DURHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday morning, September 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Hudgen 1, F. Newton 2, T. Newton 3, B. Newton 4, W. Newton (conductor) 5, W. Simpson 6. First 720 as conductor in the method.—In the evening 360 in the same method, C. Wilson (longest touch in the method) ringing the treble.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Oct. 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 19th; 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.**—The next general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Beeston, Notts. This is Goose Fair Saturday, and cheap trips will be running to Nottingham, from whence buses run every few minutes. Bells (8) open from 2 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, followed by general meeting, all in School Room.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Tea at Barker's Restaurant, Broad Street, at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—S.W. District Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Yealmpton on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free to members.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Plymouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. The address at the service will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, and a tablet recording peals of Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major will be unveiled.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Oct. 9th. The bells will be available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate (1s. per head). A service will be held in church. All ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Oct. 9th, when all ringers will be heartily welcomed. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Sunday School. Members directly affected by the strike to be free to tea.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Aldermaston on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of C. E. Keyser, Esq., at Parish Hall 5 p.m.—A. T. Claydon, Hon. Sec., Englefield, Reading.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Fontmell Magna (6 bells), on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (6d. for members), meeting to follow.—Reginald E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A mid-week practice meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Tuesday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 7 to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, will be at the Church House immediately after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th.—W. Laffer, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock at 1s. 3d. each. Please notify Mr. M. C. Fowler, 26, Northcliffe Rd., Conisborough, by Thursday, Oct. 14th. Will members please note that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, as the end of the financial year is Sept. 30th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party and social will be held at Oldham Parish on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by social in Evangelist School, Lord Street, Oldham. Tickets (gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 6d.) obtainable from local secretaries. Will local secretaries please return all unsold tickets to Mr. V. Sykes, 8, Houghton Street, Longsight, Oldham, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Oct. 16th, which all members are urged to attend. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, to be followed by tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Well Street, at 6 o'clock, and then important business meeting, which will be asked to accept the resignations of the Master and secretary for business and domestic reasons, and to appoint successors.—A. Riley, Steward and Acting Sec., 6, Rydon Street, Islington, N. 7.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the association will be held at Wellington on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Evensong 4 p.m.; business meeting in the Vestry to follow. Rockwell Green bells also will be available.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The third quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available from 4 to 7 p.m., with business meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m., at Beale's, The Cross. All are welcome.—E. W. Day, Dis. Sec., 58, King's Road, Hitchin.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m., and there will be a short service at 4.30. Tea, at 5, will be followed by general meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. W. Chapman, 19, Glebe Road, Nuneaton?—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells: St. Cuthbert's (8), St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6). Available from 2 p.m. Tea arranged for those notifying me not later than the 13th inst. The proposal to hold this meeting at Gainford is cancelled, owing to the bells not being available.—J. Titt, 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hanbury on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Election of officers for 1927. Tea will be provided. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colsterworth on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 13th.—S. Proctor, Sec., 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday?—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. for appointment of secretary and committee representatives.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3.15. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

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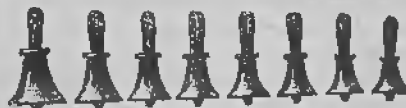
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The system opens up all sorts of possibilities, grotesque and otherwise, and while we would be the last to discourage any advance that can be made to introduce variety, interest and even difficulty into peal ringing, we are not at all sure that the splicing of odd and even methods is one which we should like to see generally taken up. If we are asked definitely to state our objections—frankly we cannot do so, except to say that such a departure from the accepted canons of ringing does not appeal to us, or, we think, to the general body of ringers. All Triples or all Major; all Caters or all Royal, in as many methods as you please, and ringing will progress on rational lines, but to join odd and even bell methods seems to break a continuity of practice which would, in our opinion, be better undisturbed.

In saying this we do not desire for one moment to underrate the initiative or ability of the bands who have done these things. In one respect we welcome the performances as an indication of the desire to break from the rut, but we would rather see the enterprise of the ringers turned to such channels as spliced peals of Triples in four or five or more methods, and spliced peals of Caters in which two or three methods can be united. Such peals give composers, ringers and conductors just as much scope, and, while providing a field as large as the most progressive ringer can desire, keeps to the true traditions of peal ringing. Where spliced peals are rung, however, we think it should be the aim of the composer to provide constant changes of method. Many peals have now been rung with only one or two switches from method to method, and, although, as Mr. J. W. Parker

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recently pointed out, such peals are unquestionably 'spliced' peals, there would be more merit in them if they were turned over at least once in every course. That, in our opinion, constitutes the true idea of a 'spliced method' peal.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL.**

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 32 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM TILLET ... .. Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 2	*ALFRED G. RIVERS ... .. 8
CHARLES MEE ... .. 3	*T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 9
*ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
HARRY R. ROPE ... .. 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FREDERICK J. TILLET.

\* First peal of Maximus, and hull from Cambridgeshire. The conductor's birthday and his first attempt to call a peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Winifred A. Gillingham (daughter of H. Charles Gillingham) and Mr. A. E. Horn, which took place at St. Margaret's Church on the above date.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB ROYAL AND GRANDSIRE CATERS,  
5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDGAR GUISE ... .. Treble	ALFRED PEARCE ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	WILLIAM C. HUNTER... .. 8
ALBERT STOWELL ... 4	E. GEORGE TREW ... .. 9
ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 5	JOHN A. BURFORD ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by E. G. TREW.

This peal contains 2,880 Plain Bob and 2,196 Grandsire Caters.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LATE STOKES ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.)

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HARRY SARGEANT ... .. Treble	†THOMAS HARD ... .. 6
ERNEST LONDON ... .. 2	†ROBERT G. LEWIS ... .. 7
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 8
†THOMAS HILDITCH ... .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 9
†FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY... 5	*CHARLES E. MORLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE

\* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters; also a birthday peal for Charles E. Morley. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and also the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... 8
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 9
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

OLVESTON, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*ALBERT R. W. WHITE ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... .. 5
JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... .. 2	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... .. 6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS... .. 3	*STANLEY POOLE... .. 7
REV. R. H. WHITFORD ... .. 4	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

\* First peal of Major. First as conductor on tower bells. Rung on the 28th birthday of the ringer of the 7th.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

ALBERT HARRISON ... .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 5
JOHN SOUTER ... .. 2	CLEMENT MORE ... .. 6
GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 3	JOHN SNELLING ... .. 7
FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble	CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROOPE ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	JOHN SNELLING ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.

**A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MAJOR AND OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5095 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALLEN C. JONES ... .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
RICHARD EVANS ... .. 2	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 6
ALFRED TALBOT ... .. 3	DAVID R. JAMES... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Bob Major conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Oxford Bob Triples conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

This peal consists of 2,572 Bob Major and 2,523 Oxford Bob Triples. First peal ever rung with these two methods spliced. The ringer of the 5th has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. Twenty-fifth peal together for the 5th and tenor ringers. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. T. Clanzey, who were married in Cardiff the same day. The former is president of the Bridgend ex-Service Men's Club.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... .. Treble	SIDNEY SADLER ... .. 5
STANLEY H. ROBINSON ... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
*CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 3	GEORGE McHALE ... .. 7
JOSEPH BENNETT ... .. 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung on the occasion of Aid. C. F. Tetley being made a Freeman of the City of Leeds. Aid. Tetley has been churchwarden of St. Michael's for the past forty-six years, and has been a great public benefactor and a generous supporter of the church.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	*HAROLD MARCON ... .. 5
WILLIAM DICKENSON ... .. 2	GEORGE LADD ... .. 6
F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 3	*ARTHUR DIXON ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. This peal, together with an unsuccessful attempt for Grandsire Caters at Ewerby, on Tuesday, October 5th, was very kindly arranged by F. A. Holden to oblige the tenor ringer.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, TWERTON.

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE TEMPLE... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 5
HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7
THEODORE GRANT ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Miss NORAH G. WILLIAMS.

Miss Williams is the first lady to conduct a peal in Bath.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICKS PAINE... .. Treble	*WILLIAM STOCKLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 2	*WALTER BEAUMONT ... .. 6
PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM ... .. 3	EDWARD A. ALLEN ... .. 7
SIDNEY JARRETT ... .. 4	CHARLES A. WINSER... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by C. A. WINSER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung on the eve of harvest festival, and also as a farewell peal to the ringer of 5th on leaving the district. He has been connected with the church, and took a prominent part in church duties for a number of years. First peal by entirely Sunday ringers at this church.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN... .. Treble	ERNEST ELDRIDGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM WALKER ... .. 2	JESSE ELDRIDGE ... .. 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 3	ARTHUR WALKER... .. 7
JAMES MARR... .. 4	ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BORTON. Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. J. Marr and E. Eldridge, and was their first peal of Major.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	JOHN SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a complimentary peal to the wife of Canon Badger, and also the wife of Councillor Gelling, the donor of the bells. It is also the first peal of Bristol on the bells. Mr. J. H. W. White is from Coventry, and was elected a life member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. W. TIPLER'S VARIATION OF HALEY'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

C. HENRY WEBB... .. Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 5
ALFRED G. GRANT ... .. 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 6
RICHARD J. JACKSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 7
LESLIE BRAMALL... .. 4	*PERCY W. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

\* First peal.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

BERNARD WELLS... .. Treble	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 2	WILLIAM STANFORD... .. 6
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 3	*CECIL NICE... .. 7
JOHN COOK ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First touch of Treble Bob.

## ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-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 25 cwt.

*VICTOR WILLS ... .. Treble	*SIDNEY ROSSER ... .. 5
*WILLIAM H. BROWN... .. 2	*THOMAS FOWLER ... .. 6
*HAROLD ROBBINS ... .. 3	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 4	*HENRY KINGTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. CAPEWELL.

\* First peal. This 'local peal,' rung entirely by parishioners of Almondsbury, was rung at the eighth attempt!

## KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 5
*HARRY PROUT ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
*FREDERICK TARGETT... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 4	ERIC WADMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY... .. 5
OWEN H. GILES ... .. 2	REGINALD BROWN ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TOCKER ... .. Treble

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the sixth. Quickest Surprise peal on the bells.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Wednesday, September 29th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Townsend 1, A. Rose 2, S. E. Andrews 3, E. Waters 4, C. R. Forfitt 5, P. W. Witham 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, W. Ingham 8. This quarter-peal was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to P. W. Witham, the band wishing him 'many happy returns.' The ringers of 1, 2 and 8 were from St. James', Poole, the 7th from London, and the rest belong to St. Peter's local band.

## KIRBY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

PERCY ALMOND ... .. Treble	L/c. CHARLES ANDREWS, R.A. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
GEORGE ANDREWS ... .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 7
ERNEST DURRANT ... .. 4	GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal of Oxford by ringers of 4, 5 and 7, also on the bells. Rung as a 'welcome home' to Lord Byng (late Governor-General of Canada) and Lady Byng.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

THOMAS BENNEY... .. Treble	LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... .. 2	JAMES BOLLOCK ... .. 6
ERNEST E. BISH ... .. 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 7
THOMAS J. HOLLOWAY ... .. 4	FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung on the 50th birthday of Mr. W. S. Langdon.

## STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE LATHAM... .. Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 5
ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 2	THOMAS WILLS ... .. 6
BASIL LATHAM ... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 7
TRAVERS PRICHARD ... .. 4	ROBERT SEARP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

First peal of Triples as conductor.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES NUNN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 4
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 2	ARTHUR G. BLOXALL ... .. 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... .. 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

E. P. Buckingham was elected a member previous to the peal. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. W. Rose.

## BASSINGHAM, LINCS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD MARCON... .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4
GEORGE FLINTHAM ... .. 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 5
GEORGE CHESTER ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal upon the bells, which were dedicated on August 3rd, 1926. It was rung at the special request of the Rector upon the occasion of the Patronal Festival.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 4
JOHN PALFREMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM CUNDALL ... .. 5
ARTHUR GILL ... .. 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

First peal of Minor for ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

LAINDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Surfleet, Durham, Wells, Beverley, Cambridge and York. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR ... .. Treble	GEORGE DAWSON... .. 4
*ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor on an inside bell. This is the first peal on this splendid peal of bells, which were put in by Mears and Stainbank in 1880.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Southwell, Carlisle, Beverley, Norwich, Ipswich, London and York.

ERNEST T. BUTLER ... .. Treble	ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 4
GEORGE L. JOYCE ... .. 2	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

Rung to commemorate the Royal Charter being granted to the borough of Leyton.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY WARD ... .. Treble	*ALBERT WORMALD ... .. 4
*HUGH TAYLOR ... .. 2	†GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 5
*PERCY MASSAM ... .. 3	‡THOMAS W. STRANGWAYS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGWAYS.

\* First peal. † First of Bob Minor. ‡ First of Minor and first as conductor.

BRERETON-CUM-SMETHWICK, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERIC B. ALLMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN MATTHEWS... .. 3
GEORGE ADDISON... .. 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 4

ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

First peal on the bells, which have been in the tower since 1727, and are a 'left-handed' ring. First peal of Doubles by all the band and first of Doubles for the Crewe branch.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—At All Saints' Church, for the harvest festival service, on Thursday, September 30th, 1,344 changes of Grand-sire Triples in 55 mins.: R. Butcher 1, A. Seabrook 2, F. Dedman 3, A. Butcher 4, F. Vickers 5, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. Nicholls 7, G. Holbin (first quarter) 8. Ringers of 3rd and 5th belong to the Linslade tower.

RISELEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores each of Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES DUNKLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 3
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 4

HENRY STAPLTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

This is the first peal on the bells, also by the ringer of the treble.

EAST HADDON, NORFOLK.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS WISE ... .. Treble	TOM TEBBOTT ... .. 3
*JOHN CADD ... .. 2	*ROWLAND ADAMS ... .. 4

\*JOHN TOWNSEND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

\* First peal.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Kent, each differently called.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

CHARLES ROBINSON ... .. Treble	FRED GINN ... .. 4
ARTHUR W. J. GINN ... .. 2	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	FRANK WARRINGTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. Treble	PERCY MERSON ... .. 4
*WILLIAM UNDERHILL ... 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	JAMES HUNT... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal in three methods. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT WESTLEIGH HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*REGINALD SCOTT ... .. 1-2	†FREDERICK W. STORES ... 5-6
F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN, R.F.A. 3-4	*HAROLD MARCON ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN.

\* First peal 'in hand.' † 100th peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWARD JENKINS... .. 1-2	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Double Bob by all. First peal of Double Bob 'in hand' in the county and by the Guild.

**A NEW TENOR AT CULHAM, BERKS.**

On Sunday, October 3rd, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving service at Culham, Berks, the dedication of a tenor bell took place. What was a few years back a miserable cracked ring of three, is now, by this addition, a very pretty peal of six, with tenor about 7 cwt. The recasting of the old bells and the addition of two others look place about three years ago.

After the service, a well-struck 720 of Cambridge Minor was rung by the following, whose unanimous verdict was that Culham can be congratulated on their peal, and that Messrs. White, of Appleton, have done their work remarkably well, the 'go' being all that can be desired, and, what is more, the bells strike true: F. Barrett 1, J. Honey 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, G. Caudwell 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, P. Dyke 6.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****APPLETON BELLS IN NEED OF REPAIR.**

On Saturday afternoon, October 2nd, the North Berkshire branch held their half-yearly meeting at Sutton Courtney. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. for the ringers' special service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Rendal), some 60 to 70 members and friends attending. After service, tea was provided at the schoolroom, for which sincere thanks are due to all the ladies concerned for the excellent catering and efficient service.

At a meeting which followed, the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters presided, and spoke of the rehanging of East Hagbourne bells. He thanked the branch for their grant of £4.

Appleton bells now require some considerable repairs, and after hearing Mr. White's account of them the meeting decided to make a grant of £4 towards their restoration.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar for his address, and to the organist and choir for their appreciated services.—The Vicar, in responding, expressed his great pleasure at having the service and meeting at Sutton, and of the special treat the singing of such a congregation gave him. The meeting over, ringing was again indulged in.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**

A meeting was held at Farnham on Saturday, October 2nd. The tower bells were rung during the afternoon, and the Rev. J. G. Geare conducted a short service. The company afterwards partook of tea in the Parish Room.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Geare proved an efficient chairman, and showed marked enthusiasm for change-ringing.—Votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped to make this meeting such a happy one.

The handbells then being produced, a fine performance of lapping was given, and the brothers William and Walter Prior (well known in ringing circles) gave an excellent exhibition of tune ringing, which was greatly appreciated.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****ASHFORD DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Ashford district was held at Wye, on Saturday, October 2nd. The attendance was small, owing to various reasons, only twenty members being present from Ashford, Charing, Canterbury, Brabourne, Headcorn, Willesborough, Wingham, and the local band. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, Mr. Shepherd, of Swindon, taking a rope. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Medcalf), who also presided at the organ, and gave an address of welcome to the association. Tea was served at the King's Head Hotel, and the Vicar, having to leave after tea, Mr. S. Finn was elected chairman at the business meeting. All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Representatives on Central Committee, C. Tribe and E. S. Ruck; district secretary, A. C. Kay.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at High Halden in November, 1926, the following places being chosen for 1927: Appledore in February, Rolvenden in May, annual meeting, Hythe, in September.

Mr. G. Wanstall, of Wye, was elected a new member, and a vote of thanks to the chairman was passed. The tower was visited till 8.30 p.m., and touches of Stedman, Oxford Treble Bob, and Erin Triples were rung.

**ISLEWORTH BELL FUND.**

Amount previously acknowledged, £75 15s.; collection in Isleworth Church, Sunday, June 20th, £7 9s. 4d.; collection at Twickenham meeting, £2 10s. 2d.; collection at Isleworth meeting held by the London County Association, 4d.; collected by Mr. Fred Goodfellow, 7s. 6d.; donations: The Rev. M. E. Thomas, M.A., £1 1s., Messrs. W. H. Bellamy £2 2s., S. Daws £1, E. Taylor £1 1s., C. A. Day £1 1s., F. Blundell £1, H. E. Hudson, C.B.E., £1 1s., C. Rabbage £2 2s., H. G. Podger £2 2s., The Secretary £1 5s., Sir Thomas Williams £1 1s., Dr. Scott £1 1s., Mr. and Mrs. Daws (Sevenoaks) £1, Mr. E. Fairs 10s. 6d., Miss Vine 10s., Messrs. C. W. Arnold 5s., A. Davis 5s., H. Evans 5s., Mr. and Mrs. King 5s., Messrs. P. W. Smith 4s., W. Essery 2s. 6d., P. A. Seager 2s. 6d., Mrs. Clark 2s. 6d.; total, £105 11s. 4d.

W. J. Bridges, manager, Barclays Bank, Isleworth, treasurer; W. H. Hollier, hon. secretary to the fund.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting was held at Cottingham, on Saturday, October 2nd, and was attended by some forty members and visitors. Various touches were brought round on the peal of eight, which have been dormant for some years, previous to the incumbency of the present Rector, the Rev. A. Fergusson, who has been most assiduous in promoting the art of change-ringing, with the assistance of ringers from neighbouring towers.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, whose fine address was freely commented on after the service as being one of the best that had been heard at a meeting.

An excellent tea was gratuitously served in the schoolroom, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Rector occupied the chair at the meeting which followed, and extended a generous welcome to the association in this their first visit to Cottingham.

After a prolonged discussion, it was decided that the next meeting be held at Pontefract, in December.

A unanimous vote of thanks, on the motion of the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryed (Selby), was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, the service, and for providing tea; also to the ladies who served the meal, to the organist, and Mr. J. Hodgson, and the local ringers for their very excellent arrangements. A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

**HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE BELLS AUGMENTED**

On Friday, October 8th, the Bishop of Winchester dedicated a new treble bell at the Church of St. Mary Bourne, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. H. Burne, of Upper Link House. The Bishop also rededicated the five other bells which have recently been returned, the work having been most successfully carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

After the service of dedication, 720 Bob Minor and six scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by a band collected by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies from Basingstoke, Oakley, Andover and Winchester.

At the same service the Bishop rededicated the pedestal of the ancient Saxon font, and dedicated a memorial table and a stained-glass window.

**MR. CRAVEN'S THANKS.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to thank my many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in my unfortunate accident. I am pleased to inform them that I think I am on the road to recovery, which I trust will be complete. I appreciate the cheerful messages many have sent me, and most gratefully thank all for same.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

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**DEVON'S NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.**

Two treble bells, given as memorials respectively to the Rev. C. R. Carr and Mrs. Gladys Campbell, were dedicated recently in the Parish Church, Littleham-cum-Exmouth, Devon, which lies two miles to the east of Exmouth. The old tower now contains eight bells, of which the first three of the old peal of six have been recast and a new frame and fittings for the complete peal provided by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The church was crowded for the dedication service, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, whose visit was much appreciated. There were a good number of ringers present, and the 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired. The church possesses a keen band of change-ringers, whose efforts to master eight-bell ringing should meet with success, thanks to the great help which has been given to them by the Withycombe Raleigh ringers, who are fellow-members of the Devonshire Guild.

**HENRY BAGLEY, BELL FOUNDER.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—On reading your article in Belfry Gossip, October 1st, I notice a reference to a Northamptonshire bell founder, Henry Bageley, who was stated to have died in the year 1676. I send you a copy of the inscriptions on our church bells at Flore, from which you will see that he made our 3rd bell in 1679, so no doubt you have been mis-informed. I hope the inscriptions may be of interest to you and others.—Yours truly,

**H. SHIMMELL.**

**INSCRIPTIONS ON FLORE CHURCH BELLS.**

1st bell.—'James Phillips and Thomas Sharpe, churchwardens. Russell, of Wooton, near Bedford, made me. 1743.'

2nd bell.—'Cantate Domino. Canticum Novum. 1679.'

3rd bell.—'Henry Bagley made mee. 1679.'

4th bell.—'Matthew Bagley made mee. 1676.'

5th bell.—'Robert Bullocke, John Phillips, churchwardens.'

6th bell.—'I to the church the living call,

And to the grave do summon all.

Russell, of Wooton, mad me,

In seventeen hundred and forty-three.'

[Henry Bagley left two sons, Henry and William, who, with a nephew, Matthew, carried on the business. It is probable, therefore, that the founder of the 3rd at Flore was Henry, the younger. It will be seen from the inscriptions that Matthew cast a bell at the same church in 1676, so that his uncle was, presumably, already dead at that time.—Ed. 'R.W.']

**MR. W. H. HEWETT'S 300 PEALS.**

A peal at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, September 25th, completed Mr. William H. Hewett's third century.

	Tower.	Handbells.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	22	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	15	
Cambridge Surprise Major	32	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	
Middlesex Surprise Royal	4	
London Surprise Major	8	
Superlative Surprise Major	39	
Bristol Surprise Major	12	
Brighton Surprise Major	1	
Norfolk Surprise Major	4	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	5	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
Double Norwich Royal	1	
Double Norwich Major	45	
Double Oxford Major	1	
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1	
Duffield Royal	1	
Duffield Major	1	
Forward Royal	2	
Forward Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	4	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Plain Bob Maximus	1	1
Plain Bob Royal	—	7
Plain Bob Major	2	3
Stedman Cinques	13	2
Stedman Caters	30	4
Stedman Triples	15	
Grandsire Cinques	—	2
Grandsire Caters	2	
Grandsire Triples	4	1
Grandsire Doubles	1	
	277	23

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Middlesex County Association are to broadcast at Bow, Cheapside, at 8 p.m., on Sunday, October 24th. The method will be Double Norwich, rung on the back eight, as a plain eight-bell method, which is considered more suitable for the listening public, has been requested.

The two new trebles at Dummow, Essex, will be dedicated on October 31st.

At West Derby, Liverpool, Mr. J. H. Moore, who is in his 70th year, and, besides being a ringer at St. Peter's Church for 43 years, was one of the earliest members of the Lancashire Association, has just rung his first 720 Bob Minor.

The ringers at Whittle-le-Woods are giving a helping hand to the parish of Ickleton, Cambs, where recently the tenor broke, and where there are no available funds to replace the bell. Other bands and ringers may desire to help Ickleton, and we are sure that contributions will be gladly acknowledged if sent to the local captain of ringers, Mr. P. H. Webb.

Miss Norah Williams, the first lady to call a peal in Bath, will be congratulated upon having conducted Holt's Original.

Two 'spliced' peals are recorded this week in which even and odd bell methods have been joined up. At Bridgend, a peal of Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples was rung, and at Bristol Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters.

We hear that a peal is being organised for 'Grandfathers.' This is not a new name for Grandsire but is to be a peal arranged in honour of Mr. Ben Foskett's 80th birthday. Mr. Foskett is 'father' of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Master of the society, Mr. J. D. Multhous, is getting together a company of twelve grandfathers for a peal of Cinques at Shoreditch.

A peal of 6,030 Grandsire Caters (containing 60 963's and 60 89's) was rung on October 16th, 1820, at All Saints' Church, Wakefield. It is recorded on a board placed in the belfry 'by order of the churchwardens, in consequence of the attention and good conduct of the ringers.'

The composer, and, presumably, the conductor, of the peal was William Woodhead, who two years later was the composer and conductor of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, also rung at Wakefield. In 1814, he had rung in a peal of 12,320 Treble Bob Major at Otley in 7 hours 15 minutes, 'being the longest peal in that method rung in England.'

Forty-six years ago to-morrow the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major at Debenham, conducted by W. Ireland.

Thomas Tolladay, one of the early members of the old St. James' Society, and their leading conductor in his day, died on October 18th, 1843. It was not until the following January that a muffled peal was rung in memory of him.

The anniversary of one of the first long lengths of Treble Bob Royal, which culminated in much rivalry between the College Youths and the Cumberlands, falls on Tuesday next. One hundred and sixty years ago on that day the College Youths rang a peal of 6,000 at Shoreditch.

Fifty years ago next Thursday the first and only peal of Stedman Royal was rung at Birmingham. Mr. William Kent and Mr. H. Johnson, jun., are, we believe, the only survivors of the band.

Next Wednesday is the 150th anniversary of a peal of Union Treble Bob Major, composed and conducted by George Gross, rung at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, by the Cumberland Youths.

## THE HEAVIEST PEAL OF TEN ?

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I note that it is recorded in your last issue that the bells at Wells Cathedral are the heaviest peal of ten in the country. I wonder whether any reader can furnish me with the weights of the individual bells at Wells Cathedral, as I have reason to believe that they are not the heaviest peal?—With anticipatory thanks, Yours faithfully,

CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

## A WELL-DESERVED PEAL.

Few bands have deserved success more than the eight men of Almondsbury, Gloucestershire, who rang a local peal of Grandsire on their bells last Saturday at the eighth attempt. It was a strictly 'local' peal, inasmuch as six of the company were born in Almondsbury, and the other two have lived there since before the war.

As six of the eight had never previously rung a peal (and two of these are in their 67th year), the band have every reason to be proud of their achievement.

'Everything comes to him who waits,' even a 'local peal,' and these men of Almondsbury have shown great patience and determination in persevering as they have. The first attempt was made in April, and six more unsuccessful ones had been started before they eventually got it. Three of the attempts lasted over two hours, and on one occasion, when they were going well, one of the bells slipped wheel and set up—an unusual way to lose a peal. As the ringers had hoped, when they did get the peal it was a good one, and the striking was much appreciated by a large number of listeners, who seemed as pleased at their success as the performers themselves.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT OFFICIALS.**

On October 9th, 'Ye Goose Faire' Saturday, a most successful meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Beeston, Notts. Visitors arrived early from Derby, Chesterfield, Burton, Ilkeston, Leicester, Hinckley, and other places, and made good use of the eight bells in the various standard and Surprise methods.

At the committee meeting, Mr. C. Draper was elected chairman in the absence of the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.), who was unfortunately too ill to attend.

The usual routine business was disposed of, and a grant of £3 3s. made to Eyam Bell Fund, where the old four bells have recently been augmented to six.

Mr. Willson (hon. treasurer) said he hoped that the Nottingham committee would reconsider their decision, and still continue office with the association, as it was with regret that he saw in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' they had decided to withdraw from any official capacity.

A substantial tea was served in the schools, when some fifty members sat down. This was followed by the general meeting, and in the president's absence Mr. A. Coppock (chairman of the Nottingham district) was voted to the chair. He was supported by the two churchwardens of Beeston, the Rev. I. B. L. Gibbs (Vicar of Ockbrook), the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Willson), and hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris).

The business included the election of 15 ringing, 1 life, and 2 hon. members, made since the last quarterly meeting; also the ratification of the suggested grant to Eyam Bell Fund.

The hon. secretary announced that he had obtained a copy of the 1883 report, which was kindly given by Mr. H. Price, of Fiskerton, and thus they were now in possession of a complete set for the association records.

Hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar of Beeston for the use of bells, to the churchwardens for the schools, and to the local committee for arrangements were proposed by Mr. A. B. Moss, seconded by Mr. C. Draper, and carried with acclamation.

Beeston bells were again brought into use, and by special courtesy St. Peter's, Nottingham, were open in the evening, but owing to the tenor clapper breaking during the first touch not much 'musical' ringing was heard. The writer called a touch of Stedman Caters on the front nine, and it can be left to those with 'musical ears and sensitive' what 'ye titlums and Queens' sounded like without the tenor covering.

It ought to be recorded that certain of the Leicester contingent, in haste to get home 'early,' caught the wrong train in the crowd, and landed at Long Eaton, where rumour has it the hon. secretary wanted to have another touch of 'spliced.' They certainly landed home 'early,' but not that day. However, all's well that ends well, and this can be put down as a very successful and happy meeting.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

A monthly meeting was held at Darton, on Saturday last, about 25 members attending from Ackworth, Kelkirk, Sandal Darfield, Wath, Shelley, Cawthorne, Barnsley, and the local company.

Darton bells are of good repute and lately have been overhauled. The 'go' was a matter of some divergence of opinion, but it is hoped the ringing during the meeting may cause them to run a little easier. The bells had little rest apart from changing bands and methods from early in the afternoon until 5 p.m., when tea was served to 26 ringers and friends. The Vicar, Rev. H. F. Ellgood, and the churchwarden, Mr. S. Hainsshaw, were both at the table, and each gave great praise to their own ringers, and extended a hearty welcome to the association.

At the business meeting, the Vicar kindly occupied the chair. There were no new members to be proposed, but the tone of the meeting was enthusiastic and happy in its social aspects.

Advantage was taken in a vote of thanks to mention the worn state of the tower steps, and, needless to state, this matter will have attention from the church authorities. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwarden for paying for the tea of thirteen members affected by the miners' lockout.—Further ringing crowned a happy meeting.

**SURPRISE METHODS BY DEVON RINGERS.**

Saturday was a red-letter day in the annals of the South-West District branch of the Devon Guild, when a very successful meeting was held at Yealmpton. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m., and following a beautiful service in church 47 members of the Guild, including friends from Torquay, Buckfastleigh and Talaton, sat down to tea.

The usual vote of thanks to the clergy, etc., was proposed by the Rev. M. Kelly, who gave a brief survey of all the Guild had done since its inception, and contrasted the first 120 of Doubles rung in Devon over 50 years ago with the course of Cambridge Surprise he had the pleasure of seeing rung that day.

After the meeting, 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung and a course of London. This is the first meeting of any branch of the Guild when Surprise methods have been rung.

**RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.**

An attempt will be made at Bolton Parish Church by members of the Lancashire Association on Oct. 30th to ring a record length of Superlative Surprise Major, 11,232 changes, composed by Mr. T. B. Worsley, of Bolton. The start will be made at 1 p.m.

**SPLICED LITTLE BOB AND LITTLE REVERSE BOB.****SOME HINTS ON HOW TO RING IT.**

As a result of the article which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the splicing of Little Bob and Little Reverse Bob, a correspondent has suggested that a few hints on the ringing of this spliced Major would be of value to those whose experience has so far taken them only to the Bob Major stage, because, he remarks, the explanation of the joining together of the methods is one thing, the explanation as to how best to ring them when spliced is another.

A few hints may not, therefore, be out of place for the benefit of those who desire help, but, as these particular methods have never been rung, spliced or otherwise, by the writer, what follows are merely observations which he would make if he were learning to ring them himself.

In the first place it is assumed that those who desire to take up these spliced methods know how to ring Bob Major. If they can ring Little Bob, so much the better; but, if they do not yet do so, they will find that rules for the latter are quite simple. If you pass the treble in 1-2, you make 2nd's and lead again—that's Bob Major. Then, unless you pass the treble in 3-4, up or down (which prevents you from dodging in 3-4), you dodge in every dodging place as you come to it, viz., 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 up, 7-8, 5-6 and 3-4 down. There is no dodging in 1-2.

An important point to understand is that the dodging is necessitated by two causes operating alternately. One cause is the 2nd's place made when the treble leads, and the other cause the 4th's place made by the treble itself.

To ring Little Reverse Bob you apply the same rules exactly as for Little Bob, only governing the procedure by the fact that the treble is behind instead of in front. Thus: Pass the treble in 7-8 down, makes 7th's, and lie a whole pull behind—that's Reverse Bob Major. Then, unless you pass the treble in 5-6, up or down (which prevents you from dodging in 5-6), you dodge in every dodging place, viz., in this case, 5-6, 3-4, and 1-2 down, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6 up. There is no dodging in 7-8.

So far the rules are perfectly simple, and such difficulties as there are come with the change of method. Every time this is done, 4th's by the treble in Little Bob, and 5th's in Little Reverse Bob, are eliminated, and consequently the dodging which these places cause go by the board. We find, therefore, that in going from Little Bob to Little Reverse Bob each of the bells above the treble, as she hunts up, i.e., 3rd's, 5th's, 7th's and 8th's place bells at the previous lead end, each run straight through two dodging places, the 3rd missing 5-6 and 7-8 up, the 5th missing 7-8 up and down, the 7th missing 7-8 and 5-6 down, and the 8th missing 5-6 and 3-4 down.

The treble itself will indicate to the bells, which would have dodged in 5-6, that they must omit this and the next dodge, for the treble will be seen coming into the first dodging place. The bells in 7-8 also should be able to see the treble's approach into 5-6, and thus know when the dodges are to be missed. As soon as the treble lies its whole pull behind, the sequence of dodging is taken up by the bells in 5-6, 3-4 and 1-2.

The 2nd, 4th and 6th's place bells are unaffected in their plain hunting until the treble lies its whole pull behind, when they, as all the rest, take up the sequence of dodging as explained for Little Reverse Bob.

Going from Little Reverse Bob to Little Bob is only a reversal of the process. The four bells below the treble as she hunts down each miss two dodges, while the three above the treble are unaffected until the treble leads, when Little Bob work is taken up.

If the conductor calls the change of method, the task of the ringers is greatly simplified; but practice and powers of observation as to the relative positions of the bells will be found necessary if the change of method is to be carried out without being thus called.

To begin with, it will be found desirable to practice one only of the alternative courses at first, say, that which has the treble three leads behind after the course-end. In that case, the changes of method come as follow:

- From Little to Reverse, after the course-end.
- From Reverse to Little, after the tenor makes 7th's.
- From Little to Reverse, after the 'Middle' lead.
- From Reverse to Little, after the 7th makes 7th's.

These hints, it is hoped, will enable Bob Major ringers to begin practice on a plan which offers considerable interest, and can lead to ringing of great complexity.

J. S. G.

**SHAW BERKS.**—On September 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: E. Crocker (Newbury) 1, H. Smith (Thatcham) 2, A. W. Bird (Thatcham) 3, F. J. Knapp (Highclere) 4, S. Quinton (Newbury) 5, H. W. Curtis (conductor) (Newbury) 6. First 720 Minor on the bells. Afterwards, touches of Grandfire Stedman and Bob Doubles were rung by the same band.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF RINGING AS A  
PASTIME.**

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It is a remarkable fact that all through the history of the Exercise there have been people who have spoken ill of ringing. The authors of 'The Clavis,' in the eighteenth century, thought it necessary to devote several pages to answering attacks made on ringing. In the nineteenth century Shipway endeavoured 'to refute some objections which have been inconsiderately raised against the eminently beneficial art.' And in the seventeenth century, among the other vices and follies which John Bunyan gave up, when he was converted, was bell ringing. The curious thing is that these attacks were made, not on ringers, but on ringing. In this they differed from those of the latter part of the nineteenth century. Then it was said that ringers were a drunken, disorderly lot; in the earlier times the practice of ringing itself was the objectionable thing. A number of people seem to have looked on it as horse racing and card playing and theatre going used to be looked on in certain quarters. Now it is very strange that an art, so closely connected with the Church and with religious service, should have gotten such a bad name, and the reason for it is worth a few minutes' consideration.

In the first place, we have the fact that change ringing, in its beginning and through the greater part of its history, was a purely secular pastime. Unless we realise this we shall not understand the old ringers and their doings. To some people the very idea of a secular sport in connection with bells, which have been devoted to the service of the Church and of religion, will seem a profanation. But, as a matter of fact, the bells in church towers were used for secular as well as for ecclesiastical purposes from the very earliest times. It is quite true that we have many evidences that, in the mediæval church, bells were looked on as particularly sacred things. The founding in some cases was accompanied by a religious service, and when the bell was made it was sprinkled with holy water and consecrated to the service of the church with a solemn service. It appears that sometimes the actual rite of baptism was used.

But we must remember that in the middle ages there was a great distinction between monastic churches and parish churches. The monks of the great Benedictine Order and its offshoots, the Cluniacs and the Cistercians, devoted their entire lives to the service of religion. The abbey grew wealthy, and, as they had no secular interests, a very large proportion of this wealth was devoted to building. Hence we got our magnificent cathedrals, most of which were Benedictine Abbey Churches, and many more churches, some of which are now parish churches, and some of which are ruins. The bells of these would be used for ecclesiastical purposes and for that alone.

Besides these great abbey churches, there were the parish churches served by the parish clergy, who, he it noted, were called 'secular' clergy. Now the parish church was not like the abbey church, the sole property of the clergy. It belonged to the laity. In the country districts the great landowners practically owned the churches, as they did the other buildings and lands. They appointed the clergy as their successors do to this day. In the towns the burgesses as a corporate body exercised the same rights. The church was the centre of

the communal life of the people. It was more than merely a place for religious services. It was used for many purposes of local government and so forth. And in the social life of the middle ages bells played a very important part.

In France one of the cherished privileges of a Bourg or Corporate town was to have a belfry, and probably more often than not this belfry was attached to the parish church. To this day in Belgium the belfries, which I believe are always the property of the town, are sometimes the towers of churches and sometimes secular towers. Thus the famous carillon of Bruges hangs in the tower of a municipal market. At Ghent the belfry is a separate building, while at Antwerp and Mechlin the towers are the cathedrals. In England there are frequent instances of the naves of monastic churches being used for the parish services, and, as a rule, this resulted in disputes with the abbey authorities as to who had the right to ring the bells. In some cases the parish authorities thought the matter so important that they built a separate tower for themselves. The massive tower at Wymondham in Norfolk is an example of this.

Thus, before the Reformation, the laity had got the idea that the bells of the parish churches were their property, and could be used for many secular as well as ecclesiastical purposes. Then came the Reformation, which, in England, was largely the revolt of the laity against the clergy. The parish churches became more than ever the property of the laity, and were used for many secular purposes. And this was the time when change ringing began. No doubt in the first instance the bells were rung for some definite purpose, but presently the ringers began to ring for the pleasure of ringing itself. The young men rang the bells in church towers in just the same spirit that they played games on the village green. And there was nothing incongruous in that, because the whole life of the village, including its sport, centred in the village church. But now came a movement in the English Church which profoundly affected the history of the Exercise. This was the rise of Puritanism. In the Church of England there have always been two opposite schools of thought, which we can call the Puritan and the Catholic. The great bulk of the matters about which these two schools disputed do not, of course, concern us here. All that concerns our present subject is that the Catholic aimed at ornate ritual in the church services and encouraged sport outside, while both ritual inside the church and sport outside were anathema to the Puritan. Ringing began when England, as a whole, was mainly Catholic in sentiment, but it had scarcely begun when a very large proportion of the best and most religious people were converted to Puritanism. The effect on ringing was immense. The bells were being rung partly in the service of the church and partly as a pastime. Both of these incurred the bitter opposition of the Puritans, and in the early years of James the First's reign an attempt was made to forbid the ringing of more than one bell on Sundays. The Puritan view seems to have been strong enough to stop the ritualistic use of bells, but not strong enough to stop ringing as a pastime. The result was that ringing became purely secular, and we can now see why 'good' people had so many ill words to say of ringing.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, 720 of Bob Minor was rung on October 6th, in 30 mins.: Mrs. W. H. Edwards (first 720) 1, A. P. Osborne (first 720) 2, W. H. Edwards 3, H. Greenhill 4, J. Brackley (conductor) 5, T. Strudwick 6.

**FOR THE BEGINNERS.**

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

In ringing one of the working bells in Treble Bob it is quite easy to call in the Kent Variation, by noticing when tenor is coursing the treble down for the 'In'; but in the Oxford Variation the direct opposite applies, the treble courses the tenor for the 'In.'

The 'Out' is much more easily observed, as the bell to be called 'Out' has been in the slow for the whole lead. Further explanation is therefore really unnecessary, and these few simple hints I have been able to give ought to suffice for the Minor methods. It must not, however, be forgotten that the more that is done by way of pricking out what you are going to ring, the more efficient and confident will you become.

I will endeavour in my next notes to give a few simple hints on Triples.

At Fenistone, on Friday, October 8th, a 720 Bob Minor: H. Roebuck 1, G. Bashforth 2, F. Barraclough 3, J. Tinker 4, H. Sykes 5, A. Champion (conductor) 6, S. Perry 7, N. Brownhill 8. Conducted by A. Champion (aged 17 years). This 720 was rung on the front six bells, with the 7th and tenor covering. All the band, except the ringers of the 4th and 7th, are under 18. The band have lately suffered a heavy loss by the death of their conductor, the late Mr. G. Hill.

At Christ Church, North Shields, on Tuesday, October 5th, 720 Double Oxford Minor: A. Tugwood 1, E. Hern 2, E. Gosden 3, J. Scott 4, J. George 5, G. Dix (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Tugwood 1, E. Hern (conductor) 2, J. Gray 3, C. Waugh 4, J. Robertson 5, J. George 6, E. Gosden 7, A. Skeoch 8. First 720 and first touch of Triples for ringer of treble, this being his first attempt in both methods.

At St. Mary's, Hornsey, Middlesex, on October 11th, for practice: G. W. Blee 1, A. Underwood (first attempt for a 720 inside, age 15 years) 2, T. G. Deal 3, E. G. Hibble 4, H. Blee 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

At Sirelton, Cheshire, on handbells, 720 of Bob Minor: Reginald Worrall (first 720) 1, H. Howard 2, H. Parker 3, J. Davenport 4, E. Jenkins (conductor) 5-6.—On tower bells, 720 of Bob Doubles: R. Worrall (first 720 on tower bells) 1, H. Howard 2, E. Jenkins (conductor) 3, J. Davenport 4, H. Parker 6.

On Sunday, October 10th, for evening service at Orston, Notts, 240 Bob Doubles was rung: A. E. Walker 1, C. Taylor 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, E. Count 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5, S. Wilson 6. All the above ringers are members of the local band, and this is the first occasion on which they have rung a six score for service without help from outside the parish. On the Thursday evening previous the same band rang 480 in the same method for practice.

**CHARTER DAY AT TWICKENHAM.**

On Wednesday, September 22nd, Twickenham became a municipal borough, under the Sign Manual of the King, a town complete with four wards and twenty-four councillors. The sealed and ribboned Charter conferring this ardently-desired status was carried like a trophy round the streets. A fanfare of trumpets, the thud of maroons, and the ringing of the Parish Church bells heralded its coming. In the sunken garden of York House, which is to be the town hall, the Charter was blessed by the Bishop of Willesden, and loyal thanks returned to his Majesty for its granting. The formal ceremonies over, the town shut its shops and abandoned itself to music, sports and pageantry on the river.

In the evening, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at the Parish Church, but, unfortunately, it came to grief after 800 odd changes had been rung. Standing in the same order, the ringers afterwards rang a quarter-peal in the same method in 47 mins.: G. E. Bradford 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. M. Stacey 3, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, C. W. R. Grinwood 6, J. A. Trollope 7, J. H. Morris 8. The ringers of the treble and tenor are both of the local band, and this was their first attempt for a peal. The peal would also have been the first on the bells since their restoration a few months back. A further touch was rung, namely, 168 Stedman Triples, Mr. J. Driver, of Fulham, taking a rope. After the bells were lowered in peal, several of the ringers visited Marble Hill, where, together with thousands of people, they watched an excellent pyrotechnic display. The rockets announced far and wide how Twickenham had, in one day, grown in civic stature and dignity.

The Charter-day celebrations commenced with 720 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by J. W. Driver, and 360 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by W. F. Ellingham, 6-4-8 covering: G. Bradford 1, T. Beadle 2, E. Morris 3, Miss K. Bradford 4, W. H. Hollier 5, A. Sheard 6, W. F. Ellingham 7, J. W. Driver 8. Longest lengths by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

**'SILENT APPARATUS.'***To the Editor.*

Sir,—In your issue of October 1st Mr. Arthur C. Walsh, in referring to the practice apparatus mentioned in Snowdon's 'Hopesight,' remarks that it would be interesting to know the makers of this apparatus and its cost.

In the 'Bell News' for May 1st, 1886, is a report of the re-opening of the bells of Holy Trinity, Old Hill, which occurred on Easter Day that year, after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

After a short account of the ringing, it states that the creditable striking of the young band was partly due to the use of 'Seage's silent apparatus practice, which was fixed during the rehanging.' This report of 40 years ago, then, gives the name of the apparatus, and it seems that Mr. Walsh could obtain some information from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank about it.—Yours, etc.

PETER LAFLIN.

**BELL TONES.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Young's interesting article on the above subject in this week's 'Ringing World,' the writer refers to an article in Chambers' Encyclopædia, written about thirty years ago, in praise of tubular bells. That opinions were divided, even in those days, is shown by the enclosed clever skit, which appeared in a local paper of a well-known seaside town in the summer of 1887.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

Long Stanton Rectory.

**ADDITIONAL VERSE TO EDGAR POE'S POEM, 'THE BELLS.'**

Hear the new St. Michael's bells.

Tubular bells!

What a tale of ill-spent money now their noisy

Clamour tells.

As they jangle in the spire  
(Sad example to the choir).  
They have no harmoniousness;  
They are always, more or less,

Out of tune.

Oh, 'tis sweet, sweet, sweet,  
To live in Tontine Street,  
And for full ten minutes long,  
Ere the daily evensong,  
To listen to the clanging,  
The horrid nasal twanging  
Of the bells, bells, bells,  
The inharmonious banging  
Of the bells!Ah! What sad degenerate times!  
When discordant tubes for chimes  
Tumble up and down the scale  
And tell a 'tangled tale,'  
In defiance of all rules  
Of the ancient ringing schools.  
And the music-loving ear  
Shrinks with tortured startled fear  
From the jangling  
And the wrangling  
Of the bells!

What a mockery of bells!

As the intonation(?) swells,  
Our craniums are aching,  
And anthems we're taking,  
At the wretched imitation,  
And the tintinnabulation,  
Of these things that some call bells,  
Of the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells,  
Bells, bells, bells,

Of these tubular monstrosities called bells!

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS' FUND.**

The audited balance sheet of the Coalbrookdale Church Bells Restoration Fund has just been issued. The details are as follow:

Receipts.—Total receipts from 499 subscribers, including sale of bell stamps, photographs, and all other sources, £752 0s. 5d.; Lloyds Bank interest (three half-years), £6 10s. 11d.; total, £758 11s. 4d.

Expenditure.—'Wellington Journal,' printing account, £9 3s.; Hobson and Co., printing account, £23 10s. 6d.; Mr. C. H. Greenhalgh, printing account, £2 9s. 6d.; cheque book, 2s.; faculty for new bells, £2 2s.; Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, £638 8s. 3d.; Mr. E. Tomkinson, organ blowing (dedication service), 6s.; Mrs. Rickers, broken crockery (dedication tea), 3s. 6d.; Brown and Briunaud, printing account, 9s. 6d.; Mr. W. J. Fletcher, bronze tablet, £9 5s.; Mr. E. G. Wilcox, painting and repairing tower, £36 4s. 5d.; Messrs. Joyce and Co., cleaning and overhauling clock, £10; Mr. R. Jones, hon. treasurer, receipt book, stamps and stationery, £1 1s. 9d.; Mr. W. Evans, painting and cleaning-up tower, £3; Mr. T. A. Instone, pointing and cementing top of tower, £2 10s.; balance in Lloyds Bank, £19 15s. 11d.; total, £758 11s. 4d.

The balance of £19 15s. 11d. has been left in the bank for the upkeep of the bells.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday evening, October 10th, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: C. Nice 1, C. Surridge 2, A. J. Bull 3, P. Tyler 4, N. E. Elliott 5, G. Ellis 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, J. Morley 8.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On Sunday, October 10th, in 48 mins., at All Saints', Boyne Hill, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) for harvest festival: T. Goodchild 1, W. Garraway 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, A. Martin 4, J. Eldridge 5, E. Eldridge 6, A. Walker 7, H. Jones 8.

**SPONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**—On Sunday evening, October 10th, at the Church of St. Giles, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. C. Lambert 1, W. Clarke (first quarter-peal inside) 2, W. J. Pedley 3, T. C. Tompkins 4, E. Yates 5, H. E. Tomkins 6, H. C. Edwards (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Neale (first quarter on eight bells) 8.

**GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for harvest festival morning service, 720 Woodbine: W. Richardson 1, F. Suckling 2, W. Piper 3, F. Harrington (Stebbing) 4, E. Townsend 5, J. Jennings (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Richardson 1, A. Piper (conductor) 2, G. Hills 3, F. Suckling 4, E. Townsend 5, J. Jennings 6.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for harvest festival after evening service, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: L. Gray 1, C. F. Winney 2, C. J. Crocot 3, Harry Dyas 4, E. Brett 5, A. E. Darnell 6, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 7, W. J. Norton 8.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Double (1,260 changes, with 10 different calls): F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, N. Brion 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, J. Loyde 6.

**TETTENHALL, STAFFS.**—On Sunday evening, on the harvest festival, October 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 4, 6, 8 covering: R. Pickering (conductor) 1, H. R. Pickering 2, A. Butler 3, Thos. Taylor 4, A. Bennett 5, Kenneth O. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 6, B. Dalton 7, G. Smith 8.

**STAFFORD.**—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: R. B. Siberry 1, B. A. J. Yeates 2, A. E. Garbett 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Warrilow 5, G. Booth 6, A. H. Taylor 7, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Paxton, for many years a sidesman at the above church.

**CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on October 10th, for the harvest festival morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: E. F. Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Wobber 2, L. Pullen 3, G. Garland 4, H. Baber 5, R. Middle 6, S. T. Withey (conductor) 7, A. Pearce 8.

**STEBBING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, for the harvest festival, 720 Double Court Minor: F. Harrington 1, J. T. Barker 2, H. C. Ruffel 3, H. P. Emery 4, E. Claydon 5, A. Shullebotham (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Plain Bob: A. Barker 1, W. Lewis 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. P. Emery 4, H. C. Ruffel 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest thanksgiving services, before matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: W. Scott 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott, jun., 3, W. Johnson (conductor) 4, A. Calleyway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, H. Phillips 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.—On Sunday, October 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Upton 6, A. R. Ward (first quarter-peal in the method) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.

**PONTYPRIDD.**—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday evening, for harvest festival, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: J. Hallett (conductor) 1, Ivor Mitchell 2, Idris Mitchell 3, F. J. Thyer 4, F. Rowsell 5, A. E. Gray 6, S. Ridgway 7, W. Hyott 8.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: T. Faulkner 1, W. Beard 2, F. C. Russell 3, C. Fenn (conductor) 4, J. C. Brown 5, A. C. Hardy 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, E. G. Cotts 8. Composed by Y. Green. J. C. Brown hails from Saxfield, Suffolk.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for the harvest festival, the Oxhey Society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Bowley 1, H. Hodgetts 2, \*P. Bishop 3, C. Leman 4, T. Norris 5, A. W. Dix 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, \*R. French 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

**ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for the harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) (from the last quarter of Grove's) in 43 mins.: V. Wills 1, W. H. Brown 2, H. Robbins 3, A. R. White 4, S. Rosser 5, T. Fowler 6, G. E. Capewell (conductor) 7, H. Kingston 8.

**ERITH, KENT.**—For harvest festival, on Sunday evening, September 26th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. J. Luck (longest length) 1, F. J. Cullum, sen., 2, L. J. Cullum 3, S. A. Stagg 4, E. J. Ilott 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun., 7, W. Darke 8.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On Sunday, September 26th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: T. J. Townsend 1, T. Lavers 2, J. A. Sandover 3, T. M. Rogers 4, L. Binfield (conductor), Folkestone, 5, C. G. Glass 6, A. Mitchell 7, W. Bedford 8.

**OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), after evening service, harvest festival: G. Cridland 1, N. Churly 2, G. Stacey 3, Wm. Hoyle 4, A. Bryant (conductor) 5, A. Stevens 6, J. Gratton 7, Wm. Edwards 8.

**FENNY STRATFORD.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, at St. Martin's Church, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Vickers 1, D. Hurst 2, G. Grove 3, F. Rowe 4, S. Smith 5, J. Searcy (conductor) 6.

**BENTLEY, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 37 mins.: G. Wyatt 1, A. Rainbird (conductor) 2, F. Wyatt 3, G. Newell 4, E. Furbank 5. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. G. Wyatt and the 21st birthday of his son, F. Wyatt.

**WILTON, TAUNTON.**—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Surprise Minor in 25 mins.: E. Causley 1, S. Wyatt, jun., 2, A. Wyatt 3, W. H. Poles 4, A. Hayward 5, G. Coles (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

**WEST HAM, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: F. Watling (Saxmundham) 1, W. Theobald 2, W. Miller 3, J. Scholes 4, W. Pye (conductor) 5, E. Butler 6, F. Newman 7, S. Haydon 8, E. Smith 9, G. Dawson 10.

**DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS.**—At the Parish Church, for harvest thanksgiving service, on Sunday evening, September 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins.: A. Commis 1, F. Taylor 2, H. Taylor 3, F. Duffy 4, H. Willerton 5, A. Reggall (conductor) 6. First 720 Kent Treble Bob for 1, 2, 3 and 4, and first Treble Bob as conductor.

**GREAT BADDOW.**—On Sunday, for evening service, on September 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung in 45 mins.: W. Amos (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, L. Thrift 2, R. Thrift 3, E. Rauter 4, E. Kemp 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, A. Richell 7, George Green (conductor) 8.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: J. Tidler 1, Ernest Cartwright 2, W. Thorley 3, W. Smith 4, W. Soar 5, J. Hutchby 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, D. Collings 8. Mr. W. Sear hails from Bletchley.

**STANMORE.**—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. A. Hughes 1, R. Wilkinson 2, H. Moxom 3, F. Alloway 4, G. Cheshire 5, F. Edwards 6, C. Dyke (conductor) 7, W. Cheshire 8.

**BRABOURNE, KENT.**—On August 29th, for evensong, 720 Plain Bob: E. Clteesman 1, S. Finn 2, P. Pierce 3, W. Cheesman 4, H. G. Wellam (Ipswich) 5, Alfred Bowell (Ipswich) (conductor) 6.

**WEST CLANDON.**—For evening service, on Sunday, September 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 24 mins.: G. Worsfold 1, G. Grover (first 720 Surprise) 2, H. Blackman 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Day 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6. Ringer of the 3rd from Worplesdon, the rest are local. First 720 of Surprise at Clandon since the bells were restored after the fire in 1914.

## KING'S NORTON RINGERS' TOUR.

The King's Norton ringers went on a very enjoyable outing on Saturday, September 18th. They set out for Daventry in two motor-cars, one of which belonged to, and was driven by, their Ringing Master, Mr. F. B. Yates. About 3.45 p.m., the bells of the ancient Parish Church were going to successful touches of Cambridge Surprise Major and Stedman and Grandsire Triples. A move was then made for Southam, where the ringers found a very good peal which had lately received the attention of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Here they were met by Mr. E. G. Berry, captain of the local band, and Mr. W. Thorne, who had formerly resided at King's Norton. The bells gave very much pleasure to the visitors who, although due to abandon the tower at tea-time, 'sneaked' back for a touch of Cambridge afterwards. Mr. Berry had arranged a capital tea at the Black Dog Inn, for which the ringers were very grateful to him.

The party subsequently left for St. Mary's Church, Warwick, and were eager to ring on the beautiful peal there. They were given a right good welcome by Mr. E. H. Adams, and also by the curate, in the absence of the Vicar. There are eight bells at King's Norton, and ten at Warwick, and the band's gallant (?) attempt to ring Double Norwich on the whole peal for the first time provoked to anger the redoubtable Luffin, but 'Old Moore' smiled. The attempt was soon abandoned, and Grandsire Caters and Stedman were the order. The party started for home about 9 p.m., after thoroughly enjoying the afternoon and evening.

In a few weeks' time Mr. Yates' gift of two trebles will be in the King's Norton tower, and then—well, the ringers hope to visit Warwick again in due course!

## NOTICE.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wilney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Sandlake on Saturday, October 23rd.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may, until the closing date, Nov. 3rd, be obtained from: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, J. W. Rowbotham, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec. Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Oct. 28th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 19th; 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 Edenbridge on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, will be at the Church House immediately after the service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock at 1s. 3d. each. Will members please note that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, as the end of the financial year is Sept. 30th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party and social will be held at Oldham Parish on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by social in Evangelist School, Lord Street, Oldham. Tickets (gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 9d.) obtainable from local secretaries.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Oct. 16th, which all members are urged to attend. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, to be followed by tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Well Street, at 6 o'clock, and then important business meeting, which will be asked to accept the resignations of the Master and secretary for business and domestic reasons, and to appoint successors.—A. Riley, Steward and Acting Sec., 6, Rydon Street, Islington, N.1.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the association will be held at Wellington on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Evensong 4 p.m.; business meeting in the Vestry to follow. Rockwell Green bells also will be available.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m., and there will be a short service at 4.30. Tea, at 5, will be followed by general meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. W. Chapman, 19, Glebe Road, Nuneaton?—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The third quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available from 4 to 7 p.m., with business meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colsterworth on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—S. Proctor, Sec., 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m., at Beale's, The Cross. All are welcome.—E. W. Day, Dis. Sec., 58, King's Road, Hitchin.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome. Tea provided, at a reasonable charge, for those who send word to Mr. P. Shaker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, not later than Thursday, Oct. 21st.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. for appointment of secretary and committee representatives.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Forest and Gloucester Branch of the above association will hold a joint meeting on Oct. 23rd at Newnham-on-Severn. Bells at 3 till 8.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. There will be no service, owing to the Vicar of the parish being away on mission work. Kindly let the secretary know how many will be for tea by Thursday, Oct. 21st, so that arrangements can be made.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Wrangle on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Will all those who require tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 19th? Buses run from the Post Office, Boston, at intervals during the afternoon. Leake bells (6) will be available also after the business meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Birchington on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Divine service at 4.30. The bells of Quex Park will also be open for ringing. Half rail fares will be paid at this meeting up to 2s. Tea will be provided, at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, to those who send their names to Mr. G. Hitchcock, 1, Manchester Villa, Crescent Road, Birchington, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 19th. Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Tower open 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brigstock on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 20th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Clutton, Oct. 23rd. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business at 5.15 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton, Bath.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (kindly supplied by the Vicar) and business meeting to follow. Tea will not be reserved for any person not notifying me of their intention to attend before the last post, Monday, Oct. 18th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made. Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting at St. George's Church, Mossley, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting held at 7 o'clock prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chelmsford Tower will also be available during evening. Broomfield has a suitable bus service from Chelmsford. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 27th?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 49th annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Committee meeting at 12 noon in the Cathedral Vestry. Dinner at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, at 2 p.m., 2s. 6d. to members, 3s. to non-members. Those coming to dinner please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 26th. The bells of the City churches will be open during the day. Please meet at Cathedral to make up bands for different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Barking - by - the - Tower on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service at 5.30, preacher Rev. M. Hope. Tea at 6 o'clock in All Hallows' Mission, 1s. each, only to those who advise me by the 27th. Business meeting later tea. Bells available: All Hallows', Barking (8), 3 to 5.30 and 7 to 9; St. Olave's, Hart Street (6), 3 to 5.30; All Hallows', Lombard Street (10), 7 to 9. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 30th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 3.50 and from 6.30 to 8.45. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), will also be available. Full evensong at the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Carlton Café, High Street, Rochester, at 5. Business meeting to follow. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before first post Wednesday, the 27th inst.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Breadsall (bells 6) on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3.15. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—St. Mary's, Dunmow.—The two new trebles to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m., when all ringers are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments in St. Mary's Room after service.—W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, to form a Northern Branch of the Guild. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30, with an address by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly providing tea for all lady ringers. Gentlemen will be charged 1s. each. All ringers will be heartily welcomed, and those requiring tea should notify Miss N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield, before Wednesday, Nov. 3rd.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Further particulars later.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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### THE NEED FOR MORE RESERVES.

We should like to emphasise a point made at a meeting of the Kent County Association at Edenbridge on Saturday by the Rector, who, commenting on the fact that few of those present were young men, urged the necessity of training young ringers so that the gaps, which must inevitably come in the ranks of the seniors, can be filled and the disastrous state of having insufficient ringers to ring the bells in the future avoided. Everyone recognises, or should recognise, the fact that continuity of efficiency can only be obtained by training new men, not when the old have gone, but in anticipation of that eventuality, yet in how few cases, comparatively speaking, among ringing companies is this done? Once a band is got together they are, as a rule, content to go on without thought of the future, until something occurs to break the circle, and then, at any rate for the time being, if not permanently, ringing in that particular centre suffers a serious set back. It is a constant occurrence, and yet the number of bands where there is any systematic attempt to bring along young ringers is very small. There are, in fact, too few reserves. Where young ringers are to be found it is generally in those towers where there are not enough old hands to man the ropes. Many cases could be cited where the loss of only one ringer, through death or removal, has thrown a band back for a couple of years or more, yet a little foresight and the expenditure of the requisite time on tuition would have saved all this. We know the feeling. A band has struggled to make itself proficient, and has, perhaps, reached a stage when, at last, it can get some real satisfaction out of its performances, and things go so smoothly that the desirability or necessity for any young blood being introduced not only seems remote, but is definitely looked upon as involving a waste of time and trouble. It is, however, far from that in reality. Ringing companies generally have quite an insufficient number of reserves, as is often evidenced by the fact that when one man is absent it is not possible to ring all the bells for service. No pastime that we know would be content with such a meagre reserve force as we find in the Exercise, and ringing has continually to suffer the inevitable result, first in this tower and then in that. The difficulties in bringing in new men in these days of so many other attractions are fully realised, yet there never was a time when people had so much leisure on their hands. The hours of work are shorter by far than when the present grey heads of the Exercise began to ring, and there ought to be among the Churchmen in every parish half-a-dozen who would be prepared to give an hour or two a week to be trained as the reserve for this part of

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the Church's work. But what is wanted is not only the will to learn among a few young men in each parish, but also the will to teach among the old hands.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

THOMAS WILSON ... ..	Treble	JOHN POTTER ... ..	6
FRED HINDLE ... ..	2	WM. PENNINGTON ... ..	7
JOHN BROWN ... ..	3	JOHN WATSON ... ..	8
GEORGE PINCOTT ... ..	4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... ..	9
WILLIAM E. WILSON ... ..	5	JOHN NUTTALL ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method for ringers of 3rd and tenor. First peal in the method as conductor.

MALDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. LEESON ... ..	Treble	*JACK A. AMOS ... ..	6
WILLIAM SPICE ... ..	2	LEONARD MANNING ... ..	7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... ..	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... ..	8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... ..	4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... ..	9
*EDWARD J. BEER ... ..	5	CHARLES DUNN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Caterers. † First peal. The ringers of 1, 6, 7 and tenor are members of the local band.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6256 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

JAMES BILBY ... ..	Treble	JESSE FRANCIS ... ..	5
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... ..	6
WILLIAM LAUD ... ..	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... ..	7
WILLIAM C. WEST ... ..	4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... ..	Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. T. DYKE

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... ..	Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY ... ..	5
JAMES BETTS ... ..	2	JAMES BENNETT ... ..	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... ..	3	THOS. H. CHAPPELL ... ..	7
GEORGE BENNETT ... ..	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige the ringer of the 6th.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... ..	Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE ... ..	5
*ROBERT W. E. DAWE ... ..	2	KEITH HART ... ..	6
FRANK BENNETT ... ..	3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... ..	7
GEORGE W. STOKES ... ..	4	ALFRED J. TURNER ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Messrs. Stokes and Turner.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPICED BOB MAJOR AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6107 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 3qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON... <i>Treble</i>	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 5
MISS EDNA WEBSTER... .. 2	GEORGE WEST ... .. 6
J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 4	FRED W. BAILEY... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This peal (the author's No. 2) is rung for the first time, and contains 2,554 changes Bob Major and 2,553 Grandsire Triples. First peal with these methods 'spiced' by all the band and the association, and the second peal so rung.

OLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM COLEY ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM BROWN... .. 4	BERNARD C. ASHFORD... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. B. Ashford, W. Webb, and M. Hackett. Ringers of treble and 6th were elected life members previous to starting.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF ORIGINAL TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. 5
PERCY PARSLow ... .. 2	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
EDWARD P. ASHBY ... .. 4	WALTER J. SIMONS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

This is the first peal of Original Triples that has been rung.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILSON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
*LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER (Stone-in-Oxney) ... .. <i>Treble</i>	
CHARLES TRIBE (Tenderden) ... .. 2	
CHARLES WATERMAN (Cobham) ... .. 3	
*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN (Ashford) ... .. 4	
CHARLES A. WINSER (Frinsbury) ... .. 5	
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS (Chatham) ... .. 6	
CHARLES H. SONE (Linton) ... .. 7	
CHARLES TURNER (Dover) ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob and first attempt. Birthday peal for ringers of 4 and 5. The conductor's 100th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH. BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

*P.C. F. WILSON (LEICESTER CITY POLICE)...	... .. <i>Treble</i>
*P.C. F. DIGBY (METROPOLITAN POLICE) ... .. 2	
Sergt. W. C. DOWDING (BIRMINGHAM CITY POLICE)...	... .. 3
Sergt. H. JENNEY (LEICESTER CITY POLICE) ... .. 4	
P.C. J. C. DOEL (METROPOLITAN POLICE) ... .. 5	
P.C. H. POOLE (LEICESTER CITY POLICE) ... .. 6	
Inspt. W. BOTTRILL (METROPOLITAN POLICE) ... .. 7	
P.C. C. PEASE (METROPOLITAN POLICE) ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by P.C. HAROLD POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. This is the first peal of Stedman by a band of police officers. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Major, time not permitting of a fresh start. It was rung on the eve of the promotion of Inspector W. Bottrill.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*L/c. CHARLES ANDREWS R.A. 5
BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 2	*EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
GEORGE ANDREWS ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. NODDS ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

This peal was the 100th rung in the tower.

MACHEN, MON.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	PERCY JONES ... .. 5
SAMUEL JONES ... .. 2	*WILLIAM HORSINGTON ... 6
ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER ... .. 7
GEORGE COOKE ... .. 4	JAMES HURFORD... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

\* First peal, and belongs to Abergavenny. Rung as a compliment to the conductor's daughter, who attained her twentieth birthday on this day.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6408 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSWORTH ... .. <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 5
JOHN WILKINSON... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY' ... .. 4	ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Mr. T. Barlow's 300th peal.

**SPELDHURST, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. J. LAMBERT ... .. 5
JAMES MAYNARD ... .. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. G. TUCKER. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. T. and R. E. Lambert and also to Mr. T. Lambert, of Horsmouden.

**WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sunday, October 17, 1926, in Three Hours,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.	
FREDERICK BRUNNING ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 6
ALPHARDUS J. BERRY ... .. 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
JAMES BETTS ... .. 4	WILLIAM STREGGALL ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES PAGBITT. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY  
The above band reside in eight different parishes.

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, October 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART	
FRANK R. COOMBS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JACK JUDGE ... .. 5
FRANK TUFFREY ... .. 2	WILLIAM STONE ... .. 6
GEORGE BARTLETT ... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
ALFRED MILES ... .. 4	CYRIL BENNETT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

**LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.**

**THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, October 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI.**

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... <i>Treble</i>	†SIDNEY EDWARDS ... .. 4
FREDERIC T. HALES ... .. 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 5
GEORGE POPPELL ... .. 3	SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor inside. The Band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank Mr. G. Popnell, who kindly entertained them to tea after the peal.

**CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Sunday, October 10, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

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

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

*ROBERT CORBEY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	EWART ANDREWS ... .. 4
RALPH HARRIS ... .. 2	JAMES BRADLEY ... .. 5
EDWARD MOORE ... .. 3	GEORGE MOORE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

\* First peal.

**WORTH, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, October 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CECIL NICE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 4
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 5
BERNARD WELLS ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal of Minor.

**PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, October 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

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

With ten different callings.

PERCY AMOS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	RAYMOND MALTYBY ... .. 3
ISAAC BENNETT ... .. 2	CYRIL MALTYBY ... .. 4
THOMAS WISE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

**BURSLEM.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, October 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**

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

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

*AARON BRAMMER ... .. <i>Treble</i>	HARRY BOX ... .. 4
THOMAS HURD ... .. 2	ERNEST GATER ... .. 5
WILLIAM P. DEAN ... .. 3	THOMAS HILDITCH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. HURD.

\* First peal.

**COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR KING ... .. <i>Treble</i>	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 4
*FRED GINN ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 3	ALFRED C. RIVERS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Surprise. First Surprise peal on the bells. The band thank the Rector (Rev. R. P. Moline) for the use of the bells and Mr. F. Camps for having all ready.

**FENITON, DEVON.**

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS GLADYS ARBURY ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR G. SELBY ... .. 4
JOHN ARBURY ... .. 2	REGINALD E. TROMAN ... .. 5
ARTHUR T. TROMAN ... .. 3	FRANK J. DAVEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN ARBURY.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all except ringers of 2 and 6. Ringers of 1 and 2 are sister and brother, and it is the first peal in Devon by such. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Ivy Arbury, sister of treble and second ringers, and Mr. Fred Stevens, of Grange Avenue, Reding.

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(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
With ten different callings.**

HARRY CLARK ... .. Treble	GEORGE PARKER ... .. 3
JAMES HAYNES ... .. 2	WALTER LOFF ... .. 4
THOMAS WISE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

**DALBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire (A. J. Pitman's Arrangement). Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

† JOHN A. PAYNE ... .. Treble	† ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. 3
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... .. 2	* HARRY MORGAN ... .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two methods. First peal on these bells, which were made five in 1784.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

**FEERING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, October 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT RYE MILL FARM,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KERBLE ... .. 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	* ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 7-8

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

made up the eight, and two courses of Bob Major and 504 Grandsire Triples were much enjoyed. The tone and 'go' of the bells is well worthy of mention, and the beautiful condition of both the ringing chamber and the bell chamber reflects great credit on the local band.

After an early tea in Nantwich, Wrenbury was reached at 5.30. Here the company made the acquaintance of one 'Arry,' who flatly refused to allow any ringing to take place until he had brushed out the ringing chamber! This task completed, he conducted the party to the roof of the tower, where he pointed out all places of interest, both visible and invisible, within a radius of about twenty miles. Having taken a photograph of such an obliging host, the band descended to a lower level and rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, followed by 120 Stedman Doubles.

The last tower on the programme was Tushingham, which was reached at 7.30 p.m. The visitors found the local band there to meet them, and, after a friendly chat, settled down to a 720 of Double Bob and Plain Bob spliced. This is believed to be the first 720 on the bells, and as such is perhaps worth recording fully: W. Thomas 1, A. E. Richards 2, G. Jones 3, J. W. Clarke 4, J. Morgan 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6.

An attempt for a 720 of Double Oxford unfortunately came to grief in the fourth part owing to the second casting its rope.

After lowering the bells, the party boarded their fiery steeds and turned towards Farndon. On approaching the Egerton Arms at Broxton, however, it was thought that the engines seemed a little tired, so a halt was called to fill up with—petrol! The last place of call was School House, Farndon, where the party were very kindly entertained to supper by Mrs. Richards, and in front of a fire of real coal the many details of a perfect 'ringing day' were talked over. On making enquiries afterwards it was found that no one got into trouble for roaching home rather late! The hand wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who so willingly came forward to help towards the success of the day.

**TWELVE TOWERS VISITED IN A DAY.**

The ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, accompanied by one or two friends who are regular helpers in the belfry, enjoyed their third annual outing on Saturday, September 11th, and the following towers were visited: Brixton (5 bells), Yealmpton (6), Ermington (6), Modbury (6), Aveton Gifford (8), Loddiswell (6), Churchstow (6), West Alvington (6), Kingsbridge (8), Dedbrooke (6), East Allington (6), and Halwell (6). The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major in the two eight-bell towers, and Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, and Plain courses of Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise in the six-bell towers.

**RINGERS' OUTINGS.  
A STRENUOUS WEEK-END.**

Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths paid a week-end visit to Evesham between September 17th and 20th, the party including Messrs. E. Alexander Young (hon. secretary and treasurer to the Central Council), C. F. Winney, G. R. Fardon, A. B. Peck and H. Langdon. Arriving at Evesham by the 8.50 p.m. train on Friday night, they were met by Mr. J. Hemming (Southern Branch secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association), who accompanied them to the Crown Hotel, where accommodation had been arranged for them for the week-end. Saturday morning was spent in inspecting the churches, bell tower, and bells of Evesham. The view of the Vale from the top of the tower was much admired, as was also the war memorial, park, and gardens. In the afternoon, a visit was paid to Pershore, the visitors being accompanied by Messrs. J. Hemming, H. Middleton, J. D. Johnson, and F. J. Johnson, of the local company, while Messrs. Davies and Edwards, of Hereford, motored over to meet the party at Pershore. Bishop H. Gresford Jones had kindly placed the Abbey bells at the disposal of the party, and some good touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, and Grandsire were rung. Returning to Evesham, a hurried tea was partaken of at headquarters, and the bus was then taken to Badsey, where Stedman, Cambridge, and Grandsire were rung on this musical peal, Evesham being reached again at 8.30 p.m. The rest of the evening was spent with handbells, etc., till—well, perhaps the hour had better not be mentioned. Suffice to say, it proved a very enjoyable evening, the other hotel visitors taking a keen interest in the musical programme, while one aspirant sketched one of the band ringing a pair of handbells. A proper hanging place will be found for this picture in due course.

Orders were issued to meet at the bell tower the following morning at 9.30 for a quarter peal of Stedman Caters for morning service. Whether it was the drowsy Evesham air or the comfortable beds at the Crown is not quite clear, but 'Go, Stedman, bob,' was not called till twelve minutes past ten, and the bells did not run round till three minutes past eleven, at 1,239 changes, the ringers being: G. R. Fardon (composer) 1, J. Hemming 2, C. F. Winney 3, A. B. Peck 4, H. Middleton 5, J. D. Johnson 6, F. J. Johnson 7, H. J. Phipps 8, H. Langdon (conductor) 9, E. A. Young 10. Ringing also took place for evening service. The visitors also took a motor-launch trip for three miles down the River Avon, the river scenery being much enjoyed. No doubt, had the party had a longer stay, this motor launch would have been engaged for a fishing expedition to try and catch the Evesham famous 'Norton Corner pike,' which cannot be landed.

A handbell peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted in the afternoon on the Crown lawn, by Miss E. M. Johnson, A. B. Peck, C. F. Winney, H. Langdon, J. D. Johnson, and F. Johnson, but a mix-up occurred in the twelfth course, which brought it to an end. The visitors congratulated Miss Johnson upon her fine ringing.

Mr. Peck caught the 6.15 train on Sunday evening for London, Monday morning duty calling him back. Monday morning came all too soon for the remainder of the party, who journeyed back to town by the 9.24 a.m. train, all expressing their appreciation of the arrangements that had been made for them. Although it had been a strenuous week-end, it had also been a most enjoyable one.

J. H.

**A PERFECT DAY.**

Six members of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild had their annual outing on Saturday, September 11th. This year a tour was made in the Nantwich and Crewe district, and, as the weather was ideal, the journeys along the roads from tower to tower were most enjoyable. The company was made up by Messrs. H. W. Wilde, J. Morgan, G. Jones, W. Thomas, A. E. Richards and J. W. Clarke, the first four mentioned reclining in a 'Morris,' while the other two hung on to a Rudge motor-cycle. These two docile vehicles are now so used to carrying ringers that they will almost start themselves up as the bells are falling!

The first place of call was Nantwich Parish Church, and the back six were soon going along in a touch of Double Oxford. The early morning (9.30) energy of Mr. Richards, as revealed by his taking the tower rope, was greatly admired by his colleagues. As there was a wedding at 10 a.m., ringing had to be suspended for a few minutes, but the time table allowed of a little 'Aring' and a short touch after the ceremony. The happy couple were thus assured of the band's sympathy and good wishes.

Wistaston was reached about 11 a.m., when a warm welcome was extended by Mr. A. Crawley and a few other local ringers. As the tenor here is 6 cwt., Mr. Thomas was warned to take special care whilst ringing the treble, lest he should overstrain himself! However, he managed to stick it through a well-struck 720 of Oxford and Kent spliced, conducted by Mr. Wilde. This was followed by a 720 of Bob Minor, two ropes being taken by Mr. H. Smith and Mr. J. Bayley, members of the local band, who thus scored their first 720.

The company then made their way back to Nantwich, where campanology had to make way for grilled chops, potatoes, and other appetising things. Feeling greatly refreshed in body and mind, the band then set out for Barthomley, arriving shortly after 2 p.m. The beautiful church, with its recently restored chancel, was much admired, and, on ascending the tower, the bells were found to be equally pleasing. Mr. A. Allman and Mr. J. Brassington very kindly (Continued in previous column.)

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
NOTABLE PERFORMANCES RECORDED.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough branch was held at Irthingborough on Saturday, October 9th. The event was a notable one, as a tablet, recording peals of Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major recently rung, was unveiled and dedicated. At 4.15 the ringers and friends to the number of about 50 assembled in the belfry, and the Rector (the Rev. W. Prift), in a short and appropriate address, paying high tributes to the ringers concerned, unveiled the tablet. The dedicatory prayers were offered by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, president of the Wellingborough branch. The company then adjourned to the church, and the Guild service, conducted by the Rector, followed, the address being given by the Archdeacon from the words, 'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am nothing.' In the course of his sermon he appealed to all present to cultivate the spirit of love or charity, not in the way of sentimentalism, but in the true spirit of self-sacrifice. If this was done, it would have an influence for good, and the bells would have a message to the people outside.

Tea was partaken of in the Conservative Room, kindly prepared by Mesdames Hewitt, Chambers, Bigley, Thomas, and Shelton, who also served at the tables.

The business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Guild, the Archdeacon having to leave at this point.—Earls Barton was chosen for the next meeting.—One unattached member was elected, and a Guild certificate was presented to Mr. G. Clapham, of Pinedon, who recently rang his first peal. Hearty congratulations were offered to the youthful ringer on his accomplishment.

The secretary (Mr. F. Barber) said he could not let the occasion pass without offering the heartiest congratulations to all the ringers concerned in the ringing of the four Surprise peals recorded on the tablet just unveiled. It was an excellent performance, seeing the peals were rung by practically a local band. The peal of Superlative was the 60th in that method rung by Mr. W. Perkins.—The congratulations were heartily supported by Mr. R. G. Black, general secretary, and acknowledged by Mr. W. Perkins.

**ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.**

Reference was also made to the death of Mr. I. G. Shade, a wonderful ringer, and a life member of the Guild, and the secretary said he was sure they all regretted the circumstances in which he met his death. The secretary also referred to the recent discussions in some of the London daily papers on Armistice Day, it being felt by many that during the last year or two it had been made too much of a 'joy' day. He said it was very gratifying to note that some of the London hotels had postponed their rejoicings until the following day. He felt sure it should be kept only as a 'day of remembrance,' and, if so, then the bells of England had a great part to play on November 11th, and he hoped they would all do their best to carry on the good work already begun.

Mr. F. Wilford moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Archdeacon for his address, to the local ringers and to the ladies who had helped with the tea. Before the company dispersed for more ringing, a course of Bob Royal was given on the handbells by the Pinedon ringers.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in all the standard methods, including Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. Amongst those present were Mr. J. R. Sharman (London), Miss E. Steel (Bedford), Mr. H. Baxter (secretary of the Kettering branch), and Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary).

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
IN EIGHTEEN EQUAL PARTS.

By the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

	234567		324567		Part ends.
					234567
	752634	1	S 573624	1	-----
S	647352	1	245367	2	354267
	236547	1	S 372645	1	524367
S	572436	1	S 653472	1	237546
	365247	1	726435	2	357246
S	273465	1	537426	1	527346
S	452673	1	725364	3	236574
	734265	2	437625	1	356274
	527634	1	254763	2	526374
	735246	3	S 732654	1	324567
	627435	1	S 647532	1	254367
	356742	2	256347	1	534267
S	123456	1	732456	1	326574
S	467523	1	S 467532	1	256374
	354267	1	254367	1	536274
					327546
					257346
					537246
					234567

Each part to be eight times repeated, calling one bob instead of the two bracketed singles in the third, sixth, twelfth and fifteenth parts, and inserting two bobs between these two singles in the ninth and eighteenth parts, and a single instead of a bob at the end of the ninth and eighteenth parts.

**SHIPWAY'S FALLACIES.**

By GEORGE BAKER.

(Concluded from page 587.)

The great essential in all methods is symmetry of construction. That Shipway failed woefully in this important matter, is evidenced by his total failure to produce symmetrical extensions of Single and Double Court Bob. There were no arbitrary definitions in his day against the production of irregular methods, and Shipway produced plenty of them, therefore why he did not make use of the places which produce Single Court Bob Minor, i.e., two quick fourth's place bobs, and by these extend the method to infinity is a mystery. The method would be irregular from and including Major upwards, but, nevertheless, it is the method, and there is no other possible without introducing slow bobs or an additional place.

What Shipway is pleased to call extensions of Single Court Bob can be seen on page 58 of Reprint, and I need not say more about them than this, they are all asymmetrical—the Triples and Major each have five false rows to the lead, and the Caters three.

The following extension is true on all even numbers of bells from singles upwards, and is produced by two bobs only: Slow bobs when the pairs of bells are even, and quick bobs when the pairs of bells are odd:

Singles.	Minor.	Major.
1234	123456	12345678
2134	214365	21436587
2314	213566	24163857
3241	423165	42613587
---	432815	46231857
3421	346251	64328175
---	---	63482715
Lead-head	364521	36847251
1342	---	---
---	Lead-head	38674521
---	135264	---
---	---	Lead-head
---	---	13527486
---	---	---
---	Royal.	Maximus.
---	1234567890	1234567890e
---	2143658709	2143658709te
---	2416385079	2416385079e
---	4261830597	426183057e9
---	4628135079	462810345e79
---	6482310597	648201357e9
---	6843201957	68402315e79
---	8634029175	8604321e597
---	8360492715	808342e1957
---	3806947251	08384e29175
---	---	0384e492715
---	---	3048e6947251
---	3089674521	---
---	---	3t0e89674521
---	Lead-head	---
---	1352749608	Lead-head
---	---	13527496e8t0

Another extension which requires an additional place to bring up the correct lead-head runs true on all numbers, odd and even, to infinity, and the Major of this extension is the method from which I deduced the axiom 'that all methods, principles and systems are produced by making Bobs and Extremes in the Primary Principles, or the Treble Bob Principle.'

(Continued on next page.)

**APSLEY END.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, October 6th, 720 College Single in 28 mins.: F. C. Tompkins 1, J. Stopp 2, C. Henley 3, A. Brinklow 4, A. V. Good 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6. First in the method by all. Rung in honour of the birthday of the ringer of the 3rd.—On Sunday, October 10th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins.: C. Henley (conductor) 1, C. Munt 2, A. V. Good 3, F. E. Tompkins 4, A. Brinklow 5, G. Dolt 6. First quarter by ringers of 2nd and tenor, first quarter inside by 4th, and first quarter as conductor.

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Triples.	Major.	Caters.	Royal.
1234567	12345678	123456789	1234567890
2143657	21436587	214365879	2143658709
2416375	24163857	241638597	2416385079
4261357	42618375	426183957	4261830597
4623175	46281357	462819375	4628103957
6432715	64823175	648291357	6482019375
6347251	68432715	684923175	6840291357
	86347251	869432715	8604923175
6374521		896347251	8069432715
	6374521		0896347251
Lead-head	Lead-head	869374521	8069374521
1352746	13527486	Lead-head	Lead-head
		135274968	135274968

Cinques.	Maximus.
1234567890e	1234567890et
2143658709e	2143658709te
241638507e9	241638507t9e
42618305e79	42618305t7e9
4628103e597	4628103t5e79
648201e3957	648201t3e597
68402e19375	68402t1e3957
8604e291357	8604t2e19375
806e4923175	806t4e291357
08e69432715	08t6e4923175
0e896347251	0t8e69432715
	10e896347251
08e69374521	0t8e69374521
Lead-head	Lead-head
13527496e80	13527496e8t0

Nothing can be urged against these two extensions except the arbitrary definition which makes the even numbers on the one hand, and the odd numbers on the other hand illegitimate because of the four blows in front or behind.

In his Double Court Extensions Shipway made the biggest muddle of all. His so-called Double Court Triples has nine false rows to every lead, the Major four, and the Caters five. Neither Major nor Caters are double methods.

**PRESENTATION AT OSWALDTWISTLE.**

**RETIREMENT OF MR. JAMES HOULDSWORTH.**

On Sunday morning, the ringers of Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, presented Mr. James Houldsworth with a ringer's gold badge, suitably inscribed, in recognition of his 23 years' service as ringer and conductor in this tower.

Mr. William Riley, who made the presentation, voiced the members' appreciation of Mr. Houldsworth's services, the splendid progress made under his leadership, and their sorrow at his retirement from the tower and district, coupled with a hope that he would not be altogether lost to the Exercise.

Mr. Houldsworth, who was taken by surprise, could only thank the band very much both for the present and their loyalty to the tower. His greatest reward would be to see the tower make even greater progress in the future.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

At Holy Trinity Church, Hoghton, Lancashire, on Monday, October 4th, 2,016 Bob Major: W. Margerinson 1, Miss May Clayton 2, F. Calderbank 3, G. Hooper 4, W. Hsley 5, J. Harrison 6, J. Moulding 7, J. Brown (conductor) 8. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Richard L. Vernon, of Tong, Shropshire, to Miss Barbara Heywood, daughter of Sir James De Hoghton, Bart. The above is the longest length of Major on the bells by a local company.

At Witney, Oxon, on Monday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Wheeler 1, N. Spindlow 2, E. Brown 3, T. Bull 4, J. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, C. Channon 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Leslie Oliffe and Miss Dora Abbott, of Enstone, the bridegroom being a member of the local company.

At St. Nicholas-at-Wade, on Thursday, October 14th, on the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, 1,320 Bob Doubles, with four different callings, in 50 mins.: S. J. Bolton 1, A. M. Ireland 2, G. H. Gore 3, H. Clayton 4, W. Laws (conductor) 5, F. Beake 6. Specially arranged in honour of the wedding of H. Beake, a local ringer, and Miss D. Dove, and this is believed to be the longest touch ever rung on the bells by a local band.

At Salford, on Sunday, September 19th, as a wedding compliment to the Rev. E. Stephenson (curate) and his wife, 1,344 changes of Grand-sire Triples were rung after evening service in 54 mins. at Sacred Trinity Church: H. S. Kellett 1, Miss A. Brierley 2, J. Hall 3, F. Stonely (conductor) 4, A. Lees 5, T. Jones 6, H. Lees 7, P. Cross 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The restoration of Ickleton bells, where recently the tenor broke, will, it is hoped, soon be taken in hand. There are varying schemes afoot, and it is likely that a decision will be taken at a Church Council meeting this evening. There are four of the local ringers on the Council, so that it may be relied upon that the best will be done in the interest of the bells and ringing. Those who desire to help this poor parish should send their donations to Mr. Percy Webb, Ickleton, Cambs.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major reported to have been rung at Helmingham, on September 22nd, was rung at Debenham.

The most interesting anniversary of the week is that of the first peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft on October 25th, 1731. The story of this peal was well told, not long since, by Mr. J. A. Trollope, in his 'Notes by the Way.'

The first peal of Stedman Caters rung out of London was at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on October 25th, 1790. There has been more than a little Stedman heard in the Bull Ring since those far-off days.

When, on October 24th, 1807, the Oldham men rang 15,120 Bob Major, doubtless they thought they had set up a record and had rung a longer peal than any other set of men, or they would surely not have stopped short at that number. It seems pretty certain that they could not have known of the peal of the same length rung at West Ham on November 25th, 1737, or the 15,360 at Aston in the year 1793, which latter was, we believe, the longest peal on record until the 15,840 of Kent Treble Bob at Bethnal Green in 1868.

A great number of peals have been rung at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, London, but the 'first ever' was scored by the College Youths on October 24th, 1825. It was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield on October 26th, 1822, and then, so far as Cambridge on ten bells as concerned, the world stood still for nearly 80 years. Nine members of the Wakefield Society, with Joseph Tibbs, of Leeds, took part in this historic performance, the composer and conductor of which was William Woodhead.

Fifty years ago next Thursday a peal of 9,120 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Holbeck, Leeds.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### COLLECTION OF PEALS OF TREBLE BOB.

The Peal Collection Committee will be glad to receive from composers or others within the next month any fresh peals of Treble Bob, in order that the collection may be fully up to date. Peals should be sent to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hopesay Rectory, Aston-on-Clun, Salop.

## WELLS CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent re weight of Wells Cathedral bells, the following particulars were given in the late Rev. P. E. Robinson's book, 'Among the Bells':—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.	
1.	7	3	0.	1891. Mears and Stainbank
2.	9	0	0.	1891. " "
3.	9	1	0.	1757. Abel Rudhall. "
4.	9	3	0.	" "
5.	12	0	0.	" "
6.	14	0	0.	" "
7.	20	0	0.	" "
8.	23	1	0.	" "
9.	30	0	0.	1877. J. Taylor and Co.
10.	57	0	0.	" " "

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

## A LIST OF 'RINGING' TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. R. Nichols, of 59, Rutland Road, Stamford, Lines, has written asking me to use my best endeavours to reinforce his request for particulars as to towers where bells are hung as per his letter in 'The Ringing World' a few months ago. He regrets that, so far, only three secretaries appear to have been able to give him the information which he desires for his forthcoming book on the History of Ringing.

We have had no such list on ringing towers since Troyte's list some 50 years ago, and which is now not only out of print, but out of date, and an up-to-date list would be to the advantage of the Exercise at large. I beg, therefore, strongly to recommend Mr. Nichol's request to all those who are able to supply him with any useful information.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Thursday evening, October 14th, at St. Andrew's Church, for the harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Kemp (first quarter in the method) 1, Miss F. Wyman 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, C. Wells 5, G. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.



**INTERESTING PEALS.****POLICEMEN'S PERFORMANCE IN LONDON.**

Among the interesting performances which we record this week is a policemen's peal. It was rung at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, by Metropolitan, Leicester and Birmingham members of the force, and Stedman Triples was scored after an unsuccessful start for Cambridge Surprise Major had left insufficient time for another attempt with the tenor in. Arrangements for the peal were made by Mr. H. Bottill, of Scotland Yard, who will be congratulated by his many friends, both of the police and the Exercise, upon gaining well-merited promotion to an inspectorship.

At the last minute P.C. G. Shipp was taken ill with an attack of influenza, and P.C. J.C. Doel very kindly took his place at a moment's notice. The Cambridge came to grief after half an hour's ringing, but Stedman was successfully accomplished in the remaining time available under the conductorship of P.C. H. J. Poole, of Leicester City force.

It is not an easy task to arrange a band of this description, as a police officer never knows at what moment duty may interfere with his leisure. Sergt. Dowding, for instance, was not dismissed from duty until six a.m. that morning, and then had to travel from Birmingham to London to take part in the peal. It is hoped to make another attempt for the Cambridge in the New Year.

The first peal of Original Triples, the fundamental of changes in seven bells, had to wait from the beginning of ringing history until last Saturday before it was rung. It was placed to the credit of the Herts County Association by a band at Bushey, under that enterprising conductor, Mr. Maurice Hibbert. The method may be simple, but the calling is a busy job for the conductor, there being no fewer than 610 calls in the peal. The composition was published in our issue of August 22nd, 1924. It is by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

'Name' peals are not a frequent occurrence, and the peal of Treble Bob rung by a band of Charlies—all members of the Kent County Association—at Linton is worthy of commendation.

**DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM LAWRENCE.****A VALUED MEMBER OF THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, October 11th, the death occurred at 24, Wimbourne Gardens, West Ealing, of Mr. William Lawrence, for many years one of the leading ringers of West Middlesex. By birth a Wiltshire man—he was born at Aldbourne on March 23rd, 1859—he did much of his early ringing in Sussex, where he was a member of the Christ Church, Eastbourne, band. About twenty-five years ago he was appointed, from among 164 candidates, to a position in the architect's department of the London County Council Fire Brigade, and went to live at Hanwell, and afterwards at West Ealing.

In 1912, a new ring of eight was put up at St. Stephen's Church, Ealing, and Mr. Lawrence was appointed honorary steeplekeeper, which post he held till 1919, when a serious illness compelled him to give it up. He called the first peal on the bells—Holt's ten-part. About the same time he rang the tenors to several peals of Plain Bob and Grand sire Triples on handbells. His other peals consisted of Grand sire and Stedman Triples and Plain and Treble Bob Major, and included the 1,250th and last peal that the Rev. F. E. Robinson rang in.

A serious illness a few years ago put an end to his active participation in ringing, but his interest in it remained to the end, and one of his last acts was to give a lecture on bells and ringing before the Selborne Society, of which he was an active member.

He was a great collector of old bells and other curiosities. Photography was another of his hobbies, and he was a lover of country life, in which connection he was a frequent contributor to the 'Country Home Magazine.'

Although, on account of his failing health, Mr. Lawrence had not been much among ringers in the last two years or so, his death is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends in the Exercise. For years he did valuable and unobtrusive work, and all who had the pleasure of meeting him recognised in him one of Nature's gentlemen.

He was a member of a number of ringing societies, including the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which was the first he joined, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, the Sussex County Association, the Middlesex County Association, and the Ancient Society of College Youths. For three years he represented the Middlesex Association on the Central Council.

The funeral took place on Friday at the Westminster Cemetery, Hanwell.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Cheshunt. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, many London friends being present in addition to those of Herts, and ringing was practised in methods up to and including London Surprise. The Vicar, Rev. C. B. Law, came into the belfry and extended a warm welcome to all, and rang the tenor to Stedman Triples. He afterwards sat down to tea with the assembly and presided over the business meeting, at which two new members were added to the Cheshunt band. All attended the evening service, and afterwards the belfry was the place of attraction.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****YOUNG RINGERS WANTED.**

The autumn meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Edenbridge, on Saturday, and was attended by nearly 40 members. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and it was noticeable that there was an improvement in the striking compared with what it usually is at these meetings, although several members had good practice in methods which they have not the opportunity of practising in their own towers. Unfortunately the meeting clashed with a rural deanery thanksgiving service that was held at Tonbridge the same afternoon, and the usual service could not be held. An excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Edwards at the Church House, and several ladies assisted Mrs. Edwards in attending to the wants of the members.

The business meeting followed, Mr. G. Edwards, of Peshurst, presiding. Two non-resident life members from East Grinstead were elected. At this point the Vicar (Rev. H. C. Edwards) arrived, and Mr. G. Edwards vacated the chair for the Vicar, who first extended a hearty welcome to the members, and next expressed his deep regret that the usual service could not be held. He had given the matter great consideration, and he had regretfully come to the conclusion that his duty was to attend the thanksgiving service at Tonbridge. He had endeavoured to obtain the services of other clergymen, but without success.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Edwards for generously providing the tea, to the ladies for their kindness in waiting on the members, and to Mr. J. Heasman and the local ringers for making the excellent arrangements, were passed.

The Vicar, in reply, again expressed his pleasure at meeting the members, and promised to convey the vote of thanks to the ladies. He also said that he noticed that a good many of the members were getting rather white on their heads, and there were not many young members amongst them. He urged them to get young men to learn their art, or it would be disastrous if there were no ringers to ring their bells in the future.

This concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where ringing in various methods was indulged in until nine o'clock.

**A BIRMINGHAM PEAL.****TABLET UNVEILED AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.**

On Sunday, October 10th, following the evening service, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. A beautiful marble tablet (kindly designed by Mr. A. Padden Smith, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild), the gift of Councillor R. R. Gelling, the donor of the bells, was unveiled by Alderman J. S. Pritchett. The tablet records in gold lettering the first peal rung upon the bells on January 23rd, 1924, after they had been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., had preached an excellent sermon upon bells and ringers, etc., and when the ceremony took place the belfry and gallery leading thereto were crowded with spectators. Mr. Samuel Grove and Mr. Percy O. Laffin, who took part in the peal, were among those present, and took part in the ringing, as also did Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., and Messrs. Edward Large and George E. Large.

A few remarks were made by Alderman Pritchett and Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., which were much appreciated. It was very pleasing to notice that Mrs. Pritchett and Mrs. Badger were present.

The bells were rung for a short time before and after the unveiling. The young band at this church are making great progress under the capable tuition of Mr. James George.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****ROCHDALE BRANCH SOCIAL.**

The annual party and social of the Rochdale branch was held at Oldham on Saturday, October 16th. The Parish Church bells were available during the afternoon, and a good number of ringers visited the tower. Tea was served in Lord Street Schools, to which nearly 150 sat down.

A short business meeting was held afterwards, the Vicar of Oldham in the chair.—The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to those present.

It was resolved to hold next year's party at Cross Stone, and votes of thanks to those who had worked to make the affair a success were passed. Before the meeting closed reference was made to the Vicar's coming retirement, and those present joined in wishing him a pleasant relaxation.

An interesting programme, including songs, humorous items, handbell selections and dancing followed, and all spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

**SPLICED METHOD PEALS.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I was with interest I read your leading article in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' and I heartily endorse your remarks therein, especially that part which refers to the splicing of even methods to even methods and odd methods to odd methods.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES FERNLEY.

Hazel Grove, Stockport.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE EFFECT OF RELIGIOUS CHANGES ON RINGING.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The attitude of the Puritans towards bells and ringing is illustrated by the following incident. In 1532 Abbott, the Archbishop of Canterbury, visited Scotland, and at Dunbar he was shown the parish church by 'a crumpled, unseemly person, the minister thereof.' He inquired how many bells there were, and was told, 'None.' His Grace asked 'how it chanced,' and the minister replied, with some astonishment at so simple a question, that 'it was one of the Reformed Churches.' In Edinburgh, Abbott found only one bell; all the rest had been shipped to the Low Countries. That was in Scotland, where Puritanism had far greater power among the common people than ever it had in England.

In England there does not seem any evidence that its influence led to any destruction of bells, but it did tend to lessen their use in the services of the church, and, consequently, since the common people loved their bells, and would have them rung, if not for one purpose, then for another, it did tend to secularise bells and ringing.

In many cases the ringing of bells, which once was for purposes of ritual, was continued, but the original reason was forgotten. It survived as custom without any reason, and sometimes purely secular and even grotesque reasons were given for it. At Kegworth, in Leicestershire, for instance, the ringing of the Angelus at 7 a.m. survived, but the villagers thought it was to waken the rectory servants.

In these circumstances it is not surprising that since change ringing started at a time when Puritan ideas were very strong, it was looked upon, both by its friends and its foes, as a purely secular pastime. From the early days of the seventeenth century, when the 'invention of the sixes' marks the real beginning of change ringing, until 1660 the power of Puritanism was steadily increasing. The Catholic party had to fight a desperate, and, for the time, a losing battle to maintain its hold within the church, and had little or no opportunity of influencing the position of ringing in the church services.

The year 1648 saw the death of Charles I., the establishment of a Commonwealth in England, and, as far as Parliament could do it, the turning of the Church of England into a Puritan sect. The effect on ringing does not seem to have been very great, but when in 1660 the reaction came, and the Kingdom and the Church were restored, it received a big impetus. This was the time when Fabian Stedman was living and ringing at Cambridge. In 1657 the College Youths are said to have visited that town, and, when there, were presented by him with some five-bell peals, which they rang at St. Benet's.

Shipway, following a certain antiquary named Parnell, says that Stedman's Principle was rung at that time, but that, I think, is an error. The Principle was evidently not produced until later—between 1668 and 1677. So that either the College Youths' visit did not take place till after 1657, or, which is likely, what was rung was some plain changes which Stedman and other men were at the time developing. In 1668 Stedman published his first book, the 'Tintinnalogia,' and he tells us that the previous few years had seen a great and remarkable development of ringing.

Perhaps, in the whole history of the Exercise, ringing and ringers never stood higher in the estimation of the general public than it did at this time. It seems to have attracted all classes of people. Professor Jebb, in his 'Life of Richard Bentley,' says that the chief sports of the undergraduates at Cambridge at the time were tennis, racquets, bowls and bell ringing. And in London the College Youths were apparently a well-to-do lot of men. Ringing, however, still remained secular.

There was a Catholic reaction in the Church during the last years of the seventeenth century, but it did not last long enough to have much effect on the ritual of the services or any at all on ringing, and its main force was spent when, for political reasons, the most prominent of its leaders left the Church.

Religious opinion in the Church of England of the eighteenth century was totally different from that of the seventeenth. The long and bitter conflicts were succeeded by a period of quiet and apathy, and the general effect was to confirm the secular nature of ringing. The country clergy were largely the younger sons of the country gentry. They held the service on Sundays, and the rest of the week they behaved much in the same way as the squires, hunting and shooting, and taking part in the ordinary country sports, except that, generally speaking, they were free from the heavy drinking and gross talking which were common at the time.

To such men prize ringing was a thing to be encouraged. They did not consider it any profanation of the Church, and, indeed, under the circumstances and at the time, prize ringing probably did far more good than harm. There was little or no idea of reverence for the church building. The altar was merely a table, to be used at the celebrations, which were seldom held except on the three great festivals, and at other times was a convenient place where odd things could be put, and where, often enough, the parson laid his hat and cloak during the service. If the altar was so treated, there is little to wonder at when the bells were used for sport or other secular purposes.

As I have already pointed out in these notes, it is instructive to compare the inscriptions on the bells cast in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries with those cast before the Reformation and at the present day. The ringers themselves were ordinary men with ordinary faults and failings. One of the most notable of the vices of the eighteenth century was drunkenness. It pervaded all classes of society from Cabinet Ministers, judges and land-owners downward. It was common in the Universities. The amount of wine that some of the most eminent men of the time drank is staggering. Nobody considered it as anything particularly wrong. So long as a man could 'carry his liquor' and not make himself a nuisance to others he could get drunk as much as he pleased. And no doubt ringers, being sociable and gregarious folk, were particularly liable to this failing. Ringers, too, are conservative people, and hang on to old customs, and it is likely enough that they did continue their convivial habits after greater sobriety became common among the better educated classes.

The religious revival begun by John Wesley and his supporters did not touch the Church of England directly, and did not influence ringing at all. The Evangelical movement of the last years of the eighteenth and early years of the nineteenth centuries was within the Church, but its influence was not for the good of ringing. Those

**MR. LINDOFF'S 278,828 PEALS OF LONDON SURPRISE.**

Next week we hope to publish a special article upon Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's production of 278,828 peals of London Surprise Major.

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excellent and pious men, its leaders, were very little concerned with the ritual of public services or with reverence for church buildings. They sought rather the conversion of individuals, and any ringer who came under their influence was much more likely to give up ringing altogether as a worldly thing than to consider himself a church worker.

Thus the whole tendency of religious opinion in the Church of England during the seventeenth, eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries was to make change ringing a purely secular pastime, and, of course, that idea largely survives to-day. But now it is being increasingly realised that bell ringing, while it is a secular pastime, is also something more, a part of the ritual of the Church; and that bell ringers have a very real status as church workers. To the realisation of this we owe a great many advantages. Our bells are better cared for; our belfries are clean and well furnished; and we ourselves are held in higher esteem. And this is entirely due in the first place to the Catholic movement which began in the middle of the nineteenth century, and has continued to this day. As I have already said, the vast amount of what that movement stands for is entirely outside our present subject. All that concerns us here is the greater reverence and care for the church buildings. It began with the east end, but its influence has spread to the tower. The early ritualists personally did nothing for bells, they had other and more immediate things to think of. It was the widening of the influence among all parties of the Church that has brought in reform.

But, while the old order was passing, and before the new had come, ringing and ringers had to pass through a time of reproach. They had inherited the traditions of more than two centuries. Naturally, they lagged behind the reforms which were taking place in the east end of the Church. This, I think, is the chief reason why ringers and ringing were held in so low esteem during the forty years or so which preceded the nineties of the last century.

**LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS****EFFORTS TO MAKE NEW SURPRISE RECORDS.**

On Saturday, October 30th, under the auspices of the Sussex County Association, an attempt will be made to ring 14,144 London Surprise Major at Warnham, Sussex; starting time 10.30 a.m.

On the same day, as already announced, an attempt will be made at Bolton Parish Church by members of the Lancashire Association, to ring a record length of 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major, starting at 1 p.m.

Both the above, if successful, will create new record lengths in the respective methods.

**BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.**

On Sunday evening, October 17th, for divine service, at the Church of St. Alkmund, Derby, a quarter-peal of Boh Minor (1,344 changes) was rung in 52 mins.: E. Clarke 1, C. Draper 2, H. Waterfield 3, G. Freebrey (conductor) 4, P. H. Tate 5, W. Slater 6, H. Carigan 7, J. L. Foster 8. This was the first quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 6th, 7th and tenor, and first in the method by an entirely local band since the bells were rebung.

At St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, London, on Monday, October 11th, in 43 mins., 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: H. Francis (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Hawkiss (first quarter-peal) 2, R. E. Geare (first inside) 3, W. H. Howe 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, J. Clifford 6.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****A SAD MEETING AT CONISBOROUGH.**

What promised to be an enjoyable meeting on Saturday, at Conisborough was marred by the news, which the ringers received on reaching the tower, of the death of the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Strawberry). The reverend gentleman had taken the usual service at 10.30, and immediately after had a stroke, from the effects of which he passed away at 12.30 p.m. He will be very much missed by visitors to Conisborough tower, for it was his custom to ascend to the ringing chamber and give a few words of welcome, and to take the chair at the meetings.

As there were several little matters to bring forward, it was decided to hold the usual business meeting, and this was held in the schoolroom, the vice-president, Mr. F. Willey, presiding. Before proceeding to the agenda, a vote of condolence and sympathy with the widow and family of the deceased Vicar was carried by all present standing in silence for a few moments.

Some discussion took place as to the price of 'The Ringing World,' but it was realised that the only solution was to increase the number of readers, and a special appeal was made to all present to purchase a copy each week.

The next meeting was due to be held a week before Christmas, but in view of its close proximity to that date and the restricted earnings of many members, it was decided to try and arrange to amalgamate with the Sheffield and District Society at Rawmarsh on December 4th, if this be possible.

Votes of thanks to the local band and the ladies for their kindness in providing tea were heartily carried.

Visitors were present from Doncaster, Tickhill, Thorne, Hatfield, Arksey, Sprotborough, Sheffield All Saints', Ecclesfield, Dore, Bolsterstone, and Barnsley, and a few touches were rung on handbells.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.****PROPOSED AUGMENTATION AT WEST CLANDON.**

A meeting of the Western District was held at West Clandon on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and the bells were kept going until 4.30 p.m., when service was held and an address given by the Rector (Sir John Herschel), who was formerly hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Twenty-two members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, which was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rector presided. Hersham was chosen for the next meeting. A collection was made and handed over to the local secretary in aid of the bell fund which is being raised to add two more bells to make the present ring of six into eight.

Votes of thanks were passed to Sir John Herschel for the use of the bells and for his excellent sermon, to Lady Herschel for presiding at the organ, to the ladies who so kindly arranged the tea, and to all who helped to make the meeting a success.

The business meeting over, further ringing took place. Touches ranging from Stedman Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor were rung. The towers represented were: Leatherhead, Guildford, Thames Ditton, Ockham, Worplesdon, Swindon, Waiton, a large number of the local company, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, was also present.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN SPALDING TOWER.**

A meeting of the Elloe Deaneries branch was held at Spalding on Saturday, October 9th. The bells were set going at 2.30, and the methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Tea was provided at Barker's Restaurant, to which 40 ringers and friends sat down.

The business meeting was held afterwards, the president (the Rev. G. H. Clark) being in the chair. There were also present the Rev. B. G. Nicholas (Vicar of Spalding), Revs. H. Law James and E. C. Gee. The ringers present included C.S.M. J. Bennett and Flight-Serge. F. A. Holden.

It was decided to hold five meetings a year, with the annual meeting at Spalding.

The bells, a nice peal of eight, have all been recast and hung in a new iron frame with ball bearings, and have been placed about 20ft. lower in the tower. The work has been done by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tone and go of the bells leave nothing to be desired from a ringer's point of view.

The tower has also been restored and a new clock added by Messrs. J. Smith and Co., of Derby, the total cost of the restoration and improvements being £2,220 18s. 4d., all of which has been raised by voluntary subscriptions within twelve months.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Thursday evening, October 14th, for harvest festival, 720 London Surprise Minor in 24 mins.: Cyril M. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, G. R. Ambrose (first in the method) 3, P. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, J. Ruries 5, G. Mowrad 6.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Monday, October 11th, 1,440 of Stedman Triples in 56 mins.: T. J. Salter 1, G. Davies 2, E. J. Brooks 3, K. Salter 4, J. Woodberry 5, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, J. Bennett 8. Rung as a compliment to the 7th man on his 48th birthday.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**KEIGHLEY, YORKS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: R. W. Jennison 1, J. Hogg 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, J. Hall 5, R. W. Jennison, jun., 6, S. Murgatroyd 7, J. Coullon 8.

**SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Margaret's Church, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Major in 47 mins.: W. Wilkinson 1, J. Young 2, F. Dewey 3, J. Kemp 4, H. Harper (first quarter-peal) 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL.**—On Sunday, October 17th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: K. Beardmore (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Jones 2, F. Sharpe 3, L. Stirik 4, E. Lush 5, W. Fisher 6, J. Coles (conductor) 7, F. Stirik 8. Arranged for E. Lush, who was on a visit from Wells, Somerset.

**HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Mary, for the harvest thanksgiving service, on October 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: P. A. Aldham 1, D. A. Aldham 2, J. Ison 3, C. Payne 4, S. White 5, B. Ridgway 6, F. Cotton (conductor) 7, L. Perrin 8.

**SALEHURST.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 17th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, T. Hoad 2, G. King 3, F. Morgan 4, G. Mills 5, C. Creasey (conductor) 6, T. Booth 7, L. Booth 8.—After evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. Morgan 1, T. Booth 2, C. Creasey 3, G. Mills 4, G. King 5, W. Hoad (conductor) 6, E. Mills 7, J. Goodsell 8.

**MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.**—At St. Edmund's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 43 mins.: C. Everett 1, E. Nicholls 2, J. Stopp 3, H. Jones, jun., 4, H. Jones, sen., 5, A. V. Good (first quarter of Minor as conductor) 6.

**CHATHAM.**—On Sunday evening, October 17th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and in remembrance of Mr. H. Blomely, late churchwarden: H. Springate 1, J. Kidd 2, T. Hill 3, H. Hogarth 4, S. Shellock (conductor) 5, F. Belsey 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.**—On Sunday, October 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. S. A. Aston 1, C. Grimes 2, F. Jones 3, B. Timms 4, N. Brion 5, J. Gardner 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hiatt 8.

**TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, October 17th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: C. T. Coles (conductor) 1, H. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. Button 5, H. W. C. Strickland 6, E. A. Hull 7, H. Ellis 8.

**WINGHAM, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 10th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): E. Kendal 1, H. Bates 2, P. Branford 3, J. Sharpe 4, L. Housess (conductor) 5, C. Butcher 6. First quarter of Doubles by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: S. Brown 1, J. Herbert 2, W. H. Worsley 3, Robt. Bullen 4, C. E. Collis 5, C. Moody (first quarter-peal in method, bob bell) 6, W. T. Elson 7, E. Cassel (conductor) 8.

**SKIPTON, YORKS.**—On Sunday, October 10th, at Holy Trinity Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service, conducted by Walter Wallace, of Derby, who was over on a visit: G. Bottomley (Skipton) 1, W. Bailey (Skipton) 2, J. Langstroth (Gargrave) 3, C. Langstroth (Gargrave) 4, Dr. Wales (Gargrave) 5, W. Wallace (Derby) 6, C. Wallace (Derby) 7, W. D. Hillary (Skipton) 8.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On Sunday, October 10th, at the Parish Church for the thanksgiving service, to conclude the Diocesan Festival by the Bishop of Rochester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. James 1, P. Spice 2, E. Mounter 3, G. Durling 4, G. Huxley 5, G. James 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, H. Skinner 8.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Thos. Groombridge, sen. (conductor) 1, A. James 2, G. James 3, T. Knight 4, G. Huxley 5, E. Mounter 6, P. Spice 7, H. Skinner 8.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for the harvest festival, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) from Groves' Variation, in 44 mins.: H. Walker (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, J. Clark 5, S. Hughes 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.—After the service, 518, from Holt's 10-part, conducted by E. V. Rodenhurst.

**LISCARD, CHESHIRE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Woosnam 1, A. Woosnam 2, W. Simpson 3, W. Hughes 4, D. Hughes 5, J. Hughes 6, F. Winstanley 7, W. Woosnam 8. Composed by W. Simpson, conducted by Wm. Woosnam. This touch has the 6, 7 and 8 coursing each other in plain course order throughout.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, on the occasion of the dedication festival, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, F. W. Rogers 2, J. Paterson 3, J. D. Harris 4, J. Topp 5, R. J. Stone 6, T. R. Taylor (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8.

**BEDWELLY, MON.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, October 3rd, for harvest thanksgiving festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 55 mins.: T. Lewis 1, G. Poppell (conductor) 2, W. Williams 3, W. Williams 4, W. Powell 5, T. Poppell 6, T. Black 7, F. Morgan 8. Longest length for ringers of 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8; and first quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

**RICKMANSWORTH.**—For evening service, on Sunday, September 28th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Croseley 1, H. W. Kirton 2, T. Stephenson 3, G. Foster 4, E. G. Benson 5, E. Hookham 6, J. B. Marks 7, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 8.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAM.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Davies 1, G. Jones 2, F. Sharpe 3, Mr. Jenkins 4, W. Fisher 5, E. Thomas 6, J. Coles (conductor) 7, F. Stirik 8. First quarter inside for the ringer of the 2nd, and first quarter as conductor for the 7th ringer. Arranged for Mr. Jenkins, who was on a visit from Tenby.

**HOUNSLOW.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, 1,280 Bob Major in 46 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, P. G. Gaddard 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, E. Cassell 4, J. Kent 5, S. G. Armstrong 6, J. Milner 7, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Bob Major by ringers of 3rd and 6th.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Blackman 1, R. Dale 2, S. Knight 3, H. Mance 4, W. Chantler 5, E. Waller 6, S. A. Paice (conductor) 7, G. Dibley 8.

**PLYMOUTH.**—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday, September 19th, for harvest festival service, and on the 56th anniversary of the consecration of the church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Wildes variation of Thurstan's four-part) in 46 mins.: J. Lilley 1, R. J. Beer 2, \*H. Tippett 3, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 4, W. Hiscott 5, W. Richards 6, J. Woodley 7, \*R. B. Baldry 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES.**—On Sunday, September 12th, at St. Giles' Parish Church for evening service, 720 Plain Bob: G. Clark 1, W. Elcombe 2, G. Olney 3, A. C. Lanford 4, G. Ayres 5, H. W. Edwards (conductor) 6.—On Sunday evening, September 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Elcombe 1, W. Redrup 2, G. Olney 3, A. C. Lanford 4, H. W. Edwards 5, A. Elburn (conductor) 6.—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, 720 Plain Bob: G. Clark 1, W. Elcombe 2, G. Olney 3, G. Emmett 4, G. Ayres 5, H. W. Edwards (conductor) 6. A. C. Lanford comes from Goldhanger, and is now at Chalfont Colony. All will wish him a speedy recovery, but he would be missed at Chalfont bells on Sunday evenings.

**LAVENHAM.**—On Sunday, September 12th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): F. A. Turner 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. A. Poulson 3, A. Symonds 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5, W. Burgess 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7, J. King 8. Longest length in the method by the tenor man.

## NOTICES.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Oct. 30th. The bells will be available from 2.45. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. 8 Bells. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may, until the closing date, Nov. 3rd, be obtained from: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, J. W. Rowbotham, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 p.m.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Oct. 28th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. for appointment of secretary and committee representatives.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Forest and Gloucester Branches of the above association will hold a joint meeting on Oct. 23rd at Newnham-on-Severn. Bells at 3 till 8.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. There will be no service, owing to the Vicar of the parish being away on mission work.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Birchington on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Divine service at 4.30. The bells of Quex Park will also be open for ringing. Half rail fares will be paid at this meeting up to 2s. Tea will be provided, at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wrangle on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Buses run from the Post Office, Boston, at intervals during the afternoon. Leake bells (6) will be available also after the business meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Tower open 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Clutton, Oct. 23rd. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business at 5.15 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton, Bath.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (kindly supplied by the Vicar) and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made. Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Sandlake on Saturday, October 23rd.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting at St. George's Church, Mossley, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting held at 7 o'clock prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chelmsford Tower will also be available during evening. Broomfield has a suitable bus service from Chelmsford. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 27th?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea may be had at Mrs. Barfoot's, Castle Street. A good attendance is hoped for.—A. Knights, Local Hon. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guldborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 26th inst.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Breadsall (bells 6) on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — The 49th annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Committee meeting at 12 noon in the Cathedral Vestry. Dinner at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, at 2 p.m., 2s. 6d. to members, 3s. to non-members. Those coming to dinner please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 26th. The bells of the City churches will be open during the day. Please meet at Cathedral to make up bands for different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North and East District. — The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Barking - by - the - Tower, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service at 5.30, preacher Rev. M. Hope. Tea at 6 o'clock in All Hallows' Mission, 1s. each, only to those who advise me by the 27th. Business meeting after tea. Bells available: All Hallows', Barking (8), 3 to 5.30 and 7 to 9; St. Olave's, Hart Street (6), 3 to 5.30; All Hallows', Lombard Street (10), 7 to 9. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 30th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 3.50 and from 6.30 to 8.45. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), will also be available. Full evensong at the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Carlton Café, High Street, Rochester, at 5. Business meeting to follow. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before first post Wednesday, the 27th inst.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3.15. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., and evensong 6.30. Those requiring tea should let me know by the previous Thursday.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Abbots Langley, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30, meeting after.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Wardington on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, the 26th inst. — R. R. Lewis, South Bar, Banbury.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672). — A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. On Nov. 13th a whist drive will be held in St. Mary's Institute. Tickets 1s. each. Plenty of prizes.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Meeting and tea afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. A frequent interval of buses run from the centre. Kindly notify by the 26th inst.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — St. Mary's, Dunmow. — The two new trebles to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m., when all ringers are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments in St. Mary's Room after service.—W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at Todmorden Unitarian. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Hapds-worth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, to form a Northern Branch of the Guild. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30, with an address by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly providing tea for all lady ringers. Gentlemen will be charged 1s. each. All ringers will be heartily welcomed, and those requiring tea should notify Miss N. Cawthorne, 394, Hands-worth Road, Sheffield, before Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. — Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting of the Central Division at Barcombe on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Tower open 2.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Those who intend to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The practice meeting arranged for Staly-bridge on Oct. 30th will not take place. The next quarterly meeting will be held there on Nov. 27th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.** — Preliminary Notice.—The fifth Croft's memorial dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 1927. Further particulars later.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. sec. of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, has removed from 29, Barrack Hill, to 'Cartref,' Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

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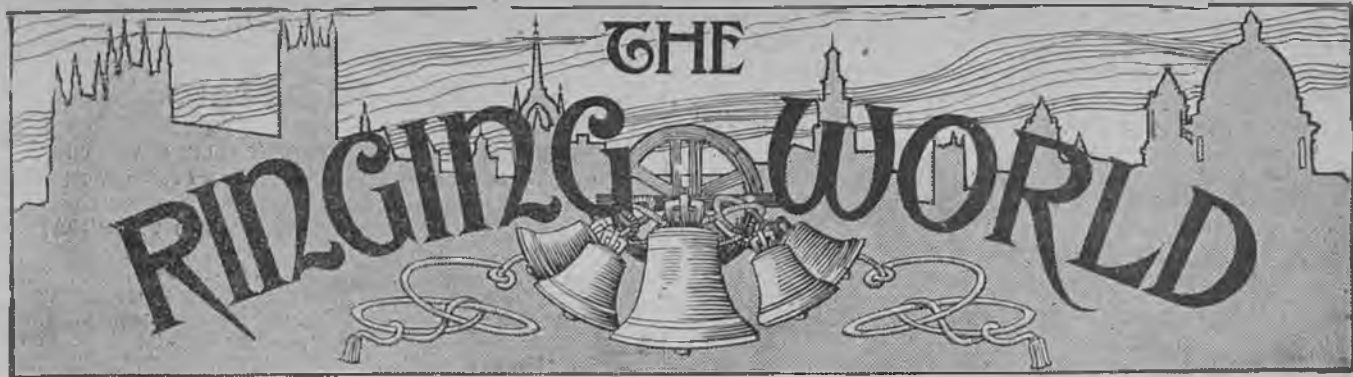
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## ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

One of the biggest tasks that falls to the lot of the association secretary is the preparation of the annual report. These publications involve a large amount of labour, often unrealised by the ordinary members. Some reports are more elaborate than others, and are not only interesting but useful productions, giving a great deal of information, and making a permanent and compact record of the society's doings during the year. Even the less pretentious of the reports seem to be looked upon by the members as of indispensable importance, and for this reason the associations go to considerable expense to produce them. But with all the care expended upon these reports, errors constantly occur, and there is nothing which gives the secretary so much trouble, if he does his work conscientiously, as the revision of names and addresses.

At the last annual meeting of the Winchester Guild the question of dealing with the resident members was discussed, for district secretaries had found the dilatoriness of local bands, in supplying information, a considerable handicap in compiling the reports. How much more difficult is it, therefore, for those responsible to revise the list of non-resident members, of which every association has a growing list. Many reports include the names and addresses of these ringers, and it is almost impossible to keep them up to date unless the members themselves keep the secretaries advised. Even then cases of death go unnoted, and names that ought to be deleted remain, sometimes for years, on the 'live' list.

In another column we publish a useful suggestion by the secretary of the Lancashire Association, which might be developed with advantage to all our ringing associations. He suggests a kind of 'clearing house' for the revision of the information, and it is probable that something of this kind might be established. In the meantime, one way of effectively revising the lists could be found in an arrangement whereby each association secretary should send copies of his last report to all the other secretaries so that the latter could give any information at their disposal. It sounds, perhaps, a little formidable, to ask secretaries to do this, but the amount of work in which each would be involved would actually be small, as he would only be responsible for the corrections in which the names of his own territorial members were concerned, and as the action would be reciprocal, whatever extra labour was involved would be repaid. The whole value of these reports lies in their accuracy, and any scheme which will make for this should be welcomed, not only by members, but even by those hard worked secretaries whose desire is to discharge their task efficiently.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,  
On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 6
ROBERT W. GREEN ... .. 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 8
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 4	ALFRED B. PRICK ... .. 9
HENRY G. MILES ... .. 5	JAMES H. ROMLEY ... .. Tenor

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

ST. WOOLOS, NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(St. Woolos' Society.)

On Tuesday, October 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ARTHUR GRIFFITHS ... .. Treble	†FRANK CRABB ... .. 6
FREDK. ATWELL ... .. 2	CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 7
JOHN HAMMOND ... .. 3	REGINALD LEWIS ... .. 8
JOHN BULLEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. 9
SAMUEL JONES ... .. 5	†KENNETH KNOWLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ELSTON. Conducted by CHAS. GREEDY.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Archdeacon of Monmouth (Rev. D. H. Griffiths, M.A.), who was Vicar of St. Woolos' from April 9th, 1908, and whose death took place in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, on Friday, August 27th, 1926.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	PERCY HARRISON ... .. 6
†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 3	J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... .. 8
SHIRLEY BERTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... .. 9
†ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5	*SIDNEY A. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\* First peal on ten. † 100th M.C.A. peal, and completion of the circle of this tower. ‡ 50th peal on these bells.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

*REGINALD TOWNSEND ... Treble	ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 7
ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 3	WALTER H. TROEMAN ... .. 8
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5	URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

\* First peal. The ringers of 2, 4, 5, 9 and tenor hail from Bristol, the rest belong to the Swindon Parish Church Guild.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE  
ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... Treble	ERIC G. LOCKE ... .. 6
FRANK V. H. SINKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. JODD ... .. 7
RALPH E. SADLER ... .. 3	R. CONGREVE PRIDGEON ... .. 8
GEORGE W. FRAYNE ... .. 4	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... .. 9
HENRY G. MILES ... .. 5	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... .. Tenor

Arranged by R. CONGREVE PRIDGEON and CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by R. CONGREVE PRIDGEON.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

HRVWOOD'S No. 1.	Tenor 18 cwt.
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Treble	ALBERT H. WARD ... 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 2	W. RICHARD DRAGE ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	*WILLIAM H. WAIN ... 7
JOHN P. TARLTON ... 4	†WILLIAM WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
BERNARD WELLS... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
JAMES BATTERS ... 2	GEORGE ELLIS ... 6
REG. V. JOHNSON... 3	OLIVER SIPPETS... 7
CECIL NICE ... 4	WILLIAM WALLIS ... Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETS.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON... Treble	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 5
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY

This peal and the one at Loughborough were arranged for Mr. Budd, of Grimsby.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

HORACE TULETT ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
EDMOND H. LINDOP ... 2	H. J. TUCKER ... 6
ALFRED W. GROVES ... 3	WILLIAM HART ... 7
WILLIAM HILMAN ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

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

FILEHURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

HOLY'S TEN-PART.	Tenor 19 cwt.
*REV. W. F. LANE ... Treble	RONALD CHAPMAN ... 5
*HARRY HUNT ... 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
MISS VERA ROBINSON ... 3	HARRY GOODGER ... 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 4	RICHARD HAINES ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

\* First peal.

HULL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 25½ cwt.
A. BERNARD COOK ... Treble	HERBERT HOWELL ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE T. MILLER ... 6
JAMES CLARK ... 3	JOHN H. HOWELL ... 7
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	JOHN W. HOBSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Ring as a farewell to the Rev. C. F. Ayerst.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN GOOCH... Treble	GEORGE WHITING ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This peal was rung to celebrate the diamond wedding and 83rd birthday of Mr. George Thurlow, a veteran of the old company at Framsdén, also for the silver wedding of Mr. G. Pryke, the ringer of the third.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEBDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEEL ... Treble	†PERCY MASSAM ... 5
*ARTHUR G. WOOD ... 2	†ALBERT WORMALD ... 6
†HUGH TAYLOR ... 3	*HAROLD L. JONES ... 7
*ERIC WARD... 4	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as co-conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells by a local band.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

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

With 6-8 covering, being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

LEONARD COZZELL ... Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
GEO. SMITH... 2	*BEN CHANCE ... 6
*HARRY SMITH ... 3	ALFRED BOXLEY... 7
CHAS. WM. COOPER ... 4	*J. STANLEY PEARSON... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled immediately after the unveiling of the war memorial by Brigadier General Hickman.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER... 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 6
JAMES T. WARD ... 3	WALTER PERRINS ... 7
ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 4	GEORGE BASFORD... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERRINS.

Arranged for Miss Steel, of Bedford. The conductor's 50th peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. T. R. Hensher hails from Bolton.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
WILLIAM ANBLER ... 2	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 3	JOE GREENWOOD ... 7
ALBERT PICKLES ... 4	ALBERT JAGGER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Ringers of 2, 3, 4 hail from Queensbury, 7 and tenor from Northowram, 5 from Pudsey. Treble and 6th are members of the local company.

**BRENCHLEY, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.	
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
*FRANK H. BALLARD ... 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	KEITH HART ... 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by KRITH HART.

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

**SHERE, SURREY.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.	
MRS. HAZELDEN ... Treble	*THOMAS STREETER ... 5
GEORGE TOMSETT ... 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 6
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM W. THORNE ... 7
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 4	†JOSEPH SPOONER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TOMSETT.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

**WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.	
MRS. WILLIAM CRABTREE ... Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL ... 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 6
FRANK FIELDEN ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
WILLIAM HORAN ... 4	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Mr. H. Davenport's 50th peal for the Lancashire Association.

**TURVEY, BEDS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.	
BERNARD FISHER ... Treble	*WILLIAM STOCK ... 5
*WILLIAM SHARP ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 6
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 7
WILLIAM FREEMAN ... 4	HENRY STAPLETON ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

**HARRIETSHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
WILLIAM MANKLOW ... Treble	CHARLES SONE ... 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... 2	LEWIS NEWMAN ... 6
GEORGE POUND ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
FREDERICK LEBSON ... 4	CHARLES DUNN ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

This peal was rung by a district band, and was the first on the bells since their restoration, the 'go' being excellent.

**GRAVESEND, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.	
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	JOHN BURLES ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 4	GEORGE C. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

**RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.	
PERCY GLEDSTONE ... Treble	FREDERICK G. LEWIS ... 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 6
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 3	ARNOLD HILL ... 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
 Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

**MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
 (HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

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

THURSTANS'. Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.	
C. HENRY WEBB ... Treble	FRED COTTON ... 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 2	†JOSEPH C. BEALE ... 6
*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 7
WILLIAM COPE ... 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

\* Twenty-fifth peal. † First peal in the method.

**STAUNTON HAROLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*  
 AT EARL FERRERS' PRIVATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).	
ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	*HARRY MORGAN ... 5
ALFRED B. BEADSMORE ... 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 6
ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 7
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. This is only the third peal rung on these bells, the last having been on March 13th, 1889. The Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, D.L., entertained the band to tea after the peal.

**CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5060 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.	
JESSE FRANCIS ... Treble	*SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... 5
*ERNEST J. TROMAN ... 2	SIDNEY HILLIER ... 6
*EDWARD PERRY ... 3	FRED LAMBETH ... 7
WILLIAM C. WEST ... 4	*HENRY POWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED LAMBERT.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Messrs. J. Francis and W. C. West were elected members previous to starting.

**WOMBOURNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**

*On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.	
WILLIAM T. POWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM DEVEY, SRN. ... 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 3	JOHN PERRY ... 7
WALLACE L. RODEN ... 4	E. THOMAS THORPE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. F. Mitchell. The ringer for the 4th was proposed a member of the above society previous to starting.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 1	WALTER N. ASHEY ... .. 5
ROLAND NEWSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ELDRED ... .. 6
JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... .. 3	ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... .. 7
*EDWARD GREENACRE ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.  
\* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Joseph E. Sykes, Joseph Broadley, and the son of Mr. J. W. T. Wright.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kelso, Coldstream, Cudecastra, Sandiacre, Westminster, Allendale and Ipswich.

CHARLES PRESTON ... .. 1	*CHARLES BOWEN ... .. 4
ALICE PRESTON ... .. 2	*REG PRESTON ... .. 5
*H. BILLINGS ... .. 3	W. FRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MISS ALICE PRESTON.

\* First peal with a bob bell. Miss Preston is the first lady to conduct a peal in North Staffordshire. Rung for the wedding, at Hanley, of Rev. A. N. B. Birch, son of the Rev. G. T. Birch (Rector of Bucknall) and Mrs. Birch, and Miss Winifred Mary Browett, daughter of the Rev. A. E. Browett (Vicar of All Saints, Hanley) and Mrs. Browett.

HODDLESDEN, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HINDLE ... .. 1	ARTHUR INGHAM ... .. 4
*ALBERT YATES ... .. 2	FRED READ ... .. 5
†ARTHUR LORD ... .. 3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED READ.

\* First away from treble. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Wm. Hindle and A. Ingham. The treble ringer was proposed a member of the association before starting.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 22 of Grandsire, 34 callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*EDWARD H. GWILLIAM ... Treble	*PERCY N. ROWLEY ... .. 4
*WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
JOSEPH W. RUSHTON ... .. 3	*HAROLD H. W. KINSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal in three methods.

BRATTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*BENJAMIN COOK ... .. Treble	†FREDERICK EMM ... .. 4
†CHARLES H. LAWRENCE ... .. 2	†WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 5
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 3	†ALFRED J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Doubles. The peal consisted of ten 240's under A. J. Pitman's arrangement, and 22 six-scores with ten different callings. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. S. Collett, M.A., the newly appointed Vicar.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.—On Thursday, September 30th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal (1,316 changes) in 30 mins.: T. Winscombe 1, S. Walker 2, E. Livorsidge 3, T. Cooper 4, E. Pammenter 5, P. Pickering 6, H. Mortimer (conductor) 7, B. Ingle 8.

BOLTON,  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*D. KNOWLES ... .. Treble	*R. KNOWLES ... .. 4		
*H. WEALL ... .. 2	E. COTSFORTH ... .. 5		
*T. LONGWORTH ... .. 3	*J. ASPIN ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by E. COTSFORTH.

\* Proposed members of the association before starting, and this is their first peal and first attempt. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 5
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Wright, churchwarden, on the occasion of his parents' diamond wedding.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

WILLIAM H. POOLE ... .. Treble	*JACK LEGGETT ... .. 4
*JOHN C. FURLONG ... .. 2	HARRY TURNER ... .. 5
*CHARLES J. BRACKLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells by the Sunday service ringers of this church.

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. (approx.).

FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... Treble	FRED GINN ... .. 4
CHARLES ROBINSON ... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. T. GINN ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Cook and Mr. W. Ginn, father of the 3rd ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 27, MARKET SQUARE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. Hims ... .. 1-2	F. NEALE ... .. 5-6
	3-4

Umpire: H. HATFIELD.

This is believed to be first peal rung with one man ringing four bells.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Friday, October 1st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 54 mins.: R. W. E. Pictou 1, R. G. Bell (first quarter-peal) 2, S. Hoare 3, S. E. Edwards (first quarter Stedman) 4, G. Seaman 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Hughes (Stanmore) 8.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, October 6th, for even-song, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, C. W. Woolley 2, F. J. Cook 3, F. J. Gleaves 4, A. Geo. Rivers 5, E. Warrington 6, C. W. Cook (conductor) 7, G. Crisp 8.

**STAUNTON HAROLD CHURCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.****AN AMBITION ATTAINED.**

'Nothing so difficult but diligence will overcome.' So runs the superscription to a peal board in the belfry of the beautiful church at Staunton Harold, Leicestershire. With this spirit, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester (whose ambition is to ring peals at as many towers as possible in his native shire, and, incidentally, revise North's book, 'The Church Bells of Leicestershire'), set about getting a peal on the bells at the private church of the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, D.L., J.P. A band visited here on August 26th, but owing to a serious accident which involved the Countess Ferrers, her son and his wife (Lord and Lady Tamworth) the previous evening, the peal could not be attempted. Earl Ferrers, however, graciously showed the visitors over this historic church, which was built by his ancestors, and is beautifully situated in front of the hall, amid the trees by the water-side. It is said to be the only Anglican church erected during the Commonwealth, and over the entrance is the following epitaph to the founder:

'In the years 1653,  
when all things sacred were throughout the nation  
either demolisht or profaned,  
Sir Robert Shirley Baronet,  
founded this church,  
whose singular praise it is,  
to have done the best of things in the worst of times,  
and hoped them in the most calamitous.  
The Righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.'

His Lordship ascended the tower and copied off the bell inscriptions, as dictated by Mr. Ernest Morris, and later listened to tunes and change-ringing on the handbells. A further visit was arranged when the distinguished invalids were better, and last Saturday the band (with slight variation) again met, full of zeal and ambition, in spite of those critics who declared an ambulance would be required to carry off those who collapsed, and a load of stimulants to revive the remainder.

The two senior 'Ernestes' attended to the bearings, one with a bottle of castor oil and the other with a pound of lard and after solving the mysteries of the clock (to take off the striker) descended to the belfry where Alfred (the Great) had trimmed his lamp, and set the candles alight in the quaint, ancient, wooden candelabrum.

A start was made, and all went well for over two hours, when one of the candles spluttered and eventually snuffed out. Then one after another they all disappeared, until eventually a solitary one was left. This lasted till about five minutes from the end, when it, too, collapsed, leaving only the faithful lamp to cast a feeble glow in the Stygian darkness, and the ringers appeared like so many ghosts moving their arms up and down. All stuck to their work and finished a very good peal in just over the three hours, thus accomplishing an ambition so diligently sought.

Then arose the question, Is it to be tea and miss the bus to Ashley, meaning a four-mile walk, or no tea and catch the bus? Needless to say, the tea won, and the band are very grateful to Earl Ferrers for his kindness in granting permission for the peal, and his generosity in providing tea afterwards in the hall. It is worthy of note that the tenor man in the present peal is the son of the tenor man for the last peal over 37 years ago. It is also the 82nd Leicestershire tower the conductor has rung a peal at.

A description of this church and bells was published in these columns on December 24th, 1915.

**BELLS OF S. NICOLAS, GUILDFORD.****FORTHCOMING DEDICATION.**

There is every reason to hope that Messrs. Taylor and Co. will complete the work on the peal of ten bells at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, so that the dedication can be held on the Eve of S. Nicolas' Day (Sunday, December 5th). The office of dedication will form part of the usual Eucharist service, which is sung at 11 a.m. The bells will be rung at the moment of dedication for a few minutes, also at the conclusion of the service.

It is, of course, realised that 11 a.m. is not a convenient hour for many ringers to assemble, but it is hoped that some will find themselves able to attend. Ample arrangements for ringing during the day will be announced later.

The tenor and four trebles have been recast, the remaining five retuned, the ringing circle is to be improved, and the excessive false striking corrected. The ringers and authorities hope that this programme of work will convert an excessively miserable peal of bells into one of at least passable beauty.

**LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD'S HALF CENTURY**

With a peal of Stedman Caters at Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile, L. H. Whitehead, brother of W. P. Whitehead and E. R. Whitehead, of Leicester, reached his half-century.

Doubles in three methods (on handbells) 1, Treble Bob Minor in two methods 1, Bob Minor 3, Bob Major 12, Grandsire Triples 9, Stedman Doubles (on handbells) 1, Stedman Triples 18, Stedman Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 3; total 50.

This ring at the famous foundry is the lightest peal of ten in the world, the tenor being only 6½ cwt.

**A YORKSHIRE RESTORATION.****GRINTON BELLS REHUNG.**

The dedication and re-opening of Grinton Church bells took place on Saturday, October 23rd. The service was taken by the Rev. N. Eyerton Leigh, Rector of Richmond, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Harrison, Vicar of Grinton.

The bells, a peal of six, tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb., have been overhauled and rehung in an H frame made for eight, mounted on subsidiary girders, thus anchoring the four walls together. The second bell has been recast, and the others returned.

A party from Richmond attended the opening, and a few rounds were rung during the service. Afterwards various touches of Kent Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, some of the local ringers taking part.

When the bells were taken down for restoration, an old oak beam was found bearing the following inscription: 'James S. Harrison, bell-hanger, Barrow-in-Lincolnshire, 1751,' and it is rather strange that this should be the name of the present Vicar.

The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, whose representative, Mr. S. R. Roper, took part in the ringing. Others taking part were: G. Holmes, J. Kinchin, T. Walton, R. Todd, W. Downall, S. Thorpe, and T. Lunn.

Tea was provided by the Vicar, and a vote of thanks was passed to him, also to Mr. A. Morton, for taking the party from Richmond.

The 'go' of the bells was excellent, and great credit is due to the firm for the way they have carried out the work.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

The 54th quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Nuneaton on Saturday, October 16th. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round. Various other methods were rung before the service, which was taken by the president of the Guild, the Ven. J. L. White, assisted by his curate, the Rev. M. Sharpe. The organist and choir also assisted. In his address, the Vicar welcomed the Guild to Nuneaton, and pointed out that although he did not often thank the ringers for their services, they really did do a lot of good.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Room, kindly provided by the Vicar, and admirably served by the Ladies.

The general meeting was held afterwards, the president being in the chair. Stoke-in-Coventry was selected for the January meeting. Mr. H. Argyle proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, and also to Mr. Sharpe and the organist and choir.

A touch of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells, and then the members adjourned to the belfry, where the four Surprise methods, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Single and Double Norwich, and Duffield's Major, were brought round. The 'fall' at 8 p.m. brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DISTRICT ELECT'S NEW OFFICERS.**

A special meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held on Saturday, October 16th, at St. John-at-Jerusalem, South Hackney. The bells were raised at three o'clock, and some good touches were rung in most of the standard methods. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. — McLean). Tea was served in St. Andrew's Hall, about 35 members and friends participating.

At the business meeting which followed, the members were called upon to elect a district secretary and Master, owing to the resignations of Mr. Bottrill and Mr. Alleyway. The choice of those present unanimously fell upon Mr. L. Gray and Mr. J. A. Hales, as Master and general secretary respectively.

Four new members were elected, viz.: Messrs. Ventris, Ward, Dyment, and Jeffries, all of St. Paul's, Glyn Road.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the Hall and the bells, to the organist, to the ladies who waited at table, and, last but not least, Mr. Riley, whose assistance was much appreciated.

The members then adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until nine o'clock. Some excellent touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and two courses of Cambridge Major were rung.

The next meeting is to be held at West Ham, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

**MR. F. W. STOKES' 100 PEALS.**

A handbell peal of Bob Major completed the century for Mr. F. W. Stokes, of Blankney, Lincs.

Tower bells.—Royal: Superalative Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 5, Double Court 1, Double Norwich 1, Double Bob 1, Double Oxford 1, Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 4, Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Caters: Stedman 3, Surfleet Treble Bob 2, Grandsire 5.

Major: Cambridge Surprise 4, Kent Treble Bob 4, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 8, Plain Bob 3.

Triples: Stedman 20, Grandsire 5 (conducted 3), Oxford Bob 1 (conducted 1).

Minor: 2 to 7 methods 20 (conducted 18).

Handbells: Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 4.

Total 100 (conducted 22).

### GOLDEN WEDDING AT WOODSTON. THREE GENERATIONS RING CELEBRATION TOUCHES.

Saturday, October 23rd, was the 50th anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. Henry Hoare and Mrs. Hoare. Their four sons being at Peterborough, it was arranged to ring on the bells of St. Augustine's, Woodston, two short touches, so that father, four sons and two grandsons, making three generations, might take part. The method was Plain Bob, rung as follows: Henry Hoare (father) 1, J. T. Hoare (Cambridge) 2, S. Hoare (Watford) 3, E. K. Hoare (grandson) 4, C. H. Hoare 5, Herbert Hoare (conductor) 6. In the second touch, H. Long, jun., took the place of J. T. Hoare.

Mr. Henry Hoare has been parish clerk at Woodston for 52 years, commencing these duties at the age of 18. He always chimed the three bells that were at that time in the tower, and were unfit to ring. In 1914, it was decided to have a peal of six. The three old bells were taken out and recast and three new ones added, the work being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Mr. J. J. Jutson kindly undertook to teach six men to ring, Mr. Henry Hoare being one of these. Since the six bells have been in the tower, he has taken a very active part in ringing them for Sunday services, very seldom being absent. He has not been a keen peal ringer, having only rung one peal on the treble.

To mark the occasion of their golden wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Hoare were presented by the Rector and churchwardens with the sum of five guineas, a wallet and a picture with a copy of the marriage lines attached, the money having been collected from the parishioners. In the evening, a peal was rung, as recorded elsewhere.

### BELL LECTURE TO ROTARIANS.

Mr. J. R. Mackman gave a lecture to Twickenham Rotarians on October 18th on 'Bells and Belling.' Great interest was taken and, after the lecture, many leading questions were asked, which, from a ringer's point of view, was a very encouraging feature. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank kindly loaned a model, which proved of great assistance.

### A DATE TOUCH.

At Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Tuesday, October 12th, in 1 hr. 13 mins., a date touch of 1,926 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Stephenson 1, W. McCleave 2, W. Robinson 3, F. Bentley (longest length and first attempt) 4, H. Wormwell 5, W. Hunter 6, R. Hartley 7, H. Entwistle (conductor) 8. Rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to W. Robinson, also for the birthday of wife of the conductor. Longest length by ringer of 4th and first attempt.

### SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO MR. E. A. PITSTOW.

His many ringing friends will be sorry to hear that Mr. Ernest A. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, met with a serious accident on Thursday of last week. The ladder on which he was working moved, causing him to fall heavily, with the result that his left ankle was smashed. He is suffering from severe shock, and lies in Saffron Walden Genery Hospital. The latest report of him is that he is fairly comfortable, and progressing as well as can be expected.

### MUFFLED BELLS

On Sunday, September 26th, at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., with the bells muffled in memory of the Rev. R. Heyward, late curate of this church, who was interred at Maidstone cemetery the previous day. The ringers were members of the local band: A. E. Gasson 1, L. Head 2, F. Leeson 3, H. Coast 4, E. Spiller 5, J. Amos 6, L. Mannering (conductor) 7, C. Dunn 8.

On Friday, September 17th, at Appleton, Berks, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): H. Bennett 1, H. C. White 2, G. Hollifield, sen., 3, C. G. White 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Hollifield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. G. H. Phillott, of Cheltenham.—On Sunday September 19th, 1,036 Grandsire Triples for evening service, with the bells also muffled. Mr. Phillott had attended the anniversary of the opening of Appleton bells (March 4th) for upwards of 50 years.

At St. Peter's Church, Chatteris, Cambs, on Monday evening, September 6th, after a memorial service, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins.: K. Mattock 1, A. Barker (conductor) 2, T. Rowlinson 3, A. Matteck 4, W. Seekings 5, A. Abrams 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect for the late Mr. W. C. Clarke, organist of the above church, who died suddenly whilst on a holiday in Jersey.

LAVENHAM.—On Thursday, September 16th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,284 changes): A. Symonds 1, S. H. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks 3, M. T. Symonds 4, F. A. Poulson 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. R. J. Poulson, and his longest length of Superlative as conductor.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—At St. James' Church, for harvest festival, on Thursday, September 16th, for evening service, 720 York Surprise.—On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, 720 London Surprise; for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise; for evening service, 720 York Surprise: W. Holmes (conductor) 1, J. Miller 2, H. France 3, W. Nelson 4, J. T. Miller 5, J. Ryding 6.

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**BELFRY GOSSIP.**

The first handbell peal, Oxford Treble Bob Major, was rung at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811.

On October 31st, 1791, a peal of 7002 'Grandsire Quaters' was rung on the bells at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge.

St. Paul's Cathedral bells were opened on All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1878.

The first recorded 'name' peal was scored at St. Martin-in-the-Field on November 3rd, 1796, when eleven Williams, conducted by William Shipway, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, there being two men on the tenor.

The bells of St. Paul's Church, Shipley, Yorks, were opened exactly one hundred years ago next Monday. The church was built and the peal of six installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1826. A treble and tenor were added in 1867.

A great many ringers, as well as hundreds of thousands of the general public, listened-in to the Double Norwich Major on the back eight bells of Bow, Cheapside, on Sunday evening by members of the Middlesex Association. It was a pity the tenor was caught in a bad frame of mind, and almost superhuman effort was required to ring the bell.

A peal of unique interest in our columns this week is that rung on handbells at Bicester, Oxon, in which Mr. Edward Hims rang four bells. Mr. Hims is one of the few men who can also ring two church bells at once.

A peal at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, was the 50th peal by Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol.

**TO-MORROW'S LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.**

It is a rare occurrence in ringing annals that two separate record attempts are made on the same day, but to-morrow, as already announced, an effort is to be made at Warnham, Sussex, for 14,144 London Surprise Major, and at Bolton, Lancs, for 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major.

The present London Surprise record is 14,112, rung at King's Norton, Worcestershire, on May 11th, 1903. In the Superlative method the Midland Counties Association hold the record of 10,400, rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on May 6th, 1922.

The attempt at Warnham, under the Sussex County Association, will start at 10.30 a.m., and the band will be: J. H. B. Hesse, J. Cole, D. Sippetts, W. Robinson, G. Steere, J. T. Dyke, C. Dobbie and A. H. Pulling (conductor). W. Beeson, of Walton, was originally in the band, but owing to the industrial trouble—he is a member of the police force—he is unable to stand in, and W. Robinson is taking his place.

At Bolton Parish Church, the company will be made up of: E. Jenkins (conductor), H. Chapman, Gabriel Lindoff, Peter Ladin, J. E. Bibby, T. Barlow, E. Cutsforth, and T. B. Worsley, the last-named being the composer of the peal. The start at Bolton is at 1 p.m.

**THE HEAVIEST PEAL OF TEN.**

**MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BELLS.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Below are the weights of the peal of 10 bells at the Manchester Town Hall, the total weight amounting to 10 ton 8 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. They are, therefore, approximately, 17 cwt. heavier than Wells Cathedral bells, as shown by the weights given in your last issue.

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble ... ..	7	2	7
2 ... ..	8	2	9
3 ... ..	9	3	4
4 ... ..	10	0	14
5 ... ..	14	1	3
6 ... ..	17	1	7
7 ... ..	23	0	11
8 ... ..	27	0	4
9 ... ..	39	0	0
Tenor ... ..	52	0	0

Yours, etc.,  
F. PAGE.

Manchester.

**THE CORRECTION OF ASSOCIATION REPORTS.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In getting the 'copy' ready for our new report, I find 204 non-resident ringers. To these we add this year 12, and death has removed four. I have been wondering if it would not be possible to form a kind of 'clearing house' to weed out those whom death has claimed, as there must be a lot in that list, and other secretaries must find the same trouble in keeping their reports up to date. If any secretary likes to send me his list of Lancashire members, I would be pleased to do my bit towards rectifying these errors.—Yours, etc.,

W. H. SHUKER.

105, Bank Street,  
Clayton, Manchester.



**278,828 PEALS OF LONDON SURPRISE.**

**MR. GABRIEL LINDOFF DESCRIBES HOW HE PRODUCED HIS WONDERFUL COLLECTION.**

[In the following article Mr. Gabriel Lindoff explains how he has produced his collection of nearly three hundred thousand peals of London Surprise Major, with the 6th the extent home at course ends, and 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's. It is one of the marvels of constructive composition and worthy of being placed on record. For that reason we are glad to have overcome Mr. Lindoff's reluctance to talk about his own work.]

The Editor has asked me to write a few notes on my book, which contains 278,828 peals of London Surprise Major. This, to me, seems so much like blowing one's own trumpet that for a time I have been rather reluctant to undertake it. Still, an explanation of the methods employed in building up these compositions may be useful to those coming after, and may probably stimulate some to work on similar lines in other directions, and at length I am therefore complying with the request.

In the first place, I might explain that each peal contains the 6th extent in 6th's, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's, and no peal over 5,088 changes in length.

My first plan, which I afterwards scrapped, is not without interest. It consisted of writing out, on separate slips of still cartridge paper, the various ways of calling the 6th the extent, and in the order in which they would have to appear in the subsequent compositions.

Each set consists of two round blocks, the junctions being a bob M, when 2nd and 3rd are respectively 3rd's and 5th's place bells, the block which does not contain rounds being sandwiched between two portions of that block which does. The following is an example:—

23456 M 1.5 W

53246 x —  
43526 x —

**Y**

32546 — x —  
25346 x —  
45236 x —  
52436 x —

**Z**

35426 — x  
54326 x  
24536 x —  
34256 x —  
42356 x  
23456 x

On either side of the spaces Y and Z, where dotted lines are shown, incisions are made with a penknife so that strips of tracing cloth could be threaded through, to cover spaces Y and Z. Upon these strips are written the filling-in courses, and, as they are pulled through, peals appear. These are moved on and make room for others as you pass the strips along, the only care required being that the numbers passing Y and Z correspond. The following is an example of a pair of strips giving 5024's, '56's, and '88's. These strips are interchangeable, and so give two peals on each number with each extent:—

**STRIP No. 1.**

1.			2.			3.			4.			5.		
M	W	H	M	W	H	M	W	H	M	W	H	M	W	H
x	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—
—	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	x
x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	x
x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	x

**STRIP No. 2.**

1.			2.			3.			4.			5.		
M	W	H	M	W	H	M	W	H	M	W	H	M	W	H
x	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—
x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	x
x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	x
x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	x

(x is, of course, in and 5th's.)

As this system left no permanent record, I gave it up for a more permanent one.

In doing so, I first worked out all the possible extents, and, secondly, all the possible touches for filling in Y and Z. The system I worked on to obtain these results was a multitude of slips of paper, kept together with elastic bands. As an example of working this system, let us suppose that there are merely three ways of calling a course. Our first round would be merely three one-course slips, our next nine two-course slips, the next twenty-seven three-course slips, and so on, taking care to transfer to the finished receptacle all those that produce a round block, and destroying those that are false.

The extents were then given a letter, the small touches numbered, and all entered in the front portion of the book. Here are some specimen extents: there are 22 in all:—

B.			Y.			U.			G.		
M	W	H	M	W	H	M	W	H	M	W	H
x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—
x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—
x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—
x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—
Y	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—
x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—
x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—
x	—	—	Y	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—
Z	—	—	—	x	—	x	—	—	—	x	—
—	x	—	Z	—	—	Y	—	—	—	x	—
x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—
x	—	—	x	—	—	Z	—	—	—	x	—
x	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—

There are 196 touches, and here are some specimens:—

1.			173.			174.			165.						
M	1.5	W	H	M	1.5	W	H	M	1.5	W	H	M	1.5	W	H
—	x	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	—	—	—
102	—	—	—	103	—	—	—	105	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	—	—	—

These touches are not necessarily round blocks, but run from point to point, a point being a Middle where 2nd and 3rd are not disturbed.

My next and last work was to marshal these touches so that they would fit into Y and Z, and also to note their combinations in the book.

The major portion of the book is composed of these combinations that go to make up the peals. They are given as the following specimens show. If these interested care to work these combinations into the various extents, they will find it simple but interesting.

I have not given the course-ends, but the transposition scale below will be of assistance.

**23456 M 1.5 W H**

36452	—	x	—	—
53462	—	x	—	—
43652	—	x	—	—
45362	—	x	—	—
34256	x	—	—	—
53246	x	—	—	—
25346	x	—	—	—
54632	—	—	—	—
65432	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—
43652	—	—	—	—

(a)	1	173	35	105
(b)	1	105	35	173
(c)	35	105	1	173
(d)	35	173	1	105
		5056's.		
(e)	1	121	68	173
(f)	1	173	68	121
(g)	68	173	1	121
(h)	68	121	1	173
		5088's.		
(i)	44	173	1	165
(j)	44	165	1	173
(k)	1	165	44	173
(l)	1	173	44	165

These can be filled in in two ways, viz., the first three in each line in Y and the last in Z, or the first three in Z and the last in Y.

The following three examples represent the first line of each number worked out one way, with the extent given in the first example:—

5024.		5056.		5088.	
23456 M I 5 W H		23456 M I 5 W H		23456 M I 5 W H	
53246	x —	53246	x —	53246	x —
43526	x —	43526	x —	43526	x —
1 53624	— x —	1 53624	— x —	44 36524	— x —
175 42635	— — —	121 23645	— x —	26354	x —
35 32654	— x —	36245	x —	63254	x —
52364	x —	34625	x —	32654	x —
23564	x —	32465	x —	52364	x —
35264	x —	62345	x —	23564	x —
65324	x —	42635	x —	35264	x —
25634	x —	68 32654	— x —	65324	x —
56234	x —	65324	— — —	53624	x —
62534	x —	25634	x —	173 42635	— — —
32546	— x —	35264	x —	1 62534	— x —
25346	x —	52364	x —	32546	— x —
45236	x —	62534	x —	25346	x —
52436	x —	32546	— x —	45236	x —
105 32465	— x —	25346	x —	52436	x —
24365	x —	45236	x —	165 34625	— — —
43265	x —	52436	x —	32465	x —
63425	x —	173 63425	— — —	63425	— — —
35426	— x —	35426	— x —	35426	— x —
54326	x —	54326	x —	54326	x —
24536	x —	24536	x —	24536	x —
34256	x —	34256	x —	34256	x —
42356	x —	42356	x —	42356	x —
23456	x —	23456	x —	23456	x —

### ICKLETON CHURCH BELLS.

#### COMPLETE RESTORATION DECIDED UPON.

It has been decided to make a thorough overhaul of the bells at Ickleton Parish Church, Cambridgeshire, now that the replacing of the tenor has been forced upon them by the accident which has recently occurred. The bell-frame has been pronounced very unsatisfactory, and, even if patched up, it would not enable a good job to be made of the restoration. The Church Council, therefore, very wisely decided, at their meeting last Friday, to have no patch-work done, but to have a new iron frame, the tenor recast, and all the other bells tuned and rehung with all new fittings. The total cost of the scheme will be about £400, and it was decided to start an appeal for funds at once.

So keen are the Council on getting the bells put in order that nearly half the amount was promised at the meeting. The local ringers, who are all working men, have promised £5 as a first instalment. Any donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs.

The old frame is in such a bad state that it has been decided to stop ringing the other bells.

Ickleton is a village situated eleven miles south of Cambridge, and five miles north of Saffron Walden. The church, which is dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene, is a very fine and spacious building in the early Norman style. It consists of a chancel, nave and south aisle, south porch, and a centre tower, surmounted by a fine leaden spire. An interesting feature is the stone columns of the nave, which are said to have been brought from the neighbouring Roman station at Chesterford.

The church was restored about nineteen years ago at a cost of some £600. There are stained glass windows to the memory of the Hon. Algernon Herbert who died June 11th, 1855, and to Mary Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of John Hanchett, who died June 2nd, 1905. There is also a memorial window to the memory of Sir Robert George Wyndham Herbert, G.C.B., D.C.L., L.L.D., who died May 6th, 1905. This window was erected by the inhabitants of Ickleton and other friends. The register dates from the year 1558.

The tower contains a peal of six bells and a clock. The sacring bell, the sound of which in old times gave notice of the celebration of High Mass, hangs outside the steeple, and is now used as an hour bell for the clock.

The bells are inscribed:

Treble.—'Lester and Pack, of London, fecit James Heath and Henry Hanchett, churchwardens, 1761.'

2nd.—'Thomas Newman, of Norwich, made me, 1719.'

3rd.—'Chapman, of London, fecit, 1781.'

4th.—'Lester and Pack, fecit, John Haley and Matthias Ripsher, churchwardens, 1755.'

5th.—'I tell all that doth me see, That Newman, of Norwich, did cast me, 1755.'

Tenor.—'Thomas Lester, of London, fecit, Charles Sheppard and Robert Miller, churchwardens, 1751.'

It is interesting to add that six of the ringers are also members of the choir, and one is a sidesman.

### NOTES BY THE WAY.

#### THE MODERN DEVELOPMENT OF CHANGE RINGING.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The remarkable development of the art and science of change ringing during the last forty years is due, in the first instance, to the general quickening of Church life that began in the middle years of the nineteenth century, but the immediate causes came from within the Exercise and not from without. As a result, the continuity of the traditions of ringers and ringing was perfectly preserved. We to-day are, as ringers, what we are, and think and do what we do, because of those who went before us.

Things might just possibly have been otherwise. As a contrast we may take the old village church orchestras of a hundred years ago. What they were like you may read in Thomas Hardy's 'Under the Greenwood Tree,' and doubtless the contemporary ringers were very much the same; in fact, were composed of pretty much the same men. In course of time they were considered unsuitable for the services of the Church, and the hand of the reformer swept them away entirely, not without great loss both to village life and the Church itself. And no doubt a similar fate might have befallen the village band of ringers, only the belfry is a rather inaccessible place, and a substitute for the ringers was not easily to be found.

In many cases reforming parsons did quarrel with their ringers and dismiss them. In many more general neglect of bells and ringers had a slower but more certain result, and in country districts reform of church services was at first accompanied by a marked decline in bell ringing. In the big towns the ringers were, for the most part, too firmly entrenched in their old ways, and the clergy had too much to do elsewhere for any ideas of reform to be thought of. The church authorities simply ignored them, and left them alone, neither helping nor hindering.

It says much for the vitality of the Exercise that it was able to survive this period of neglect, and, while in no way breaking with the past, gradually to adapt itself to changed conditions. No one can say that even now things are always and everywhere what they should be, but, generally speaking, the 'belfry reform' that leading men among ringers were working for forty years ago has been attained.

Among the many causes within the Exercise which have led to this improvement, the most important are:

(1) The establishment of the territorial associations, diocesan and county; (2) the writings of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon; (3) the General Council; and (4) 'The Bell News.' These all acted and interacted one with another, and it is impossible to say which has been the most potent, but certainly not the least of them was 'The Bell News.' Perhaps I should have written 'the ringing press,' and so have included 'Church Bells,' 'Campanology,' 'The Bellringer' and 'The Ringing World.' But 'The Ringing World' was not founded until some years after the time I am writing about, and the influence of the others compared with 'The Bell News' was negligible.

In early days, when ringers wanted to record their peals and other doings, they had to depend on local papers or sporting periodicals, such as 'Bell's Life.' The first paper that regularly devoted a part of its columns to ringing was 'Church Bells.' This was founded by Canon Erskine Clarke, and was primarily a church paper, written for and read by others than ringers. The refer-

ences to ringing were necessarily brief, and the records of peals very incomplete. But it did a good work for the Exercise. Space was found for many articles on the archaeology of bells, matters relating to composition, and to the history of ringing; and by its means a good many church people first learned that ringing was something different from hard pulling of ropes by old men fortified by big mugs of beer.

In the seventies Jasper Snowden began to write on change ringing, and many of his articles were printed by 'Church Bells.' Naturally a man whose main work was done by his pen was acutely conscious of the need of a paper which should be written by ringers for ringers, and entirely devoted to matters connected with ringing. It was largely due to his influence that 'The Bell News' was started. The man who actually founded the paper was Harvey Reeves, who owned, edited and printed it from 1881 until his death.

Harvey Reeves was at one time employed by the great publishing house of Cassell as a 'reader,' and afterwards owned a printing business at Walthamstow. He was thus no amateur when he undertook to bring out a ringing paper, it is quite certain that he knew his business thoroughly. In his early days he was, according to the standards of the time, a skilled ringer, and had rung and conducted peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. He also had ambitions as a composer, and knew a good deal for those days of the composition of peals of Grandsire Triples. One of his compositions has passed into the regular repertoire of Grandsire conductors. This is his quarter peal, undoubtedly the most popular and the best quarter that can be had in the method.

His connection with practical ringing was soon dropped, and it is remarkable how very little he was known among ringers. Even among his contemporaries the number who had seen and spoken to him personally was very small. He never went to meetings; he never appeared in any bellry. He carried out the tradition that the editor of a newspaper must be anonymous to an almost excessive degree.

The early numbers of 'The Bell News' contain leading articles which were very well written. As time went on these became more and more sketchy, and practically disappeared, and either through policy or indolence, the editor made no attempt to influence the opinions of the Exercise. The value of the paper consisted in the fact that it gave ringers the chance of knowing something about each other, and so promoting that feeling of unity which is one of the best possessions of the Exercise. It fostered a spirit of rivalry between bands, and a healthy rivalry which need not degenerate into jealousy is one of the best incentives to progress. The homely and widespread liking of men for seeing their names in print has helped peal ringing in no small degree, and those men who were interested in the scientific side of ringing now found an opportunity of publishing their compositions or making their views known on many of the abstruse problems of theoretical ringing.

The Exercise has been fortunate in that it has had a long succession of able men who were able to contribute articles on different matters, and as we turn over the pages of "The Bell News" of thirty years ago there is very much beyond the mere record of the peals of the day to interest us. Many of those articles were far too learned for the average ringer, and the ordinary reader, no doubt, would have preferred a fuller and more prompt

account of the touches he had rung and the meetings he had attended. But, of the value of these articles to the Exercise as a whole there cannot be any doubt. It is certain that when the interest of the best ringers in the higher problems of composition ceases ringing, as a whole, will decline.

In its last years "The Bell News" did not live up to its early standards. After Harvey Reeves' death the paper was carried on for a short time by his sons, and then passed into other hands. The war came, and, after struggling for twelve months, "The Bell News," like other publications, found the times too hard for it and expired. Fortunately, the Exercise has not been left without a weekly paper. That would have been a calamity.

## FOR THE BEGINNERS.

### CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Coming to the calling of Triples, it is presumed that the young conductor would be practising and be conversant with the Grandsire method. I do not propose to deal with Bob Triples, as it is very little rung, although I am in favour of the Plain Bob method being practised through all its stages by a young band. But, in dealing with Triples, we will turn first to Grandsire.

The young conductor must make himself master of the names and positions of the calls. He must know not only where the positions are, but when the observation bell will come to them. Calls in Grandsire Triples are made 'Before,' 'In' and 'Out,' 'Middle,' 'Wrong' and 'Home.'

'Before' is when the treble turns the observation bell from lead, the effect of which, it will be remembered, causes that bell to make 3rd's place. This is the only place in Grandsire in which a bell is not affected in its position at a lead end, whether a bob is called or not.

'In' is called when passing the treble in 2-3 up, which causes the bell to make 3rd's and go into the hunt.

'Out' is called when striking in 5th's place coming down in the hunt behind the treble, which puts the bell in 4th's place at the lead end. The calling of the 'Out' is guided by the number of leads the observation bell is to be in the hunt in any particular composition.

'Middle' is called when passing treble in 3-4 up and the observation bell has to dodge with the bell out of the hunt, and it is in '5th's' place at the lead end.

'Wrong' is after passing treble in 5-6 up, and this is the lead following 3rd's place. Therefore, instead of going to 4-5 down, the bell stops to dodge in 6-7 down, and becomes the bell in '6th's' place at the lead end.

'Home' comes after passing treble in 4-5 up, and, instead of dodging 6-7 down, the bell dodges in 6-7 up, and becomes the 7th place bell at the lead end.

This was my first idea to master the very interesting art of conducting, but I hope to give a few other simpler hints in my next notes. It is, however, very difficult to get off the beaten track which has been followed by the authors of our ringing books.

At Christ Church, North Shields, on Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, 648 Stodman Caters: A. Tugwood 1, E. Hern (conductor) 2, J. Gray 3, A. Tully 4, J. Scott 5, C. Waugh 6, J. Robertson 7, J. George 8, E. Gosden 9, A. Skooch 10. First attempt for Caters by the ringer of treble. He only rang his first touch in any method three weeks ago.—Also course of Bob Royal with G. Dix 10. First course by ringers of 1, 5, 7, 8, and 9.

At Hornsey on Monday, October 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, R. Newman (first 720) 2, H. Blee 3, T. G. Deal 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**GRAVESEND.**—On Sunday, October 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: Fred A. Mitchell 1, S. Sandford 2, Fred M. Mitchell 3, P. Graves 4, W. Lewis (Worcester) 5, R. Smith 6, E. J. Beer (conductor) 7, J. Avis 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1 and 4 and as conductor by E. J. Beer.

**WEST EALING.**—For morning service, on Sunday, October 24th, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,230 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Harris 1, C. Edwards 2, J. E. Churchill 3, R. Thompson (conductor) 4, M. Stacey 5, A. Haigh 6, J. Hunnisett 7, H. Folkard 8. Arranged for Mr. Haigh from York Minster.

**LANGPORT, SOMERSET.**—On October 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: T. Lock 1, R. Mills 2, T. Jeanes 3, H. Westlake 4, T. Creed (conductor) 5, G. Lock 6.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, October 24th, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Eagles 1, S. Baker (Cheriton) 2, R. Birch (Hythe) 3, A. Wratten (Hythe) 4, R. H. Stevens 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. R. Millway 7, C. Turner (conductor) 8.

**PULBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Roy Pink 1, S. Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, P. H. Doick 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, A. Greenfield 6, C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for Mr. R. Pink, of Dorking.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Lott 1, H. Towle (first quarter-peal inside) 2, J. D. Drewett, J.P., 3, A. Miller 4, S. King 5, A. Calver 6, W. H. Joiner (conductor) 7, W. S. Smith 8.

**ROTHERHAM.**—On Sunday evening, October 17th, the first quarter of Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung in 58 mins.: A. Firth (conductor) 1, C. Poulteney 2, A. Stamp 3, J. W. J. Cottam 4, G. Tuke 5, S. Briggs 6, C. Ryder 7, L. Littlewood 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, E., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Bayliss (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. Waugh 3, J. H. Parrott 4, S. C. Moye 5, J. R. Gammon 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, G. W. T. Briggs 8.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, October 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Rayner 1, A. Manckelov 2, W. A. Cooke 3, F. R. White 4, J. H. Champion 5, W. J. Walker 6, C. Belsey 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. All local men except ringer of the 8th.

**KENSINGTON.**—At St. Mary Abbot's, on Sunday, October 17th, 1,263 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins.: H. C. Miles 1, A. Cutmore 2, R. E. Sadler 3, F. V. H. Sinkins 4, C. E. Winney 5, E. G. Locke 6, W. E. Judd 7, R. Congreve Pridgeon (conductor) 8, A. F. Harris 9, G. C. Rice 10.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, October 16th, for harvest festival, also to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the tenor, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. Hammond 1, C. Harman 2, J. Holder 3, S. Russel 4, E. Bishop, jun., 5, E. Bishop, sen., 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, P. Hammond 8.

**READING, BERKS.**—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., for the harvest thanksgiving service: H. Eghy 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, L. T. Osborne 3, A. Evans 4, A. Bailey 5, E. Humphrey 6, H. Osborne 7, R. Sawyer 8.

**DORE, SHEFFIELD.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for matins, at Christ Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major: Miss Jessie Davenport 1, W. Bingham 2, Miss Molly Davenport (conductor) 3, R. E. Johnson 4, N. Short 5, W. J. Thyng 6, J. W. Sykes 7, J. E. Lewis Cockey 8. First quarter-peal as conductor by Miss M. Davenport, for whom it was rung as a birthday compliment.—For evensong, in 42 mins., 1,216 Bob Major: W. J. Thyng 1, Miss Molly Davenport 2, W. Bingham 3, N. Short 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, N. Fisher 6, A. S. Robinson 7, J. W. Sykes (conductor) 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Ashley V. Rankin, Vicar of St. Jude's, Moorfields, Sheffield, the preacher at evensong, and to Mr. W. J. Thyng, of Chesterfield Parish Church. Both touches were also rung for the harvest festival services.

**HURWORTH-ON-TEES.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: Miss K. Simpson 1, B. Newton 2, T. Newton 3, F. Newton 4, W. Newton (conductor) 5, W. Simpson 6.—For evening service, 720 in the same method, different calling: Miss K. Simpson 1, T. Newton 2, B. Newton 3, W. Newton 4, F. Newton 5, W. Simpson (conductor) 6.

**GODALMING, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong: R. Pamment 1, W. Moorey 2, V. H. Smith 3, E. Smith 4, C. Childs 5, C. Bish 6, J. A. Cole (conductor) 7, W. G. Mills 8.—Also after service a quarter-peal in the same method: W. Moorey 1, E. Etheridge 2, C. Bish 3, E. Smith 4, G. Tomsett 5, J. A. Cole 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, R. Pamment 8.

**SOUTHGATE.**—At Christ Church, for evening service, on September 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: Miss P. Upshire 1, A. R. Glascock 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, R. Sanders 4, J. E. Arnold (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, J. E. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, J. Armstrong (conductor) 9, A. G. Crane 10. Ringer of 5th bells from Leighton Buzzard.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: E. Spiller 1, L. Head 2, F. Leeson (conductor) 3, G. Pound 4, A. Amos 5, J. Amos 6, L. Mannerling 7, C. Dunn 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

**WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—At St. George's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: L. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, W. Watts (Lower Beeding) 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6. 720 Treble Bob Kent: F. Turrell 1, V. Goatcher 2, T. Adams 3, W. Denman 4, R. Langridge (Lower Beeding) 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 College Exercise: V. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, H. Turrell 5, C. W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6. 720 Oxford Single Bob: T. Adams 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Turrell 4, R. Langridge 5, W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob: V. Turrell 1, W. Denman 2, G. Warnett 3, T. Adams 4, R. Langridge 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

A pretty wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on Thursday, October 21st, when Mr. Gordon R. Smith was married to Miss Clarissa K. Porter, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Porter, of Darlington. Mr. Porter is a highly respected Darlington ringer and member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and late of St. Peter's Belfry, Timbridge Wells.

The Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave, M.A., B.D., Vicar of the parish and Rural Dean of Darlington, performed the ceremony, and Mr. G. Holland Fox officiated at the organ.

Merry touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on the bells as the happy couple left the church.

On Thursday, September 23rd, the wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church of Old Brampton, near Chesterfield, of Miss Daisy Middleton and Mr. Charles Norman Biggin, and after the ceremony the bells, a beautiful ring of six, which were augmented from five and relung in hall bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, about two years ago, were kept going all the afternoon by a party of ringers from Wash-on-Dearne, Yorks, who had arranged to attempt a peal of Minor. This, unfortunately, came to grief, and, as there was not time to start again, 720's or touches were rung in the following methods: Cambridge and Ringers' Surprise. Morning Exercise, College Exercise, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, College Treble, etc., by J. Champion, H. Chamberlain, W. Allwood, A. Gill, R. J. Rickeltes, C. Walsh and A. Nash.

**NOTICE.**

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**  
—A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Annual committee meeting to follow.—T. Hurd, Hon. Sec.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may, until the closing date, Nov. 3rd, be obtained from: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, J. W. Rowbotham, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Prodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 p.m.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chelmsford Tower will also be available during evening. Broomfield has a suitable bus service from Chelmsford. — P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea may be had at Mrs. Barfoot's, Castle Street. A good attendance is hoped for.—A. Knights, Local Hon. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Barking - by - the - Tower, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service at 5.30, preacher Rev. M. Hope. Tea at 6 o'clock in All Hallows' Mission. Business meeting after tea. Bells available: All Hallows', Barking (8), 3 to 5.30 and 7 to 9; St. Olave's, Hart Street (6), 3 to 5.30; All Hallows', Lombard Street (10), 7 to 9. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3.15. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—GUILDBOROUGH BRANCH.—A special meeting will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 49th annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Committee meeting at 12 noon in the Cathedral Vestry. Dinner at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, at 2 p.m., 2s. 6d. to members, 3s. to non-members. The bells of the City Churches will be open during the day. Please meet at Cathedral to make up bands for different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Breadsall (bells 6) on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 30th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 3.50 and from 6.30 to 8.45. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), will also be available. Full evensong at the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Carlton Café, High Street, Rochester, at 5. Business meeting to follow.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., and evensong 6.30.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Abbots Langley, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30, meeting after.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wardington on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—R. R. Lewis, South Bar, Banbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Meeting and tea afterwards.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Oct. 30th. The bells will be available from 2.45. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. 8 Bells. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. On Nov. 13th a whist drive will be held in St. Mary's Institute. Tickets 1s. each. Plenty of prizes.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — St. Mary's, Dunmow. — The two new trebles to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m., when all ringers are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments in St. Mary's Room after service. —W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on November 2nd (nomination night) and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th (election night); all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.**—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The quarterly combined practice with the Central District of the Ladies' Guild will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8.30. Ringing Sunday mornings 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Maxey on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at Todmorden Unitarian. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Torre on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.; also Upton, Torquay (8). Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those intending coming please notify me by the previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blagdon, near Bristol, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. per head, afterwards.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made if sufficient names are sent to C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Will those requiring tea please inform me before Nov. 3rd?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Nov. 6th, and not at Bramley, as arranged.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 6th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells from 2.30. Tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 2nd.—W. F. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kingston on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Bull Ring, 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Nov. 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea, 'Magnet' Restaurant, 5. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, November 6th. Usual arrangements. —W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Rd., Daventry.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 2nd, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 15th, at 8. All members welcome. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at about 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. J. Gornall, Liverpool Road, Penwortham, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 9th.—A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, to form a Northern Branch of the Guild. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30, with an address by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly providing tea for all lady ringers. Gentlemen will be charged 1s. each. All ringers will be heartily welcomed, and those requiring tea should notify Miss N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield, before Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. — Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting of the Central Division at Barcombe on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Tower open 2.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Those who intend to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The practice meeting arranged for Stalybridge on Oct. 30th will not take place. The next quarterly meeting will be held there on Nov. 27th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

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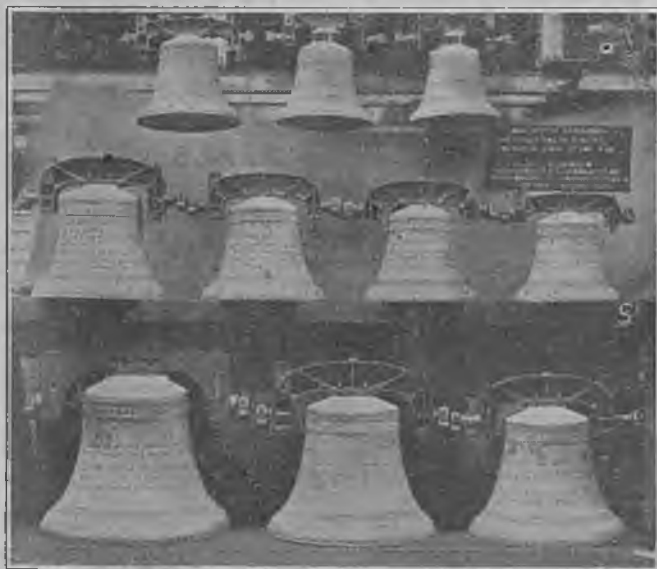
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### 'COVERING' BELLS IN PEALS.

We print elsewhere an inquiry by a correspondent, who raises the question of the right of a ringer of the tenor, in a peal in which 6-8 covered seven 720's of Minor, to claim to have rung his first ' peal.' As matters stand we are of opinion that such a claim must be allowed, but the point is one which might well be dealt with by the Central Council. It is no rare occurrence for a peal of Doubles to be rung with three bells covering, and, by inference, there is no more argument to be advanced against the extreme case put by our correspondent of a five-thousand of singles rung on the front four bells of a ring of twelve with the other eight covering, than there is against this similar practice in Doubles and Minor.

The Council, years ago, recommended that peals on seven, nine and eleven bells should be rung with a covering bell, but their decisions contain no recommendations as to how peals in even-bell methods shall be rung, except to lay down that a peal of Minor should consist of at least seven true and complete 720's. As to whether there should be allowed any covering bell or bells when Minor, Major, or Royal is rung nothing has been said, for the reason, we imagine, that such thing was hardly imagined likely. Certainly it is as much to be discouraged as odd-bell methods without a bell behind.

When a hand rings a peal with two or more covers, it is doubtless done to give encouragement to non-change ringing members, and may, to some extent, be looked upon as a method of increasing their interest, in the hope that they will eventually become more efficient ringers. At the same time there ought to be some line drawn, as far as the Council's and the affiliated association's influence can be used, to prevent the number of covering bells being carried to excess. Has a man who rings, say, the sixth, when 4-6-8 cover a peal of Doubles, rung a peal in the strict sense of the term? If he likes to say he has done so and to put it in his peal book, no one shall say him ' nay,' but he has really taken no more actual part in a peal than if he had rung the bell to 5,040 rounds.

In these matters ringers will, of course, continue to please themselves, for there is no body that can enforce an embargo upon them; but much can be done by influence. The Council's discouragement has practically extinguished the ringing or completion of peals of Triples without a tenor, through meeting short, or, as has happened, the tenor rope breaking. In all such cases in these days there is no peal, whereas in the past there was, among some ringers, little hesitation to use seven bells only and claim a peal. We believe this has even gone to the extent of claiming a peal when, during the progress of the ringing, the seventh rope has broken and the ringer

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of that bell has snatched at the tenor rope and utilised that bell in place of the seventh. That kind of thing is now seriously discountenanced, and similar treatment would in time take effect on any tendency to use more than one covering bell in a peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 6
*FREDERICK R. EVANS ... .. 2	*WILLIAM CATHRALL ... .. 7
WILLIAM JONES... .. 3	THOMAS CATHRALL ... .. 8
†JOHN M. CAPPER ... .. 4	SAMUEL MEADOWS ... .. 9
JOHN CLUTTON ... .. 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REAVES.

Conducted by SAMUEL MEADOWS.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method and on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... .. Treble	*HARRY MORGAN ... .. 6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. 2	†PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 7
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... .. 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 8
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 9
SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Surprise, and on ten bells and at first attempt. † First peal of Surprise inside and first attempt. First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal by all except the conductor, also first on these bells of Royal. It was also the treble ringer's first peal of Treble Bob, and on ten bells, he only having rung the treble to Bob Major previously.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY A. FARLOW ... .. Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM BAYLISS ... .. 2	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 6
SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. READ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Leonard Foster, C.C., J.P., an ex-warden of the above church.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
GEORGE FREEBRY ... .. 2	SYDNEY DAWSON ... .. 6
*REGINALD BOULTON ... .. 3	GEORGE WARRINGTON ... .. 7
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... .. 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. This peal was rung as a compliment to Miss E. Foulk, and, later, a ringer's pendant made into a brooch was presented to her in recognition of the services she has rendered during the past five years.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY... Treble	*CHARLES PRESTON ... 5
*THOMAS HILDITCH ... 2	*ARTHUR W. HALL ... 6
*THOMAS HURD ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
*JOHN E. WHEELDON... 4	*CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. This is also the first peal in the method by the association. First peal in the method as conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

JOHN D. CLARKE... Treble	SIDNEY COX ... 5
CHARLES ALLSOP... 2	WALTER BREWIN... 6
JOSEPH CARTER ... 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY ... 7
SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 4	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLS. Conducted by J. LESLIE WILLIAMS.

Rung for the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. First peal on the bells by a band of Wigston ringers.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven 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.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... Treble	HENRY HUTTON ... 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

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

This was the conductor's 100th peal on the bells in this tower.

ERITH, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... Treble	L/Bdr. C. ANDREWS, R.A. ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	JIM HURRELL ... 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 3	WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... 7
JOHN S. MORTON ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 29, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HENRY BEAL ... Treble	STANLEY MOWLL... 5
FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... 2	ALFRED G. WRATTON... 6
STEPHEN A. BAKER ... 3	CHARLES TURNER ... 7
RICHARD J. BIRCH ... 4	WALTER J. PREBBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

Rung as a welcome peal to the Rev. F. S. Fischer, M.A., who has recently been inducted as Rector.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

HENRY CHARLES BOND ... Treble	SIDNEY PALMER ... 5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 2	HENRY W. L. WELLS ... 6
ALBERT W. BOND ... 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 7
GEORGE LANCASTER ... 4	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM G. LANCASTER

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 12 cwt.
FRANK TUCKER ... Treble	FREDERICK LERSON ... 5	
HARRY BAKER ... 2	JAMES W. LEONARD ... 6	
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	LOUIS HEAD... 7	
GEORGE POUND ... 4	WILLIAM J. DAY... Tenor	

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

A birthday peal for the ringer of the 5th.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 12 cwt.
*S. HERBERT PICKERING ... Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 5	
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 2	†GEORGE A. NEWTON... 6	
†LIONEL KIRKLAND ... 3	THOMAS K. DEACON ... 7	
CHARLES H. BELTON ... 4	PERCY YATES ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE A. NEWTON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the 'wake.'

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 15 cwt.
WILLIAM MANKLOW ... Treble	*LEWIS NEWMAN... 5	
WILLIAM E. PITMAN... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6	
*CHARLES H. SONE ... 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 7	
TOM SAUNDERS ... 4	HENRY RABBITT... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 50th peal together. A birthday peal for C. H. Sone, and rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond on October 26th.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CYRIL TANSELL... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of New Cambridge by the rest and on the bells. Mr. W. Ranford's 200th peal and 150th for the association. Rung as the annual peal for the association.

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LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Two Hours and For y-Two Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 'SPliced' CANTERBURY PLEASURE AND BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	GEORGE FRESHBERRY ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	*ALBAN DISNEY ... 6
CHARLES ALLSOP ... 3	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* 50th M.C.A. peal. This is the first peal rung with these two methods 'spliced.' The composition has the 6th 22 times W. and R. and has 2,512 changes of each method.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

REGINALD BROWN ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 5
*HARRY BADGER ... 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 6
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 4	FRANK BLONDELL ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*LIONEL CLOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 5
†HAROLD JACKSON ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
†JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	TOM WILDE ... 7
†HARRY LANGLEY ... 4	†JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by TOM WILDE.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. The tenor ringer's 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and rung on the first anniversary of the dedication.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAYSON ... 2	WALTER FARLEY ... 6
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 7
GEORFFREY W. TAYSON ... 4	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. First peal of Stedman by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5 and tenor. First peal of Stedman in the county by all resident members.

NEWPORT, SHROPSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Treble	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... 5
OHN W. PERRY ... 2	JOHN PERRY ... 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	*CHARLES BARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

\* First peal on eight, and elected a life member before starting. Rung on the conductor's 50th birthday.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	ALBERT W. COLES ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 6
FRANCIS A. SMITH ... 3	MAORICK F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	GEORGE A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung by request for evensong. The bells were rededicated by the Vicar, Rev. C. E. A. Rowland, at the morning service, after having been retuned and relung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are to be congratulated on a fine piece of work. The band again wish to express their appreciation of the kindness of the Vicar in providing an excellent meal after the ringing of the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*HORACE C. WHITE ... Treble	CHARLES S. B. MOGNTY ... 4
*FREDERICK G. SOLWELL ... 2	ERNEST A. H. LANE ... 5
FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... 3	*ALEC W. CANDY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled, except the tenor, which was full open.

DES福德, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS PRICE ... Treble	CYRIL ARCHER ... 4
*GEORGE R. SMITH ... 2	HARRY PAUL ... 5
FRED MEARS ... 3	†RAYMOND STOVER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. MEARS.

\* First peal inside. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Harry Paul. R. Stover was proposed a member before starting.

WOODSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each differently called.

*P. BANYARD ... Treble	†E. K. HOARE ... 4
MISS P. HARE ... 2	J. J. JUTSON ... 5
S. H. HOARE ... 3	H. HOARE, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by H. HOARE, JUN.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal inside, and aged 15 years.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED A. HUGHES ... Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT ... 4
DAVID J. MOORE ... 2	*WILLIAM EVANS ... 5
JAMES P. HYETT ... 3	JOHN JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

\* Re-elected a member before starting. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, Rev. H. H. Gibbon, who is retiring. The thanks of the band are due to W. Evans for taking a rope at short notice.

**KEMPSTON, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, October 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Consisting of 7 720's of the following: Royal Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Colledge Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 19 cwt.

HAROLD H. BEARD ... .. Treble	GEORGE HUTCHINGS ... .. 4
ARTHUR WALLER... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
NORL WILES ... .. 3	LEONARD TURNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TURNER.

First peal of Treble Bob at this tower by all local men.

**BRETORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)**

On Wednesday, October 27, 1926 in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

With ten different callings.

*MALCOLM PERKINS ... .. Treble	THOMAS HANDS ... .. 4
*JOHN W PERKINS ... .. 2	JOHN C. PERKINS... .. 5
JOHN HALL... .. 3	PHILLIP HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HANDS.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Jelfs, a member of the local band on the occasion of his marriage. All belong to the local hand.

**WISSETT, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

(HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE... .. Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK... .. 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 2	JAMES HOWARD ... .. 5
FREDERICK PECK ... .. 3	WALTER KERRISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung on the eve of SS. Simon and Jude's day. Also as a farewell to Mr. J. Whatling, churchwarden, and honorary member of the Guild, who is leaving the village.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, October 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Beverley, Durham, York, Cambridge, Wells and London. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

ALBERT E. ADSTIN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. 5
FRANK E. HAVNES ... .. 3	ROBERT HOWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all, and the first peal in seven Surprise methods on tower bells by the association.

**BAMBER BRIDGE, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BROWNEDGE.

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Treble	*HARRY FRANCE ... .. 4
*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
*E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

\* First peal of Bob Minor. This is the first peal ever attempted on these bells, which were cast in 1867, and previous to this peal not more than four 720's had ever been rung in the tower, the tenor, cast by Murphy, of Dublin, having had a local reputation for going badly. The front five bells are by Mears, and the whole form a splendid toned ring of six.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Friday, October 8th, 720 of Norfolk Surprise Minor: J. Spencer 1, W. C. Bunn 2, E. Bailey 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, G. Leo 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells.

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

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HAROLD G. SMITH ... .. Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 4
JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 2	*CHARLES MASON ... .. 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung, after meeting short for Grandsire Triples, as a 22nd birthday compliment to the conductor.

**STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, October 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

34 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JAMES RANDALL ... .. Treble	*GEORGE BREEZE ... .. 4
HERBERT COLCOMBE... .. 2	JAMES P. HVEET ... .. 5
WILLIAM DUFTY ... .. 3	†HERBERT H. WINNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HVEET.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, October 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

**A PEAL OF REVERSE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16 in B.

EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 1-2	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Reverse Bob Major in the county and by all the band.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, October 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT RYE MILL FARM,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

FRANK CLAYDON... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6
*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal of Major on handbells.

The following nine peals were rung by members of the Surrey Association in nine attempts:—

**GODSTONE, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, October 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

H. BERNARD WELLS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 5
GEORGE F. HOAD... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, October 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt in F sharp.

FRANK JENNINGS... .. Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... .. 2	GEORGE COOK ... .. 6
ALBERT HARMAN... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
JOHN HOYLE... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.  
Rung in connection with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	ALFRED WOODROW ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 2	*FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 6
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... .. 4	PERCY G. LANE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

**HORLEY, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, October 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

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

FRANK JENNINGS ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 5
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

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

**BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, October 25, 1926, in Three Hour and Thirty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

H. BERNARD WELLS ... .. Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5
JAMES BATTERS ... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6
*LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, October 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

JOHN LEE ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

**GROYDON, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, October 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN LEE ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 5
*HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* 100th peal. † 50th for the above association.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED J. BULL ... .. Treble	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... .. 2	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 6
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
ALFRED J. TRAFFITT ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Longest length in the method by the above association.

**RUSPER, SUSSEX.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, October 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

FRANCIS T. HOAD ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 5
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 2	FRANK CORKE ... .. 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 7
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.  
Quickest peal on the bells.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**THE PRESSING NEED FOR YOUNG MEMBERS.**

The Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Staudlake on Saturday, October 23rd. Thirty-two members were present, including the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), and the treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright). The following towers were represented: Staudlake (11), Witney (3), Stanton-Harcourt (1), Wootton (3), Hampton (1), Aston Bampton (1), Eynsham (1), Ducklington (1), Coombe (4), and Tackle (1). Miss Stella Davis, of Bucklebury, in the Newbury Branch, was also present.

A special service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn officiated and gave an address, commenting on the necessity of younger men undertaking the duties of the older ones of 30 or 40 years' standing. He also impressed upon the members that as there were now so many other attractions for the young generation, those young lads now learning should do so with the firm intention of continuing their work with zeal, and to persevere in the art of ringing wholeheartedly.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, which was most comfortably warm, and was much appreciated by the ringers owing to the unusually cold weather.

The business meeting followed the tea, the Master taking the chair, in the absence of a chairman, due to the resignation of the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, late Rector of Kidlington.

Owing to the branch secretary (Mr. W. Everts, jun.) having been very busy during the summer and up to the date of the meeting, he was unable to submit a report.—The funds showed a good balance, but owing to a few subscriptions not having been received a balance-sheet could not be presented. The secretary said this would be sent to the general treasurer in the course of a few weeks.

It was pleasing to note several new towers and ringers joining, including Aston Bampton as from January, 1927.

Reference to the resignation of the late chairman was made by the Master, and a resolution of regret was passed unanimously. The secretary was requested to write expressing the sympathy of the branch in his retirement after having been chairman so many years, and wishing him several years of health and strength.—The Master said that the General Committee had elected Mr. Freeborn a vice-president of the Guild in recognition of his untiring energy on behalf of the branch.

The election of officers was the next item on the agenda, when the Rev. F. R. Marriott, of Wootton was proposed by the branch secretary, and seconded by Mr. John Monk, as chairman of the branch in succession to Mr. Freeborn.—The motion was carried amid applause. It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mr. W. Everts be re-elected as hon. secretary and treasurer for the coming year.

Messrs. T. W. Bond, N. Spindlow and W. Judge were re-elected as representatives of the branch on the General Committee.

Mr. T. Hoare, of Wootton, and Mr. Milton Mark Florey, of Staudlake, were elected members.

The general secretary (Mr. T. Hibbert) also spoke seriously of the manner in which young men were slipping away from the art, and impressed on the members that if this continued there would very soon be no one to carry on.

The branch secretary urged the members to have combined practices, and so visit other towers and make the acquaintance of brother ringers in their districts, and thus obtain further interest in ringing matters.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Staudlake, and to the members of the Mothers' Union, who provided a most excellent tea, was proposed by the new chairman and was suitably replied to by Mrs. Belcher.

Afterwards, the Master invited all young ringers to the tower for instruction, to which many responded.

**RINGER'S WEDDING.**

On the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. Reece, one of the local band, to Miss H. Kerry, of Cresswell, at St. James' Church, Barborough, a wedding peal was rung of 720 Kent Treble Bob: L. Hibbard 1, H. Hibbard 2, P. Morris (conductor) 3, H. Kirk 4, W. Sturman 5, P. Hibbard 6. Afterwards the ringers attended the wedding reception, and gave handbell selections. The bridegroom was the recipient of a dinner service from the ringers.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****THE HON. SECRETARY'S PROSPECTIVE RETIREMENT.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, October 23rd. The bells were raised at 3.30 p.m., and were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, touches being successfully brought round in the following methods: Grandire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Preston), who delivered an interesting address.

A really splendid tea was partaken of in the Church Institute, some forty-five members sitting down. The tea was provided by the Vicar and served by several ladies of the congregation.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, and three new members were elected. Crayford was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

A report of the last year's work was read by the secretary. This was adopted after two amendments to the list of peal performances of the year.

Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected to the district secretaryship, and Messrs. W. J. Jeffries and I. Emery were re-elected as district representatives on the Central Committee of the Association.

The meeting was then informed of the straitened circumstances of Mr. J. Law. The meeting resolved to support an application to the association Benevolent Fund on his behalf, and a collection among the members present realised £1 6s. 3d.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., informed the meeting that the general secretary of the association, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, had met with an accident, and reminded the members that the time was approaching when it was imperative that a successor to the post be found. Members, he said, must realise the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore's reluctant but real intention to retire after a long and honourable career as their secretary. Mr. Groombridge asked the members to endeavour to find a likable gentleman for the office, and stated that any suggestions would be welcomed.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who helped at tea, the organist, and especially the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and his address, his generous hospitality in providing a splendid tea, and for presiding at the business meeting.—This was carried with applause.

This concluded a successful meeting. The tower was re-visited for further ringing.

**PHILADELPHIA'S ANCIENT 'LIBERTY' BELL.**

Philadelphia's 'Liberty Bell,' which has been cracked for nearly a hundred years, has been the subject of discussion among foundrymen. According to the Boston 'Christian Science Monitor' they are considering asking permission to restore the old Liberty Bell to its original condition and enable the inspiring tones that have been silent for nearly 100 years to be sounded again. A suggestion to this effect was made by John Alexander in an address delivered at a meeting of the Foundrymen's Association. Mr. Alexander's remarks were to the effect that it was bordering upon wilful neglect to allow the old bell to remain in a damaged condition and useless for its original purpose when there was every indication that with the facilities provided by modern foundry science, the damage to the old bell could be repaired.

Many of the foundrymen expressed their opinion that if the bell were minutely examined by competent metallurgical experts, the cause for the disintegration of the relic could be determined and the correct modern method of repair pursued accordingly. Philadelphia foundrymen who have examined the surface of the bell declare that gas and sand holes are apparent, probably being due to faulty casting or inferior materials, and the question has been raised as to whether these defects will be responsible, in the passage of time, for the widening of the already prominent crack and further disintegration.

The bell was ordered to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary under the Charter of 1701. It was cast by Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, London, and arrived in Philadelphia in August, 1752, aboard the clipper ship Matilda. While testing, it was cracked, and was recast by Pass and Snow, ingenious foundrymen of the city, a considerable amount of copper being added to remedy its brittleness.

In April, 1753, the bell was hung, but was found to have very inferior tonal qualities, due to the excessive amount of copper added. This resulted in a second recasting, and the bell was hung again in June of the same year. The original inscription from Leviticus xxv. 10: 'Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof,' afterward to achieve so great significance, was retained throughout the various operations.

Experts believe that the cause of the opening of the great crack in the bell that occurred on July 8th, 1835, during the funeral procession of Chief Justice Marshall, is directly traceable to rough handling and unceremonious jolting sustained in 1777 when the retreating Continentals removed the bell from the State House Tower and freighted it to Allentown, lest it fall into the hands of the advancing British troops.

It has been suggested that electro or oxy-acetylene welding be employed in the repair process familiarly known as 'burning in.'

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Next Thursday the nation will again keep Armistice Day as a day of remembrance. As in the past, the bells in our church towers will play their part. Muffled, they will ring a requiem for the men who yielded their lives in the Great War; and, open, proclaim and help to keep alive the knowledge that in the long drawn-out struggle right and freedom ultimately triumphed. From the ringer's point of view, the day is one of the most important of the year, for then, more than on any other annual occasion, the bells can voice both aspects of the national feeling.

'Coming events cast their shadows before,' and those who have watched the progress of certain Ely Diocesan Guild ringers among the Surprise Minor methods will not be surprised to read this week that a peal of seven Surprise Minor methods has been rung. The performance at Stapleford is one of which the band can be proud.

On November 5th, 1787, a peal of 6,048 changes 'of that intricate method called Cambridge Surprise' was rung in 4 hours 18 minutes at St. Peter's, Sheffield, 'the first peal of this method ever rung in the country.'

There is, as far as we are aware, no record of the composer or the composition, so we do not know whether the peal was true or not. In any event, there had previously been a peal of 5,152 rung by the College Youths at St. Giles-in-the-Field. This was in the year 1785.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on November 5th, 1821.

To the recent review in these columns of ancient prize-ringing contests can be added the following advertisement which appeared in the 'Stamford Mercury' of November 8th, 1799: 'On Monday, November 11th, 1799, will be opened at Gilton, near Peterborough, a peal of six new bells, the tenor, in the key of E, cast and hung by Thomas Osborn, of Downham, in Norfolk. Six hats will be given to the company who ring the best round peal for the space of 30 minutes.'

The first peal by the Yorkshire Association was rung on November 9th, 1875.

On November 10th, 1766, the Cumberland Youths rang their first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at St. Saviour's, Southwark. The College Youths had rung the first peal in the method on March 12th, 1758.

## PEALS OF MINOR WITH COVERING BELLS.

A correspondent, referring to the peal at Lye, Worcestershire, published in our last issue, in which seven 120's of Minor were rung with 6-8 covering, asks how the tenor man can claim a first peal. What, he asks, is the difference in ringing the tenor thus and in rounds? Can ringers be expected to attain to those standards set us by those in authority if peals of this sort are allowed? If these germs of degeneration be allowed to grow, in a decade or so, no doubt, peals of singles with 56789det covering may be published.

[There is nothing in the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council governing this point, which apparently has not been discussed. The decisions emphasise the desirability of ringing odd-bell methods with a covering bell, but nothing is said as to even bell methods being rung with or without covering bells.—Ed. 'R.W.']

## ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter of the Lancashire Association hon. secretary and your leader of last week are very lucid, and it behoves all members of the various associations and Guilds to assist hon. secretaries by giving the details asked for. It is very disheartening, after the tremendous amount of time and trouble put in, to find such a mean response as is usual, when all it needs is just a card to bring one up to date. I myself advertised through these columns, asking life members of the M.C.A. to send their present addresses and number of peals to their credit. I was very much surprised at the few responses I got, and so the list must remain incomplete, simply through members' apathetic attitude.

May I be allowed to take this opportunity to impress on the active members of the M.C.A. who know of any errors in the last report, or who may have changed their addresses, to let me know at once, or acquaint their local hon. secretaries of such. Any details I can adjust I shall be happy so to do, to make the next report as nearly correct as possible; but it will be quite useless members afterwards grumbling at their local secretaries or complaining if errors crop up which could be avoided if they themselves would adjust NOW.—Yours etc.,

ERNEST MORRIS,

General Hon. Secretary M.C.A.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

## FESTIVAL OF THE HARVEST OF THE SEA

Thanksgivings took place on Sunday at the Billingsgate (London fish market's) Parish Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, City, which was decorated with fishing nets and 39 different kinds of fish. There were also game, bread, etc.

A large number of ringers were present to ring before and after the morning service, which was attended by the sheriffs of the City of London. The ringing concluded for evening service with 1,280 London Surprise Major by: L. Gray 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. H. Theobald 3, W. Miller 4, J. Bennett 5, J. R. Gammon 6, G. A. Card 7, E. D. Smith 8.



### THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

#### A 'GLORIOUS FAILURE' AT WARNHAM. BOLTON RINGING ENDS IN DARKNESS.

Neither of the two attempts made for Surprise records on Saturday were successful, although a long length was rung in each case.

The attempt at Warnham for the 14,134 London Surprise Major ended in what can only be described as a 'glorious failure.' There were seven hours of perfect London, and then—well, nobody knows exactly what happened! The bells had been going so well for so long that the trip caught the conductor and everybody else napping, and, as is the way with London in such circumstances, the end came suddenly.

The bells went off at 10.45 a.m., the band being as follows: J. H. B. Hesse 1, O. Sippets 2, J. Cole 3, W. Robinson 4, J. T. Dyke 5, G. Steere 6, C. Dobbie 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8. The bells settled down to a steady pace until the tenors got together, and then, as one outside put it, they fairly rattled along. There were only two occasions when there was any sign of a break in the beat, and that was when a bell did not want to go back to lead after 4th's place, and so to the spot 12½ courses from home, when the very promising attempt came to an end. It was the first and only real trip, and, though the band were naturally disappointed after such a splendid effort, they fully enjoyed the seven hours spent in the belfry.

The company regretted the absence of Mr. W. Beeson, who would have been in the band but for the call of duty, but Mr. W. Robinson, who took his place, fully bore out the conductor's confidence in selecting him as a substitute.

At the conclusion of the ringing, the Vicar (the Rev. Fairbrother) kindly provided a meat tea for the band at the Sussex Oak, and, after such a prolonged fast, it is needless, perhaps, to say that full justice was done to the meal. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness, and in his reply he said how interested all the villagers were in the attempt. He hoped the band would meet again on some future date and ring the peal.

It is probable that another attempt will be made at an early date.

#### A WARNHAM LISTENER DESCRIBES THE RINGING.

'Rough Luck' was the expression heard on all sides at Warnham from eager ringing listeners and expectant villagers who also were thoroughly interested, when silence after the clash proclaimed that the attempt for the London Surprise record had failed after seven hours' almost perfect ringing. 'So near and yet so far.' Success seemed a foregone conclusion, but all hopes were suddenly dashed, and the record at King's Norton still stands.

Punctual to time, 10.30, the band turned up at the pretty village church of St. Margaret, and at 10.45 the bells struck into changes and dropped into a nice rhythmic beat at the outset. Beautiful striking was maintained, and all went smoothly till at 2.10 a slight hitch in the 3-4 caused a momentary break in the clockwork regularity. Two or three blows and everything was running its smooth, even course till at 3.13 another slight disturbance, again in 3-4. This, like the previous one, was corrected at once, and the bells went on the even tenor of the method, the course-ends rolling up with clockwork regularity. Four o'clock came, five o'clock went, and still the same even beat; 5.45, 'they had done seven hours.' Suddenly a 'hang up,' this time in 5-6, a clash, and yet another, a bell on the lead, and none to pick up the next lead—collapse, ending a magnificent attempt on a most stupendous task. The band all finished fresh, and, though for the time defeated, not disgraced, for they had for seven hours given a superb exhibition of glorious ringing.

#### THE SUPERLATIVE RECORD.

At Bolton Parish Church, the attempt was made for 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major. Here, too, misfortune attended the effort, for, after the ringing had been in progress over five hours, the electric light failed and plunged the tower into total darkness. Everything was going well, and the failure from such a cause was most disappointing. It is hoped that it will be possible to make another attempt early in the new year.

In our paragraph last week we gave the Loughborough peal of 10,400, rung in 1922, as the existing Superlative record. The composition in this peal had bobs both in front and behind. The longest length that has been rung with bobs on the front only is the 9,728 which was scored at Clent, Worcestershire, on Boxing Day, 1910.

#### NINE PEALS IN NINE ATTEMPTS.

The keenness of youth has for some little time been noticeable about the peal-ringing of the Surrey Association, and the company of which Mr. Charles Kippin is the mainspring have just had a very successful 'tour,' consisting of 'a peal a day.' Ten attempts were arranged. There were no failures, but on one occasion (October 28th, at Bodington) the company met short when Superlative should have been attempted. The successes, recorded elsewhere, included four peals of Double Norwich Major, one of Stedman Triples, one of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Cambridge Surprise Major.

This kind of ringing expedition reminds one of the days, now thirty years ago, when the St. Peter's Society, Brighton, used to carry out a week's ringing in Sussex on similar lines, visiting one tower each evening.

### PRIZE RINGING IN CORNWALL.

#### A SIXTEEN HOURS' CONTEST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following report of a ringing contest appeared in the 'Western Morning News' of October 18th, and will, no doubt, be of interest:

#### THE RINGERS.

#### EIGHTEEN VILLAGES COMPETE AT ST. MABYN.

Starting at nine o'clock on Saturday morning, the bells of St. Mabyn were rung continuously, except during a short service conducted by the Rector, for 16 hours.

The occasion was a tower bell contest in which 27 sets competed, the following parishes being represented by one or more sets: St. Tudy, Endellion, Egloskayle, St. Teath, St. Neot, St. Vean, Lostwithiel, St. Issey, St. Eval, Lanivet, St. Kew, Laureath, Withiel, Pelynt, Talland, Sallashi, St. Martins, and St. Minver.

At 1.30 a.m. on Sunday the umpires awarded the prizes, which were presented to the winners in the schoolroom by the Rector (Rev. A. H. Longmore), as follows:

1, Talland Brothers; 2, St. Teath; 3, Endellion; 4, Pelynt; 5, St. Kew; 6, St. Tudy; 7, St. Teath; 8, St. Neot; 9, Lanivet; 10, Laureath. During the contest refreshments were provided in the schoolroom, with the following ladies in charge: Mesdames Longmore, T. Thomas, S. Brown, C. Brown, W. Allen, H. Scott, L. Chapman, Johns, Bastard, and Glover.

Since seeing this report, I have made enquiries with regard to the prizes, and the Rector of St. Mabyn informs me that the total amount offered was £15. Six prizes were offered, but owing to the large number of entries they were increased to ten, and ranged from £3 to 10s. One-half of the prize money was raised by subscription (who subscribed I do not know), and the other half is entry money, six shillings per set being charged, each ringer paying one shilling.

It will be noticed that the first prize was won by the Talland Brothers. These six brothers, I have had explained to me, are the finest ringers in Cornwall, that is amongst the prize-ringers, and are considered unconquerable opponents to meet at a ringing match which consists of rising, rounds and falling.

These ringing contests are frequently held in Cornwall, the area most concerned being the eastern part of the county, excluding the extreme north, and it is impossible for the Diocesan Guild to penetrate into this district. The bands will have nothing to do with this organisation.

I have read with interest Mr. J. Armiger Trollope's notes on prize-ringing, and he has been quite rightly informed that this does still survive in parts of the country. In this neighbourhood the organising body is the 'Tamar Valley Ringing Guild,' and it is no doubt the only organisation in opposition to any diocesan guild or association.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS,

Hon. Secretary, Truro Cathedral Company.

3, Lemon Villas, Truro.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### A MEETING IN THE CITY.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at All Hallows', Barking-by-the-Tower, on Saturday last, proved an attraction to some 36 members. The bells at that church were set going soon after the appointed time, several touches in various methods being rung, including Grand sire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Superlative and Cambridge. At the neighbouring Church of St. Olave's, Grand sire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford were rung.

Divine service was held in All Hallows' Church, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. M. Hope. Tea was afterwards served, and an excellent meal enjoyed.

At the business meeting, five new members were admitted, and the policemen congratulated on ringing a peal of Stedman Triples a fortnight previously. St. Mark's, Dalston, was chosen as the place of the next meeting in December.

Sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. Isaac G. Shade was made, and the action of the hon. secretary in sending a letter of condolence to Miss Shade was endorsed in the usual way.

Votes of thanks to the various clergy for the use of their bells, to the Rev. M. Hope for his address at the service, to Miss R. Elms and friends for arranging an excellent tea, and to Mr. H. T. Wilson for fixing up for ringing, etc., were unanimously passed, and the business meeting concluded.

A visit was afterwards paid to All Hallows', Lombard Street, where touches of Grand sire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung.

#### HOLT'S ORIGINAL REVISED.

Holt's Original was varied in a peal rung at West Malling, Kent, on Saturday, and finished with the plain course. To effect this, one of the 'Q sets' was plained. The calls were omitted as follows:

735624 (S. 324567), 637452, 436275, 532746.

The 'singled-in' B block was called thus:

2 S.	753624
1 B.	467253
1 B.	324567
1 S.	573624

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## FAMOUS NINETEENTH CENTURY COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The 'Bell News' first appeared in February, 1881, a modest paper of eight pages, and for a year or so it was published once a month only. The first issue contained, besides the necessarily somewhat lengthy editorial statements, a review of J. W. Snowdon's 'Standard Methods,' which had just appeared, reports of association meetings, a correspondence column, compositions, and records of peals and touches. What, perhaps, most interests us to-day are the names of the ringers which appear—some are names of men who belong to times which seem altogether remote from us, and some are men who are still living, or who have only just passed away.

Composition is represented by two date touches by Henry Hubbard, for so many years a prominent member of the Norwich Scholars at a time when that society rang some of its best peals, and then living at Leeds. The method is Stedman Caters, and, as it happens, one of the two is false. Date touches were at one time rather popular, but for a long time they have dropped out, and few bands now ring anything longer than a quarter-peal unless they are going for the full five thousand, and, of course, a quarter-peal is a very convenient length: it just fits into the hour which is usually given to service ringing, though it does not appear why there should be any particular virtue in the exact number of 1,260 for Triples, and as near as you can get to it on other numbers, why touches of a course or so longer or shorter should not be rung.

The first peal recorded was one by the College Youths at Bethnal Green, which was as follows: 'Bethnal Green. On Saturday, January 15th, 1881, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang on the pretty peal of bells of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, a true peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 5,120 changes, in 3 hrs. and 6 minutes. Performers—G. Dorrington Treble, W. Cecil 2, R. Jameson 3, J. Pettit 4, J. Bonney 5, W. A. Tyler 6, M. A. Wood 7, E. Gibbs Tenor. Composed by the late W. Harrison and conducted by M. A. Wood.'

These were all leading men of the College Youths at the time, and five of them—Dorrington, Jameson, Pettit, Tyler and Wood—took part in the first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, which was rung on Saturday, December 10th, 1881. Matthew Wood was steeple keeper, and for many years the leader at Bethnal Green. He lived at an old-fashioned house, which, I believe, he owned, opposite the church. His family were originally French of the name of Dubois, and belonged to the Huguenots or French Protestants. In the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries the Huguenots were both numerous and powerful in France, and, after long and very bitter wars, their rights to have their own churches and worship was granted to them by Henry IV, who was, at one time, himself a Huguenot. In the reign of Louis XIV, the Edict of Nantes, which gave them this right, was revoked. As a consequence, many left the country. Some of them, silk weavers by trade, came to England, and settled at Spitalfields, which was then very different from what it is now. Among them were the Dubois, who changed, or rather Anglicised their name, and in a generation or two became Englishmen. Matthew Wood's father and grandfather both were ringers, and he himself no doubt inherited much of his ability and force of character from his Huguenot

ancestors. He was born in 1826, and brought up from his early days among the leading ringers of London, and he told me that he quite remembered as a child seeing George Gross at his grandfather's house. He was the embodiment of all that was good in the old style of ringer, an excellent striker, a first-class heavy bell man, a stern disciplinarian in the tower, and, so far as it went in those days, a good method ringer.

While he was in charge of St. Matthew's several notable peals were rung there. Among them was a 15,840 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1868, at the time the longest peal rung in any method if we except Barham's peals of Bob Major, which were rung by relays of ringers. It was also the longest length at the time composed in the method. These are the particulars: 'Ancient Society of College Youths. On Monday, April 27th, 1868, was rung a true peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising 15,840 changes, in 9 hrs. 12 mins., being the longest ever rung by one set of men. Performers—H. Haley, senior, Treble, W. Cooter 2, J. Pettit 3, H. Booth 4, R. Hopkins 5, E. Horrex 6, M. A. Wood 7, J. M. Hayes Tenor. Composed by T. Day, of Birmingham, and conducted by Mr. H. Haley, senior.'

Matthew Wood was a great handbell ringer at a time when very few peals were rung 'in hand.' On the 10th of February, 1854, he rang 7-8 to the first handbell peal of Stedman Cinques. About the same time he rang 5-6 to one of the first (if not the first) handbell peal of Stedman Triples, and, shortly afterwards, 7-8 to the first non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples. To give an account of his tower bell peals, which amounted to somewhere about three hundred (a great number for those days), would largely be to write the history of the College Youths and Cumberlands during the latter half of the nineteenth century; for he belonged at times to both societies.

James Pettit, who rang the fourth in the 1881 peal at Bethnal Green, was for many years the leading conductor of the College Youths. He succeeded Henry Haley, and always called the bobs for the service touches at St. Paul's, almost invariably ringing the treble. In the excellent little book on bells in 'The Acts of the Church' series there is a copy of a photograph of St. Paul's belfry, which clearly shows Mr. Pettit and some others of the band.

Edwin Gibbs is the only survivor of the Bethnal Green peal company. He is still a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, but unfortunately ill-health has prevented him from ringing for some years.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. WESTERN BRANCH SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

The usual meetings have been held during the year—the first at Upton-on-Severn, where Mr. C. Camm conducted as a quarterly peal a peal of Oxford Bob Triples; the second at Stoke Prior, when the quarterly peal was entrusted to Mr. S. T. Holt, this also being successful; the last, at Hanbury, on October 16th, when Mr. J. R. Newman was appointed to conduct the peal. The next meeting is to be held at St. Helens, Worcester.

These meetings have all been well attended, and the association form of service used on each occasion, upon which also there has been an address by the respective incumbents.

The branch master has capably managed the arrangements for ringing, seeing that everyone had a pull. Young ringers have been present, and received useful instruction. Several new members have been elected, and a tea has been provided, for which the members are very thankful.

At the last meeting the branch secretary stated that his business would not allow him to continue in office. A vote of thanks was passed to him for his services, and Mr. John Rowlett, of Upton-on-Severn, was appointed to the office. The other officers were re-elected.

**RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIP: WHAT IT IS.**

By GEORGE BAKER.

In all even-bell primary and Treble Bob principles there exists what I term 'reciprocal relationship' of the opposite pairs of bells, and on eight bells these are: 1-8, 2-7, 3-6 and 4-5.

In principles like 'Barnsbury' Major, 'Duffield' Major, and 'Leek' Major, this reciprocal relationship is never broken in the plain course.

There is also one method, Superlative Surprise Major, in which this feature, although not unbroken, is more prominent than in any other method that I know of, and if we leave out the Extreme when the Treble is lying her whole behind, we shall find that 4-5 are the only interior place-making bells throughout the lead, and I here give the first half-lead in skeleton form as an illustration.

Superlative 7th's omitted.

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2 4 5 7  
1 4 5 8  
2 4 5 7  
2 4 5 8  
6 4 5 7  
2 4 5 7  
6 4 5 3  
2 4 5 7  
6 4 5 3  
6 4 5 7  
8 4 5 3  
6 4 5 3  
8 4 5 1  
6 4 5 3  
8 4 5 1

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Anyone who will take the trouble to analyse the actual figures of the first half-lead of Superlative Major will find that reciprocal relationship is unbroken in twelve out of sixteen rows. These are the first four, the middle four, and the last four rows of the half-lead.

In this fact we have a key to a possible extension of Superlative Major to the higher numbers.

We will first examine the possibility of extending the method with these Major features to ten bells.

In the primary or Treble Bob principles on ten bells, the opposite pairs are 1-0, 2-9, 3-8, 4-7, and 5-6.

In any extension we know we must have the 4th in the 3-4 place-making at the start, and the opposite factor to the 4th on ten bells is the 7th, not the 5th as in Major.

We also know that on ten bells the 5th must be place-making in 7-8 when the treble is hunting up; the opposite factor to the 5th on ten bells is the 6th. In these facts we have a proof that Superlative Royal with reciprocating Major features is impossible, because there are only three place-making positions with four bells, 4-5-6-7, to fill them.

We will next examine the possibility of extending the Major to Maximus. In the primary or Treble Bob principles on twelve bells, the opposite pairs are: 1-11, 2-10, 3-0, 4-9, 5-8 and 6-7.

In Maximus, as in Major, the 4th and 5th must be two of the place-making bells, and their opposite factors are 9-8 respectively.

We now have four place-making positions and four bells, 4-5-8-9, to fill them.

With this knowledge, is it possible to produce a correct extension of Superlative Major to Maximus in which the reciprocating and other features of the Major are, or can be, incorporated?

The answer to this question is in the affirmative. The Maximus has already been produced. It was discovered in the year 1912 by Mr. H. W. Wilde, of Belgrave, Pulford, Cheshire.

Anyone who will take the trouble to write out again the lead below leaving out the Extreme when the Treble is lying her whole pull behind, will find that 4-5-8-9 are the only place-making bells throughout the lead.

An examination of the work of the place-making bells in the first half-lead of Maximus reveals the fact that the 4th does the same work as in Major, i.e., place-making in 3-4, odd place last, next dodging in 5-6 and 7-8, then running through 9-0 to dodge with 3rd behind, as in Major.

The 5th does the reverse work to the 4th, but her place-making, odd place first, must now of necessity be in 9-0 (instead of 5-6) to bring up reciprocal relationship and the correct rows at the treble's whole pull behind.

The two extra bells in the place-making in Maximus, i.e., the 8th and 9th, each do the reverse work of one another, and reciprocal relationship necessitates that their odd-places shall be made in the position above or below as the case may be.

Without these odd places, four in each lead as in Major, reciprocal relationship would be non-existent in the Maximus, and this being the great outstanding feature of Superlative Surprise Major, I have no hesitation in declaring this Maximus to be a true extension of the Major, and I firmly believe it is the only double extension possible in which the Major features are reproduced and combined.

It will be noted that the 3rd, the pivot bell, is a Treble Bob hunt bell up, to work with the Treble behind, and also from the work behind to the place-making in 3-4, odd place last.

The first course of the above method was rung on Mr. John Carter's ringing machine on July 10th, 1919, and Mr. Wilde has in his possession the diagram made by the machine during the ringing.

It has recently been brought to my notice that this extension of Superlative Major to Maximus has been discovered independently by the late Mr. Catchpole, of Ipswich, also by Mr. A. Craven, Mr. G. Lindoff, and Mr. W. Taylor.

**SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.**

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1246385079et  
2164830597te

2614385079et  
6241830597te  
261480385t7e  
62410893t5e7

264018395t7e  
62048193t5e7  
60241891357e  
064281t955e7

60248t19357e  
0642t89153e7  
604t28195e37  
06t48291e573

604t289e1537  
06t482e95173  
0t684e291537  
t086e4925173

0t684e295713  
t086e4927531  
0t8e69472513  
t0e896745231

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t08e78561234  
t907e5862143  
9t705e681234

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9t705e162834  
t9750e612384  
9t57e0163248

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9t571e603248  
95t7e1630284  
597t1e362048

957t1e630284  
5917e1362048  
957t1e3t26408  
59173e2t4680

5197e3t26408  
15793e2t4680  
517392e4t680  
153729e6t80

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**BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.**

On Saturday, October 30th, at Exminster, Devon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 mins.: R. Bryant 1, P. J. Davey (conductor) 2, R. Truman 3, W. Counter 4, J. Way 5, E. Holman 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 6, who deserve every credit, having commenced to learn as late as July last.

At Tring Parish Church, on Sunday, October 31st, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Cherry 1, C. Badrick 2, F. Keen 3, H. Bull 4, F. O. Reeve 5, J. Puplett 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. Longest length for ringer of treble, and first 504 on inside bell by the ringer of 2nd.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Friday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Moore, widow of the late Rev. W. Moore, who was Rector of Appleton for 23 years: W. Hollifield 1, H. C. White 2, C. G. White 3, H. Bennett 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Hollifield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

The Bristol Branch was again favoured by glorious weather for the quarterly meeting at Abbots Leigh, on Saturday last, when members and friends to the number of 30, and representing ten towers, were present. Abbots Leigh is well wooded and adjoins the noted Leigh Woods (of which Bristolians are so proud), beautifully situated, overlooking the Avon and the Severn Sea, with the Welsh hills in the distance. The bells (which go like tops) were available early in the afternoon, and rung up to service time at 4.30, when the Rev. T. C. Fowler (St. Leonard's, Bristol), in the absence of the Vicar, kindly conducted the service. Afterwards, an adjournment was made to the George Hotel, where tea was awaiting the party. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould).

The places for the next two monthly meetings were chosen. The November meeting is to be held at St. Thomas' (City), Bristol, to be followed by a whist drive and dance, and it is hoped to have three or four other towers available for ringing, including the famous peal of twelve at Redcliffe, as well as the bells at St. Nicholas' and Temple. The Christmas meeting is to be at Brislington on Saturday, December 18th, full particulars of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for allowing the use of the church and bells, to the Rev. T. C. Fowler for coming to take the service, to Mr. Bennett (the local secretary), and the local ringers for their kindness in having everything in readiness, also to the ladies waiting at the tables.

This concluded the meeting, and the ringers paid another visit to the tower, where good practice was obtained, and one budding conductor came through well.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
NORTHERN BRANCH.**

A Grimsby District meeting was held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, October 23rd. Members attended from Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Grimsby, Burton-on-Stather, Goxhill, and the local tower, also Mr. Howell, Mr. Chamberlain and friends from Hull. Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Service was held in the beautiful old church of St. Mary at 4 p.m., the Guild Office being used. The Rev. Legge officiated, and gave an interesting address. An excellent tea was served in the assembly rooms, thirty members sitting down.

The president, the Rev. H. T. Party (Rector of Bigby and Rural Dean) presided over the business meeting. Among those present were the Vicar of Barton-on-Humber (Rev. W. E. Varah, R.D.), the Rev. Legge, and Dr. F. P. H. Birtwhistle, of Barton.

Two members were elected, viz., Mr. R. Sutton, of Grimsby, as a performing member, and Mr. J. H. Chamberlain, of Hull, as a non-resident life member.

The annual district meeting was fixed for January at St. Andrew's, Grimsby.

It was resolved that all representatives of towers in the district should send particulars of their respective towers, number of bells, weights, methods rung, practice nights, and any other interesting information to Mr. J. R. Nichols, 59, Rutland Road, Stamford, Lincs, who is compiling a book on the 'History of Ringing.'

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for arranging the service, to the Rev. Legge for officiating and for his address, to Miss L. Mobbs for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. A. Hoodless for making the necessary arrangements, and to Mrs. Smith for providing such a good tea. He also complimented the Vicar of Barton on his appointment as Rural Dean. Members of Goxhill were congratulated on ringing their first 120 of Bob Doubles. The band is being instructed by Mr. H. E. Dannel, of Barrow-on-Humber.

Members then returned to the belfry for more ringing, and this concluded a very pleasant meeting.

**CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.**

Mr. W. A. Cave writes that in looking through 'The Ringing World' he found that the first of the two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus by Mr. G. E. Symonds, published on January 8th last, was rung as a peal of Royal by the Gloucester and Bristol Association on August 26th, 1919, by adding three bobs W after the first M in the first part, and three bobs M before the first W in the second. The composer was Mr. J. Carter, and the peal has also been attempted as Maximus as the composition of Mr. Carter.

**SILVER WEDDING.**

At St. Mary's Church, Salehurst, Sussex, on Tuesday evening, October 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Morgan 1, T. Booth 2, W. Hoad (conductor) 3, G. King 4, C. Creasey 5, T. Hoad 6, E. Mills 7, J. Goodsell 8. Rung, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Morgan and the 21st birthday of Mr. L. Booth, who unfortunately could not stand in on account of an impending operation. Mr. F. Morgan has been a member of the local band since 1899.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, October 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: T. O. Bone 1, J. H. Parrott 2, F. J. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, H. Hills 5, S. Penfold 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES.**—On Sunday, October 31st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Ward 1, R. W. R. Dawe 2, W. Rogers 3, W. Pelling 4, A. Scrivens 5, A. S. Turner 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. F. Stedman 8.—Also 336 Grandsire Triples, F. Fuller (longest length) 1, R. J. Dawe 2, W. Boves 3, W. Pelling 4, A. Scrivens 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. W. R. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. Stedman 8. The ringing was arranged for the occasion of the annual choir festival, also for the visitation of the Bishop of Saskatchewan, Bishop Lloyd, who conducted the service.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, October 31st, at the Parish Church for evening service, 720 Double Court Minor: W. Mellin 1, A. Chalk 2, V. Glass 3, E. Bright (conductor) 4, A. Evers 5, W. S. Butler 6.

**RICKMANSWORTH.**—On Sunday, October 31st, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. H. Marks 1, H. W. Kirton 2, W. H. Cook (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, F. W. Elliott 4, T. Stephenson 5, G. W. Piper (Cheshamford) 6, J. H. F. Freeborn (conductor) 7, W. Crossley 8.

**NITHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 31st, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. Meadows (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Greenfield (conductor) 2, J. Round 3, H. Hubball 4, W. Green 5, S. Cartwright 6, J. Lloyd 7, H. Smith 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', on Sunday, October 31st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. Dickinson 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, C. A. Button 5, E. A. Hull 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

**SHOULDHAM.**—On Sunday, October 24th, at All Saints' Church, in 25 mins., 720 Bob Minor: A. V. Bowen 1, A. E. Bacon 2, R. Bowen 3, R. Watson 4, R. H. Bowen 5, E. Barker (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of deepest respect for the late Mrs. Alice Hipperson, who was interred in the churchyard the same afternoon.

**RVERCREACH, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: Miss E. E. Emms 1, J. Reakes 2, W. Osment (conductor) 3, H. Sanger 4, W. Tucker 5, K. Whitehead 6, P. Hill 7, A. White 8.

**CHISLEHURST.**—On Sunday afternoon, October 24th, for Odd-fellows' thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: R. S. Goodchild 1, J. Ford 2, G. Brett-Smith 3, T. Brett-Smith 4, R. Brett-Smith 5, E. Moutter (Bronley) 6, T. Groombridge (conductor) 7, H. Durling 8.

**PLYMOUTH.**—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday, October 24th, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): \*R. B. Baldry 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, \*H. Tippett 3, \*J. O. Pook 4, W. Rundle 5, \*R. J. Beer 6, W. Hiscott 7, J. Woodley 8. \* First quarter-peal in the method.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 24, 720 Oxford and Kent spliced: G. Williamson 1, K. A. Jutson 2, E. Waking 3, A. Dale 4, W. H. Waldron 5, J. J. Jutson (conductor) 6.

**LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 24th, for the harvest festival at Christ Church, for evening service, 1,008 of Bob Minor: G. Roberts 1, V. Beasley 2, G. Smith 3, C. W. Cooper 4, A. E. Whitmore (conductor) 5, B. Chance 6, A. Boxley 7, J. S. Pearson 8.—Also after service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Roberts 1, V. Beasley 2, H. Smith 3, C. W. Cooper 4, A. E. Whitmore (conductor) 5, B. Chance 6, A. Boxley 7, J. S. Pearson 8.

**BRAMLEY, LEEDS.**—On Sunday, October 24th, for morning service, 720 of College Exercise Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, S. Helliwell 2, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor) 3, J. Guy 4, T. Latimer 5, J. S. Eastwood 6.—Also 240 each College Pleasure and Arnold's Victory, F. Jackson standing in.

**WOOLTON HALL, HANTS.**—On Sunday, October 17th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Bevan 1, N. Scott 2, R. Rex 3, T. Lock 4, H. Balaam (conductor) 5, J. Slott 6. First 720 in the method by all.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: L. Robbins (first 720) 1, T. Lock 2, N. Scott 3, R. Rex 4, S. Bevan 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6.

**ACTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, October 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 41 mins.: H. Belcher 1, Miss R. G. Hawkesworth 2, Robert Fardon (conductor) 3, Robt. Bullen (first in the method) 4, Chas. Moody 5, J. W. Kelley 6, J. Herbert 7, H. A. Folkard 8.

**CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.**—At St. John's Church, on October 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: T. Smith 1, Miss P. Upsher 2, F. Chandler 3, R. Raffey 4, J. Sumpter 5, H. J. Eldred 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, W. Langley 8.

**SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 17th, for morning service, there were rung touches of New London and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—For evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: E. H. Simpson 1, T. B. Kendall 2, T. A. King 3, Mrs. Seager (first in method) 4, H. Haigh 5, F. Seager (conductor) 6, A. Troiter (covering).

**MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 50 mins.: Fred Clark 1, Wm. Hector 2, March 3, Ed. Wallington 4, E. J. Trimmer (London) 5, Fk. Wallington 6, W. Wallington 7, A. Manning (conductor) 8.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 45 mins.: A. Wiffen 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, G. Lindridge 3, G. Wiffen 4, H. E. Hammond 5, H. T. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. Miss Pettitt is the first lady to take part in a quarter-peal in this method in BRAINTREE.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: B. Markwell 1, A. Richardson 2, F. Ballard 3, W. Collison 4, D. Findley 5, S. H. Green 6, W. Lister (conductor) 7, E. Mays 8; and a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise: F. Ballard (first in the method) 1, K. Hart 2, W. Collison 3, H. Markwell 4, R. E. Lambert 5, R. T. Lambert 6, F. J. Lamberti, sen., 7, S. H. Green 8.

**GREAT BADDOW.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandville Triples (1,260 changes): Miss Dolly French (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, Dr. Spencer Phillips 4, H. Allen 5, A. Richell 6, Geo. Green (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8. This quarter-peal was rung in honour of the birthday of Miss Winnie Linn, who is a member of the local band.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Leonard's Church, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Handcastle 2, Miss E. E. Orr 3, J. W. Chapman 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, E. E. Collins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On October 10th, for evening service, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Royal in 45 mins.: H. J. Eldred 1, Miss P. Uphire (longest touch of Royal in the method) 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, E. Tomlinson 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, R. Sanders 10.—On September 19th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 59 mins.: Miss P. Uphire 1, A. R. Glascock 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, R. Sanders 4, J. E. Arnold 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, J. E. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, J. Armstrong (conductor) 9, A. G. Crane 10. The fifth ringer hails from Leighton Buzzard, and it was his first quarter-peal of Stedman.

#### NOTICE.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District—A meeting of this district will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, November 13th. The bells (8) will be at the disposal of ringers from 3.30 p.m. Tea 1/- per head will be provided for those who notify Mr. G. Broughton, Gilmorton, before Thursday, November 11th. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. Cope, Shockington, Hinckley.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th (election night); St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Maxey on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Spoutney Street, Peterborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at Todmorden Unitarian. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Torre on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.; also Upton, Torquay (8). Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blagdon, near Bristol, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. per head, afterwards.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made if sufficient names are sent to C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 6th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells from 2.30. Tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Parish Hall at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kingston on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Bull Ring, 5.45 p.m. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, conducted by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. H. Gundry. Tea, at 'Magnet' Restaurant, 5 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, to form a Northern Branch of the Guild. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30, with an address by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly providing tea for all lady ringers. Gentlemen will be charged 1s. each. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting of the Central Division at Barcombe on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Tower open 2.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 2nd, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 15th, at 8. All members welcome. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at about 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. J. Gornall, Liverpool Road, Penwortham, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 9th.—A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 5, when the Bishop of Guildford will give the address. Tea at the Excelsior Hall, Upper High Street, to be followed by the annual business meeting. Chairman: W. Harrison, Esq. As there are some very important matters for discussion, it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' Baillie Road, Guildford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. — F. Bibby, Branch Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—A whist drive will be held in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 7.15 p.m. Tickets 1s. each. Plenty of prizes. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 6.45. All ringers welcome. — Fred Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me before Nov. 9th? All ringers welcome. — F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at High Hadden on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, November 9th.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1/2, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify me not later than Wednesday November 10th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec. Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting is to be held at Crofton on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready 2 p.m. or earlier by request. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room 5 p.m., at a reasonable charge. Members directly affected by the strike are to be the guests of the Crofton company. All requiring tea must apply before November 10th to Mr. E. Stead, Chapel House, Crofton, near Wakefield. The Vicar, Rev. — Brownrigg, will be pleased to meet a large gathering of members.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20th. St. Mary's, Putney, will be open from 4 to 5.30, and All Saints', Fulham, from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 'The Cosy Corner Café' at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 17th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells at liberty 4.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells avail-

able 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room 5.15 p.m. Will members make an effort to attend this meeting?—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 13th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

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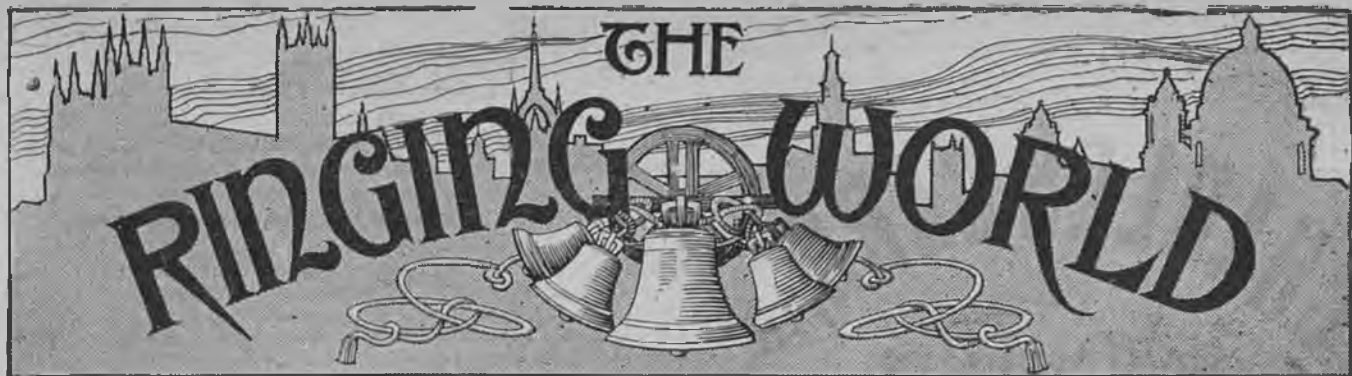
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## A NEW PROPOSAL.

It cannot always be said that in the after dinner speech-making at ringers' gatherings one can find any serious food for subsequent thought, but several points were raised by speakers at the College Youths' festival on Saturday which deserve more than passing attention. We would only refer to two of them now, and these two questions may well be inter-related. One of the most serious problems with which the Exercise is faced is how to draw into the ranks not only sufficient men to fill the gaps as the old ones drop out, but to provide ringers for all the bells which are now going into the steeples of the country. A still greater problem is how to retain their interest when they have been recruited. The importance of bringing in young men to carry on the art and the tradition of societies like the College Youths was touched upon by speakers, and it is well that no opportunity should be lost of emphasising the matter whenever ringers meet. But Mr. Albert Walker, the experienced Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, had a fresh proposal to make for ventilating views on this and other subjects of vital importance to the Exercise. His suggestion was that the opportunity might be taken of the four big gatherings in the year—in London, Birmingham, Bristol and Yorkshire—to hold informal conferences. Each of these dinners is attended by representative men—in the case of the College Youths there were ringers present from something like a couple of dozen associations and guilds, and the opinion was offered that much good might be done by an informal exchange of views between those who assemble for the occasion on subjects of general interest to ringers' associations. The idea is to give up an hour or so at the beginning of the afternoon for the purpose, and there are some excellent arguments to put forward in favour of such a scheme. Moreover, there would seem to be no insuperable difficulties in arranging it. It apparently works successfully in connection with other organisations, although perhaps these have no counter-attractions such as ringers have in the shape of peals of bells open for ringing. The foregathering of ringers for festivity, however, does offer an occasion which might be used for a dual purpose, and while any discussion would have to be entirely informal, for there would be no elected delegates or anything of that kind, it does seem that something might be evolved from Mr. Walker's suggestion which would combine usefulness with pleasure when ringers from all parts of the country are meeting. If by such discussions some practical policy could be found for gaining and retaining the interest of young ringers a valuable step forward will have been taken.

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S. HARRISON... .. 2	O. GREATHEAD ... .. 6
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Conducted by FREDERICK NEALE.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal of Triples as conductor.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ALBERT TAYLOR... .. Treble	PERCY HACKETT... .. 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 2	JESSE SCREEN ... .. 6
RICHARD ROUND ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
REUBEN HALL ... .. 4	† JOSEPH BARNESLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. Mr. R. Round was proposed a member of the above Guild previous to starting.

QUEX PARK, BIRCHINGTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*PERCY J. BRANFORD ... .. Treble	*GEORGE T. J. SHARP... .. 5
†MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	HARRISON SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal. † 50th peal. All the band were kindly entertained after the peal to tea by Major P. H. G. Powell Cotton, F.R.G.S., F.Z.S., after which a very pleasant evening was spent with him and the curator, Mr. G. F. Penfold, in the museum, where all the band heartily wished the Major (who was leaving the next day) good luck and a safe return from his big game shooting trip in Central Africa.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS PENDRY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HALE ... .. 5
*WALTER C. ROSE ... .. 2	*CHARLES TOVEY... .. 6
HAROLD HALFORD ... .. 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... .. 7
*JAMES J. CAUSON ... .. 4	JOHN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER.

\* First peal of Stedman. All the above are Sunday service ringers at Prestbury, except the conductor, who belongs to Leckhampton.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	JAMES FLEETY ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7
GEORGE WIFFEN... .. 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss D. Saunders (second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Saunders) and Mr. B. Goodwin, which took place at the Parish Church, Greenstead Green, on the same day two hours previous to the starting of the peal, the whole of the band attending the ceremony, and six of them ringing a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, TWERTON,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Treble	*THEODORE GRANT ... .. 5
*GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2	*HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 6
*MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 7
*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 4	THOMAS F. KING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by THOMAS F. KING

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the festival of All Saints. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. W. Brown. This was Mr. G. Temple's 50th peal on the bells.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY (CASTLE HALL) CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

ARTHUR JACKSON ... .. Treble	*CHARLES WOOD... .. 5
TOM WILDE ... .. 2	ALFRED ROBERTS ... .. 6
*FRANK HODGE ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
†JAMES CLAYTON .. .. 4	†FRED ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Taylor's, Loughborough.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

OWEN H. GILES ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK G. S. COLE ... 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 6
REGINALD BROWN ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER... .. 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 4	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method away from treble. The first peal on the bells since recasting by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Rung as a welcome to the parish of the Rev. R. A. R. Spread, who was inducted on the previous Saturday to the living of St. Michael's.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK RINGE ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5
HARRY TURNER ... .. 2	*FRANCIS W. COSTER... .. 6
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 3	GEORGE MILES ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	†ALBERT PRYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

CHARLES LEMAN ... .. Treble	HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 6
*STEPHEN H. HOARE... .. 3	HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

\* First peal in the method. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the Hertford County Association before starting.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, BARKING-BY-THE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Treble	JACK CARMAN ... .. 5
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 2	WALTER GLOVER... .. 6
LESLIE G. WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. FIRSLOW. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

J. EDWARD CAWSEER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. LEWIS ... .. 5
*ALLEN HALL ... .. 2	PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. 6
*JAMES MCCLUSKY ... .. 3	HAROLD WALKER... .. 7
GEORGE CLARK ... .. 4	FREDERICK CLARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

\* First peal, and elected members previous to starting. Rung for the patronal festival, on the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 6th, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, who is also churchwarden and choirmaster at Arksey. Quickest peal on the bells.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One 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.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 5
HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... .. 6
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 3	CHARLES CANN ... .. 7
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 4	ARTHUR GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

Kindly arranged for ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 6th, but rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob Major.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY OF  
SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY PRICE ... .. Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 5
ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE... .. 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. 7
EDGAR G. SHEPHERD ... .. 4	ALFRED B. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of Mr. William Clifford, for 62 years a ringer and many years towerkeeper at this church, who was interred on this date.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
JOHN HAYES... .. 2	JOHN W. DAVIES... .. 6
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F sharp.

STEPHEN CROUCHER ... .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 5
TOM E. EADES ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 6
ALBERT MANKTELOW ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
*FRANK C. FARMSWORTH ... .. 4	*NORMAN E. TUMBER ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor are local members.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, 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	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 5
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3	JOHN SMITH ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 4	JOHN WOODSBERRY ... .. } Tenor
	JAMES BENNETT ... .. }

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung in honour of the completion by Mr. T. J. Salter of 40 years' service as a ringer at this church. The thanks of the band are also due to the two tenor men for the great efforts required to finish their task and so enable the peal to be rung.

EXETER.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	E. SARGENT ... .. 5
W. HOWE ... .. 2	G. BETTS ... .. 6
A. MONKLEY ... .. 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN ... .. 7
* T. J. STOKES ... .. 4	JOHN M. SKINNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Stedman.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	*EPHRAIM W. RANDS... .. 6
THOMAS ATKINS ... .. 3	*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 4	E. HARRY STONELBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. H. STONELBY.

\* 100th eight-bell peal. First peal in the method by all the band, except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH BISHOPSGATE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 5
JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal and first attempt in the method.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CECIL VEREY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 2	JOSEPH SLADE ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... .. 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 4	*RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE (Leeds).

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † 350th M.C.A. peal. † First of Triples. The composition is rung for the first time by the M.C.A.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

WILLIAM LATTER ... .. Treble	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON ... .. 2	ALEC RICHARDSON ... .. 6
*FRANK H. BALLARD ... .. 3	*DONALD FINDLAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN

\* First with an inside bell in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Ballard.

OLDHAM.—On Wednesday evening, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Oldham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, consisting of 1,260 changes, was rung for practice by the following ringers: V. Sykes 1, S. M. Butterworth 2, E. Geary 3, J. Lees 4, S. Stott 5, C. H. Massland 6, R. Greenwood (conductor) 7, J. Taylor 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all the band. Rung in 48 mins.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**  
**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**  
*On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

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

**THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.** Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS... ..Treble	ALBERT MILLS ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	ELIJAH PAGETT ... .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 7
ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 4	†THOMAS HEATH... ..Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\* Elected member before starting. † First peal. Rung for the dedication festival.

**EWELL, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR DEAN ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 6
JOHN BEAMS... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

**STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,**

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BRAWN ... ..Treble	JAMES WRIGHT ... .. 5
*FRED HINDLE ... .. 2	†JOHN BOOTH ... .. 6
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
JAMES WM. GROUNDS ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD... ..Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.  
 \* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the treble.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5052 CHANGES;**

**JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.** Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN ... ..Treble	JOHN WOOD ... .. 5
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. P. Buckingham. The conductor's 200th peal for the association.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

**COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

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

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb.

JAMES P. HAYES ... ..Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE ... .. 4
REV. C. J. STURTON ... .. 2	RICHARD MOUNT ... .. 5
WILLIAM HICKLING ... .. 3	WALTER WHITE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung as a compliment to Thomas Squires on the occasion of his 70th birthday. He has been a regular ringer at this church for 40 years. The ringers and a few friends were afterwards very hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Squires.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, on Tuesday, October 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,250 changes) in 54 mins.: S. Wood (composer and conductor) 1, J. Carter 2, W. Brammer 3, W. Dyson 4, S. Marshall 5, H. Thorp 6, A. Gorringer 7, J. Mellor 8.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.**  
**THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,**

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

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW... ..Treble	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 4
THOMAS BARTRAM ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3	HENRY STAPLETON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

**MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*THOMAS J. H. WISE ... ..Treble	*THOMAS LAW ... .. 4
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 2	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 5
WALTER T. WILSON... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung on the occasion of the Rev. J. P. Frend (late president of the Northampton Branch) being made an honorary canon of the diocese.

**BEDFORD.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, November 2, 1926, 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 Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

KENNETH BOWYER ... ..Treble	HARRY TYSOE ... .. 4
PEARL INSKIP ... .. 2	*HERBERT WAGSTAFF ... 5
MISS EVELYN STREEL ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

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

*On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

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

Comprising seven 720's, with varied callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*RICHARD J. JACKSON... ..Treble	*THOMAS COOPER ... .. 4
C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 2	*ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 5
†CECIL E. CARR ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. BEALE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BEALE.

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

**TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (CHESTER BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAP,**

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

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

WALTER THOMAS... ..Treble	GEORGE JONES ... .. 4
ALBERT E. RICHARDS... .. 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 5
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 3	JAMES MORGAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First 5,040 on the bells, which were hung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1897.

**YELVERTOFT, NORTHANTS.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

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

With ten different callings.

*KENNETH CAIER ... ..Treble	HARRY CLARK ... .. 3
ARTHUR MARLOW ... .. 2	ROWLAND ADAMS... .. 4
THOMAS WISE ... .. 3	... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

\* First peal, first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN CANNINGS... .. Treble	CHARLES AINLEY... .. 4
†STANLEY SHEPPERD... .. 2	HARRY BARNES... .. 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE... .. 3	ARNOLD HILL... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob and of Minor. † First peal. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. The above is the first peal on these bells by a band of resident ringers since December 19th, 1882, in which the ringer of the 4th took part, that being his first peal, and the above his first attempt since that date. He is to be heartily congratulated on the splendid way he rang throughout the peal.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.  
THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

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

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

Tenor estimated 5½ cwt.

*RICHARD SHIMMANS... .. Treble	WILLIAM STOCK... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON... .. 2	THOMAS BARTRAM... .. 5
HENRY STAPLETON... .. 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

\* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 150th peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LONDON.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, October 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT 18, WESTBERE ROAD, HAMPSTEAD,

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

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... .. 1-2	REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 5-6
J. B. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)... .. 3-4	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.)... .. 7-8
J. BOTLER (Fitz Hall)... .. 9-10	

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, October 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

Tenor size 19 in F sharp.

F. E. HAYNES (St. Caths.)... .. 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)... .. 5-6
E. G. BENSON (St. Caths.)... .. 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene)... .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.).

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, November 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

IN MAGDALENE COLLEGE,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 16 in B.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)... .. 1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Caths.)... .. 5-6
E. G. BENSON (St. Caths.)... .. 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene)... .. 7-8

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

Rung to celebrate the Festival of All Saints.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT RYE MILL FARM,

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

*BASIL REDGWELL... .. 1-2	LEWIS W. WIPPEN... .. 5-6
GEORGE WIPPEN... .. 3-4	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal on handbells.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**

NEW BRANCH FORMED.

A most successful meeting was held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, to form a northern branch of the Guild. The ladies present numbered 23, and the enthusiasm shown augurs well for the future of the new district. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and the bells were kept going in a variety of methods to suit all the visitors.

A service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, and the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, gave a very interesting address. Mrs. Baker, the Rector's wife, presided at the organ. Tea was provided in the schoolroom, when the ladies present were the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Baker. Between 50 and 60 members and friends sat down, and an enjoyable time was spent.

Before the business meeting, the Rector welcomed the Guild to Handsworth, and wished the new district every success.

Miss E. K. Parker, the general secretary, responded, thanking the Rector for his kind wishes, and expressing her pleasure at the large attendance. She also proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Baker for their hospitality, the Rev. W. P. Wright for his address, and the Handsworth ringers for making the arrangements.

At the meeting, Mrs. Baker was elected a life member of the Guild, and 15 ringing members were elected.

Miss Davenport, of Dore, was made secretary, and the committee comprised Miss Lumley, of Leeds, Miss Foulk, of Dunfield, Miss Taylor, of Workop, Mrs. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Mrs. Ryder, of Rotherham, and Miss Davenport.

Miss Davenport was responsible for the splendid attendance at the meeting and the general arrangements, and is to be complimented on the success which has attended her efforts. There is no doubt that the district will flourish with such a keen and energetic secretary, who deserves the whole-hearted support of all the members.

Ringing was continued until nine o'clock, concluding with a course of Kent Treble Bob Major by eight members of the Guild.

**THE BOLTON LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.**

HOW A RINGER 'SHADOWED' A POLICEMAN.

An amusing incident occurred while ringing was in progress at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday week, when the failure of the electric light put an untimely end to the attempt to set up a new Superlative Surprise Major regard.

Shortly before the bells ceased, Police-Constable Peter Crook, who is Bolton District secretary of the Lancashire Association, strolled round to the church while in uniform. On the way he overlook the Vicar, and as they stood outside the church gates chatting on the prospect of the success of the peal, P.C. Crook took out his watch to give the Vicar, who was anxious to meet the ringers afterwards, an idea of the time they would finish, and timed the changes per minute.

Another ringer, unaware of the identity of the man in uniform, was standing near, and jumped to the conclusion that the policeman was complaining that the bells had been ringing too long and was showing the Vicar, by his watch, how long the bells had been going on. He was determined, if possible, to prevent interference and, when the Vicar had gone, followed the constable about for a time, lest he should go to the tower, and to try to persuade him, if necessary, not to stop the ringing.

Our readers are left to guess the results when the identity of each became known to the other.

The striking throughout the five hours was excellent. The cause of the ringing room being plunged into total darkness was due to a young lady who, having been into the church to perform some small duties, switched off the wrong lights.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The autumn meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch was held on Saturday, November 6th. The inclement weather had an ill effect on the attendance. The fine peal of eight bells were raised and a course of Grandsire Triples rung, with the Rev. Maurice Beardshaw (Vicar) standing in.

The Guild special form of service was held, and the Vicar gave a very interesting address. A company of 26 sat down to an excellent tea in the Memorial Hall.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. E. C. Freeman (chairman of the Deanery Branch). A letter of apology for absence was read from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.).

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for welcoming the Guild, and in responding he said he would be pleased to welcome the branch again in their turn.

The branch secretary, Mr. J. Keyte, alluded to the Guild Master's report at a branch meeting published in that week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' urging the younger ringers to try to do their best and stick to the art, so that it might be carried on in future years when the ringers of to-day were gone. The branch secretary also urged foremen of towers to try and respond to the notices that were sent to them and not neglect their responsibilities.

Further ringing brought the meeting to an end.

**SHIPLEY CHURCH CENTENARY.**

In connection with the centenary of Shipley Parish Church, Yorkshire, special services were held on Sunday, October 31st. The foundation stone of the church was laid on November 5th, 1823. Three years later, on Sunday, November 1st, 1826, the building was consecrated. Thomas Mears, of the Whitechapel Foundry, put in a peal of six bells in that year, and a tenor and treble were added by Mears and Stainbank in 1867. The first five thousand was rung on the eight bells on September 14th, 1867, by the following: James Lilley 1, Samuel Pollard 2, William Kendall 3, William Wilks 4, John Wilks 5, Thomas Ives 6, James Crabtree 7, Thomas Palliaser 8. The method rung is not now known.

The Shipley ringers celebrated the centenary by ringing Oxford Treble Bob for morning service, and for evening service 840 Grandsire Triples: T. Wilcock 1, Mrs. Seager 2, T. B. Kendall 3, F. Seager 4, T. A. King 5, H. Haigh 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, A. Trotter 8.

For special evening service on Monday, November 1st, the actual anniversary of the opening of the church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich was rung in 47 mins. by: E. H. Simpson 1, J. Broadley (Bradford) 2, T. B. Kendall 3, H. Haigh 4, H. Stott 5, F. Kilshall (Idle) 6, F. Seager 7, H. Foster (Idle) 8.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****MEETING AT BROOMFIELD.**

A meeting for the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Broomfield on Saturday week. About 25 members were present, representing Chelmsford, Springfield, Writtle, Rettendon, Maldon, Baddow, and the local company.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) was present, and read the lesson at the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Bunbury), who gave a very helpful address.

Tea was served in the old schoolroom, followed by the usual business meeting, Mr. G. Green, District Master, presiding.

The Rev. Bunbury and the Rev. J. Foster Williams, of Sandon, were elected hon. members.—Widford, Boreham, and Gt. Baddow were proposed for the next place of meeting, and Baddow was chosen.

Mr. G. Howard proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar for holding the meeting at Broomfield, and Mrs. Bunbury for presiding at the piano at the service (the organ being under repair).

Touches were rung on handbells, while some members returned to the tower and others proceeded to Chelmsford for 10 and 12 bell ringing.

**DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM CLIFFORD.****BEESTON RINGER'S UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENTS.**

The death occurred at Beeston, Notts, on Monday, November 1st, of Mr. William Clifford in his 78th year, after an illness of only a few weeks. Deceased had been a ringer at Beeston Church for 62 years and for many years tower-keeper. This is a record to be proud of, but there is a still more wonderful one to the credit of the deceased ringer. For a man, who, at the age of 60, could ring nothing higher than Siedman and Treble Bob, to learn and ring peals in all the higher methods up to and including London Surprise is, we think, unique in the annals of ringing history. He rang his first peals of Kent and Siedman at the age of 60, Oxford at 61, Double Norwich at 62, Superlative at 63, Norfolk Surprise at 65, when the war intervened, reducing the band considerably, and it was not until he was 73 that he succeeded in scoring Cambridge and finally London Surprise at 75 years of age, all on inside bells. His peals totalled 39. For several years he was chairman of the Nottingham District of the M.C.A.

The funeral service was choral, the Vicar of Beeston officiating both at the church and the graveside, and quite a large number of parishioners and ringers from various centres attended, despite the heavy rain. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave, and afterwards a peal of Siedman Triples was accomplished at the church with the bells half-muffled.

**MINOR WITH COVERING BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a short space in your columns to offer on behalf of the band which rang the peal of Bob Minor with 6-8 covering at Lye, on October 23rd, our sincere apologies to your correspondent if we have hurt his feelings or transgressed in any way, this not being the only occasion on which a peal has been rung with two or more covers. As you very plainly pointed out in your leading article last week, nothing is laid down in the rules of the Central Council against the ringing of such peals, and I think, therefore, that if anyone had any objection, the first place to lodge same should have been with the C.C. Anyhow, I beg to say that the members of the Lye band are all young ringers (needing encouragement, not punishment), progressing slowly but surely, and have now commenced practising Grandsire Triples. So if at some future date your correspondent cares to come, the band extend to him a hearty invitation to conduct a peal in this method on the bells at Lye Church.—Thanking you in anticipation, yours faithfully,

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies has just completed his term of office as president of the British Astronomical Association, and is succeeded by Dr. W. H. Stevenson, of Norwood.

Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, has suffered a heavy bereavement by the death of his father, which took place on Thursday of last week.

A singular accident befell Mr. Frederick J. Rogers, hon. secretary of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild, last week. He fell in the street and injured his head. He was taken to hospital in an unconscious condition, but after being detained for a time was sufficiently recovered to be conveyed to his home. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

To-morrow is the anniversary of a peal of 10,080 New Treble Bob Major, rung on the old bells in the old tower at Huddersfield Parish Church on November 15th, 1820. It was, we believe, the composition of W. Eversfield, of Gravesend, and the record of the peal in the tower is one of those rare old boards which give the figures of the peal.

On November 17th, 1760, the first peal of Imperial Treble Bob Major was rung and had a tragic ending. It was at St. Giles', Norwich, and after the peal had been completed, John Webster, the ringer of the sixth, dropped dead in the tower.

November 17th is also the anniversary of another interesting event, for it was on this day, in the year 1835, that the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung. This was also at Norwich, on the bells of St. Andrew's Church.

For the wedding at St. Paul's, London, last Saturday, of the Lord Mayor's daughter, some magnificent Stedman Cinques were rung on the grand ring at the Cathedral.

A set of sixteen handbells is being offered in competition among those who may care to subscribe a shilling each to a fund for the benefit of Miss Shade, of Greenwich, sister of the late Mr. I. G. Shade. Single tickets or books of ten can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' office, and the Editor will be glad to receive the assistance of anyone who can distribute them.

A mixed band of London and provincial ringers broadcast from Bow Church, Cheapside, on Sunday evening. Next Sunday, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will broadcast St. Philip's Cathedral bells from 8 to 8.15 through the Birmingham station of the B.B.C.

## BROADCASTING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When the Middlesex band broadcast a touch of Double Norwich from Bow a fortnight ago, or as much as the B.B.C. thought fit to transmit, I wrote that body, pointing out that it was hardly courteous to the band or satisfactory to the listeners to have the first three or four leads of a touch drowned by the voice of their announcer, and then to be switched off when a couple of leads from home, pointing out the similar case of a singer being drowned by announcements in the first verse of his song and switched off in the middle of the last verse.

I received the reply, of which I enclose a copy, and was somewhat eager to hear what effect my protest had had when Bow were again broadcast last evening.

The effect was doubtless noted by many (I have already heard non-ringers grumbling about it). We were graciously allowed to hear a little bit after 8-10 had got behind to wait for the 11th.

It strikes me as somewhat of a slur that would not be tolerated by any other instrumentalist, and the reply that the superimposed announcement would be more artistic, speaks volumes for the esteem in which our art is held in some quarters. We need one of the B.B.C. Uncles apparently to make a peal worth listening to, and I suggest that a bombardment of protests be lodged to convince these people that we prefer our art as it is, without artistic helps from outsiders, or that we should refuse to ring for broadcasting until the same courtesy is shown as to other instrumentalists.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE.

Crayford.

The following is the B.B.C.'s reply: 'We have your letter of October 25th, and have read with very much interest your remarks on the above subject and with particular reference to the recent transmission of Bow bells. We quite see your point in regard to the announcing from the point of view of an expert bellringer, but we have been seeing it from the general listener's side, and it seemed to us that the superimposed announcement would be more artistic and would appeal more to the lay mind. We regret any annoyance which may have been caused you in this respect, and thank you very much for your interest in writing.'

## A BUCKINGHAMSHIRE RESTORATION.

CHALFONT ST. PETER'S BELLS TO BE RE-OPENED ON SUNDAY.

The re-opening of the tower and belfry at Chalfont St. Peter's Parish Church is to take place on Sunday afternoon, November 14th, at four o'clock. The tower has suffered from old age. Beams have had to be renewed, the floor of the bell-chamber strengthened, and other things looked to. The bells have been rehung, and the whole work has cost about £400.

On Sunday next, at four o'clock, the Bishop of Buckingham will open the tower and belfry, and visiting ringers will be welcome.



# COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

## BIG GATHERING IN LONDON.

There has seldom been a larger gathering of ringers at the annual festival of the Ancient Society of College Youths than assembled on Saturday last in London. Apart from the big contingent from the metropolis, there were ringers present from more than twenty counties in England and Wales, and when, after ringing at various city churches, they gathered at the mother church of the society, St. Michael's, College Hill, the seating accommodation was taxed to its utmost capacity. The service, a feature of which was the hearty singing of the hymns, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bullock-Webster. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, read the lesson, from Ecclesiasticus xlv., 1-16, commencing, 'Let us now praise famous men.' The hymns were, 'We love the place, O God,' 'O God, our help in ages past,' and 'All people that on earth do dwell.' The Rev. Gordon Ponsoby, Rector of Bow Church, Cheapside, was the preacher. He took as his text, Zechariah xiv., 20, 'There shall be upon the bells of the horses holiness unto the Lord,' and traced the history of bells through the early ages. The offertory was given towards the expenses of the service.

The anniversary dinner was afterwards held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, where nearly 200 sat down to a splendid repast. The Master (Mr. Henry R. Newton) presided, supported by Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Rev. Canon Perkins (Westminster Abbey), Rev. Preb. Ponsoby, Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer, Oxford Guild), Rev. Canon Bullock-Webster, Rev. Hon. S. H. Phillimore (Rector of Stepney), Rev. H. J. Fynes Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus'), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary, Central Council), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's verger at St. Paul's Cathedral), Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. T. H. Beams (assistant hon. secretary, Salisbury Guild), Mr. Sergison (St. Clement's Youths), etc. Mr. P. E. Clark occupied the vice-chair, and among those present were: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), Chailis F. Winney and Walter Prime (trustees), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), and C. W. Roberts and J. H. Hawkins (stewards of the society). The visitors included: Major J. H. B. Hesse, Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), Messrs. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), C. Dean (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), R. T. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), Bryce Taylor (Loughborough), W. A. Cave, F. J. Leaker, and C. Gordon (Bristol), T. F. King (Bath), A. H. Pulling, G. Melville, C. H. Dobbie, and J. A. Cole (Guildford), F. C. Rich, C. H. Harding and T. Taylor (Portsmouth), S. Palmer (Sheffield), F. J. Smallwood (Derby), T. H. Reeves, J. W. Pemberton, P. Laffin and E. T. Allaway (Birmingham), H. Chapman and E. Jenkins (Manchester), F. Dench (Saffron Walden), W. D. Smith (Eastbourne), W. Hart (Brighton), J. C. Truss (Marlow), W. Northover (Bridport), W. H. Lawrence (Little Munden), D. Elliott (Assington), J. Wyatt and J. Hoyle (Ashted), G. H. Hood and H. Ewins (Reigate), G. Ladd (Pinchbeck, Lincs), J. Evans (Hugghenden), H. Hodgetts and F. Smith (Bushey), W. J. Navard (Gt. Bentley), E. Barnett, sen., and E. Barnett, jun. (Crayford), J. Waghorn (East Ham), E. P. Poppy (Eye), J. C. Mitchell, G. N. Price, D. Wright, C. H. Kippen, R. D. Marshall, F. E. Collins, D. Cooper, F. G. Woodiss, C. H. Horton, W. Roughton, F. A. Mitchell, F. M. Mitchell, J. H. Cheesman, H. Audsley, W. J. Hazell, C. Matthews, E. C. Goldsmith, J. S. Goldsmith, etc. There was, as usual, a big representation from Barking and the Gravesend district of Kent Association.

### THE TOASTS.

At the conclusion of the meal, the loyal toast was honoured and the National Anthem sung.

The Master, submitting the toast of 'The Church,' said our English Church was the immediate cause of such gatherings as that, for as ringers they were craftsmen who loved to exercise such skill as they possessed in the belfries as loyal sons and workers for the Church.

The Rev. Gordon Ponsoby, whose name was coupled with the toast, said the clergy looked upon the ringers as those who acted as the publicity committee, who let the people know what was going on in the church from time to time, and the clergy owed a great deal to the way the ringers loyally served the church. He desired to say especially how much he owed to the College Youths for their services at the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow. He wanted to say also how much they would welcome to their City branch at Bow Church any ringers who were members of the Church of England Men's Society who came to London and were without a branch to which to attach themselves. The City branch met at St. Mary-le-Bow, and he happened to be one of the officers. At that branch anyone coming from the country would be welcomed.

Canon Coleridge proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He believed, he said, that that was the thirty-second year in succession that he had attended that gathering, and on many occasions he had proposed the same toast, but while he appreciated the high honour that was done him, he had, after all that lapse of time, very little fresh to say. He told the story of a certain farmer

who made a practice, on going to his market town every week, of calling on a barber and being shaved, for which he paid fourpence. This went on for years, until at length one day the farmer did not appear, but a few days later the son called and said his father was dead, and as they 'wanted to put him away clean and tidy' would the barber come and shave him. The barber was prepared to do it, and then came the question of the charge. The son said his father had never paid more than fourpence, but the barber explained that a good deal of time would be taken up with the journey, and he could not do it for less than three shillings. After some argument the son finally settled matters by saying, 'Very well. I shan't have it done; 'tisn't as though father's going to any place special' (laughter). His point was, said Canon Coleridge, that when they as clergy or ringers were going to take part in any of the services of the church they ought always to be particular as to their appearance. Nothing annoyed him more than to see what he might call a dirty cleric, one who had a crumpled surplice or an unshaven chin, performing a sacred office—it was not honourable to the Almighty. So, too, when ringers went about their work, they were going to some place 'special.' In his experience of fifty years he had seen a vast change in the appearance of the men who came to ring. They now took a delight in coming tidy and clean and in proper clothing. When he was a young man, it was no uncommon thing for a man to come to a belfry in the country, straight, perhaps, from the dung cart. It wasn't very pleasant, and, although they managed to get along in those days, things had altered. The men of to-day must carry on the work, and the Ancient Society of College Youths set a foremost example and always would. He had noticed in the service book which they had used that day a paragraph at the end in which it was stated that a certain Fabian Stedman in the year 1657 dedicated his little book, called 'Tintinnologia,' to the Ancient Society of College Youths, and expressed the desire that it might form the foundation of great things in the future. To that the powers that be at the present time had added another paragraph, in that grandiloquent phraseology which had always been indulged in by the College Youths from the beginning. 'That the prognostications of this distinguished author had been amply fulfilled.' In Mr. Cockerill and the other officers of the College Youths they had had men who had built firmly on the structure which had already been laid down, and in those who would come after they would doubtless find, as time went on, they would have men who would raise on these solid foundations a perfect building in the art and science of bell-ringing flourishing throughout the country. The society owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Cockerill, their secretary (applause). He (the speaker) had known others before him, but he had never known one like him in any way, for he managed the affairs of the society, as he rang his bell, in a masterly manner (applause).

The toast having been honoured, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by G. F. Winney, J. Thomas, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, H. Langdon, and A. H. Pulling.

### THE YEAR'S RECORD.

Mr. Cockerill then replied to the toast. When he asked Canon Coleridge, he said, to propose the toast, he (the Canon) replied that he would do it, but it was time they found a younger man for the job ('No'). What with his position as president of the Central Council, his long membership of that society, and his great loyalty to it, to say nothing of his majestic presence (laughter) and his fine personality, he did not think they could do better than to keep to Mr. Coleridge as the proposer of that toast (applause). Mr. Cockerill announced that letters of apology had been received from Ven. Archdeacon Holmes, Very Rev. Dr. Foxley Norris, Rev. Canon Haldane, Rev. J. H. Ellison, Rev. Preb. Isaacs, Rev. B. F. Simpson, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. H. Judd, Mr. J. T. Dyke (secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Mr. A. Prince (Bath), Mr. W. Hibbert (now in Nigeria), and Mr. G. Bowen (Ilfracombe). They had received telegrams of good wishes from the Bristol United Guilds and a band of College Youths in Lancashire. He had also received a telegram from Mr. John Carter saying that, although his illness prevented him from being with them, they would be in his thoughts, and he hoped all would have an enjoyable evening. During the year, continued Mr. Cockerill, they had lost by death Colonel Herbert Baker, Mr. Thos. Hogsflesh, who on the day of the dinner last year rang the tenor to the society's peal at Stepney, Mr. Isaac G. Shade, and Mr. G. H. Phillott. Fifty-six new members had been elected during the year, and 71 meetings for practice had been held. The seniority of membership now went to Mr. Edward Wallace, who joined the society fifty-six years ago, Mr. Thomas Bennett, who joined 52 years ago, and Mr. John W. Rowbotham, whom they congratulated on completing his jubilee that week (applause). As far as he knew, their oldest living member was Mr. Joseph Rayner, lowerkeeper at St. Andrew's, Holborn, who was 90 on New Year's Day, but the length of his membership did not equal that of any of the above-mentioned. The peals rung since the last dinner were: Grand sire Triples one, and one on handbells, Bob Major two, Surprise

and Treble Bob Minor one, Kent Treble Bob Major two, Stedman Triples five and on handbells one, Stedman Caters four, Stedman Cinques one, Cambridge Surprise Maximus one; total, 17 on lower bells and two on handbells. In conclusion, Mr. Cockerill proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Bullock Webster for holding the service at St. Michael's, to Preb. Gordon Ponsonby for his address, and to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for reading the lesson.

Mr. C. H. Horton next submitted 'The Visitors,' and said one of the most pleasant duties that had to be performed at that festival was to welcome them there. It was quite possible that in the early days of the society their visitors had to be escorted by the Links, who were formed by boys carrying rush candles. To-day they used links of a different kind—they were formed of gold, for they were formed of good fellowship, good friendship and hearty welcome (applause). In the name of the Master and members he extended a hearty welcome to the clerical and all other visitors. He thanked the clergy for the opportunities they gave the society to practise on the bells of their churches. Were it not for these opportunities they would not be the magnificent society they were to-day, and he could assure the clergy they greatly appreciated their courtesy (applause).

The Rev. E. C. Bedford replied to the toast. He said although he could not claim to be a ringer, he always delighted in bell music. Practically all his life he had lived within the sound of bells—at Westminster, Cambridge, Wells, and Haslemere. Then for a time he was away, but he had now come to St. Andrew's, Holborn, and he was delighted when any of their society came to practise on the bells. He was also very grateful to the excellent band of ringers who rang there for the services on Sundays. The visitors much appreciated the invitation to that gathering, and he was sure they all enjoyed the evening.

'London and Provincial Societies' was submitted by Mr. P. E. Clark, who mentioned the numerous associations and Guilds represented at that gathering. They had come there that evening from all parts of the kingdom to give the College Youths their fellowship, and the society took it as a great compliment. Mr. Clark referred to the presence of several representatives of the Cumberland Youths, and to the friendly rivalry revived between the societies when they journeyed into Kent and rang simultaneous peals. He hoped they would be able to continue that friendly rivalry, and that the genial spirit which prevailed afterwards would long continue (applause). He noticed that other societies were organising joint meetings, and these gatherings he thought would tend to remove that feeling of jealousy which there had been in the past and which still, to some extent, was to be found between rival societies. He was glad to notice that some societies were taking in hand more seriously the teaching of beginners, for it must be remembered that the beginners of to-day must be the instructors of to-morrow, and if beginners were not encouraged it would be a sorry thing for the ringing in future years (applause).

#### SUGGESTED INFORMAL CONFERENCES.

Mr. E. A. Young first responded on behalf of the London societies, and Mr. Albert Walker replied for the provincial societies. He remarked that St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was represented that night by no fewer than seven members, and he hoped the College Youths would be equally well represented at the Birmingham dinner next February. There would be a welcome for them all, whether there was one or a hundred or a thousand (laughter). He said he thought they ought to congratulate the two provincial bands (both of which were represented that night) on the splendid performances of the previous Saturday in endeavouring to break records. He would describe them as glorious attempts, not glorious failures. To ring London Surprise for seven hours and then, unfortunately, to come to grief, deserved their commiseration. On behalf of St. Martin's Guild, which at present held the London Surprise record, he hoped they would ring the peal at the next attempt (applause). The Bolton peal was lost through someone inadvertently putting out the light. They sympathised with both bands (hear, hear). Coming to the question of broadcasting, Mr. Walker paid tribute to what had been done by the College Youths at Bow, and said some of the ringing which they had done there for the purpose could never be excelled (applause). Broadcasting at Bow was a very big proposition, and he took it as a compliment that the broadcasting the following evening was to be done by London and provincial members. They had heard that evening the beautiful handbell ringing by Mrs. Hughes, and he hoped they would some day hear broadcast an exhibition of her ringing such as they had enjoyed that night (applause). Proceeding, Mr. Walker referred to a recent leading article in 'The Ringing World' on the apathy of ringers. They all knew that to keep ringing alive they must put their shoulder to the wheel. They might not get much encouragement, but they must not relax their efforts. They must do all they could to maintain interest in the art, and he wondered if it would be possible, on the occasion of such gatherings as that, to have, as a preliminary to the other proceedings, an informal conference on subjects relating to the promotion of the art. They were very representative gatherings, and if they could have an hour's discussion they might get many valuable hints. He was a member of an engineering association in Birmingham, and at a meeting before their annual dinner they discussed in an informal manner the working of various engineering societies. There were four important ringers' dinners in the year, and, if they could adopt this plan at each, some valuable suggestions for the Central Council, who met only once a year, might be made, and great benefit accrue to the various societies (hear, hear.) In conclusion, Mr. Walker urged the maintenance of

the traditions of the old societies, and in order that this might be done, they must bring others along to continue the work when the present ringers were finished.

The remaining toast was 'The Press,' proposed by Mr. R. T. Hibbert and responded to by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

The feature of the musical programme was the handbell ringing of Mrs. Hughes, whose performance elicited vociferous applause. She played first Braga's 'La Serenata' and 'Love's old-sweet song' (Molloy), and gave the familiar 'Ash Grove' as an encore. The solos were rendered with harp accompaniment by Mr. E. A. Young. Mr. P. C. Burden played a selection from 'Il Trovatore' on the violin, accompanied by Mr. J. Langrill, and a gramophone record of 'Bow Bells' aroused considerable interest. It is a record by the Columbia Gramophone Co. (No. 4082), in which the famous bells are heard rung in musical call changes. The vocalists were Mr. T. Warren, who sang 'Neptune,' and Mr. J. Bullock who gave 'My old Shako' and 'Tally Ho!' The pleasant evening came to a close all too soon with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

### EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

#### AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A few weeks ago in the columns of 'The Ringing World' was published a short account of an Oxford Guild branch meeting. One of the items of business was a restoration grant to help get the fine old peal of eight at East Hagbourne relung. This has to be done with new frame and fittings, and will be approximately a £500 job.

Hagbourne was, and is, one of the few places where visitors, whether as a band or as individuals, were always welcomed for a peal attempt. The villagers being very proud and fond of their bells. Just over £300 has been raised, and as the work will shortly be put in hand we appeal for assistance from fellow ringers, reminding all that every little helps.

The following ringers have promised to collect as much as possible in their respective districts, and to forward same to the proper quarter:

- Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester.
- Mr. J. Dearlove, of Brighton.
- Mr. G. Caudwell, of Oxford.
- Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Nuneaton and Cambridge.
- Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton, Cambridge.
- Mr. T. East, East Hagbourne.
- Mr. R. T. Hibbert, of 69, York Road, Reading.

The above earnestly beg for support, as all are hoping to see the work completed in the near future.—Yours, etc.

R. T. HIBBERT.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### THE COMING DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Southampton on Saturday, November 6th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells were available to members during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. Service was held in St. Michael's Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. A. R. Spread, the Guild form of service being used, and Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., presiding at the organ.

Tea and business meeting took place in St. Michael's Parish Hall, Rev. Canon Braithwaite being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of St. Michael's, Rev. J. Parmiter (Vicar of Holy Rood), Mr. Churchwarden Hunt, Mr. Geo. Williams (Master), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general secretary), and members from Bishopstoke, Bishop Sutton, Hursley, Fareham, Dibden, North Stoneham, Southampton, Twyford, Stockbridge, Lymington, Winchester, Bournemouth, Ringwood, Mr. F. Lambeth (Chippenham), Mr. S. Procter (Grantham), and Mr. S. R. Roper (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's, Croydon).

The balance sheet showed receipts £15 Os. 9d., expenditure, including instruction at Stockbridge, £5 10s. 9d. £8 2s. had been handed over to the Guild treasurer, leaving a balance in hand of £1 7s. 11½d., which was considered satisfactory and passed.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Rev. Canon Braithwaite; district secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; auditor, Mr. G. Smith; with Mr. W. Andrews and Mr. J. W. Faithfull as representatives on the Central Committee. The next question discussed was the division of the diocese, and the following resolution, which was passed at Southampton on November 3rd, 1925, was placed before the meeting and carried unanimously: 'That when the present diocese is divided, this meeting of the Winchester District is very strongly in favour of the Guild continuing as hitherto, and that the title be changed to the Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. We invite ringers in the new dioceses of Guildford and Portsmouth to remain in unity with us, and to help carry on the great work and great name of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.'

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on the first Saturday in November, 1927, at Winchester.

Quarterly meetings were arranged for the first Saturday in February at New Abresford, first Saturday in May at Stockbridge, last Saturday in August at Sherfield English.

The Vicars of Holy Rood and St. Michael's were elected honorary members of the Guild, and the local band were elected members.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of St. Mary's, Archdeacon Daldy, and the Rev. R. A. R. Spread, Vicar of St. Michael's, and to the chairman for presiding.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.****GEORGE NEWSON AND THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.**

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The first peal recorded by the 'Bell News' was by the College Youths. It was not till the sixth issue that an account of a Cumberland peal appears, but the second peal was conducted by the man who, at that time, was the leader of the latter society. The performance was of no particular account—Grandsire Triples—but the band contains men who were well known among ringers—George Minton, A. J. Perkins, W. Doran, S. Jarman and George Newson.

George Newson, the latest of the famous ringers and conductors who were connected with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, was one of the many London ringers who came from the Eastern Counties. He was born at Carbrook in the county of Norfolk in the year 1844. In his twentieth year he went to London, and at once joined the Cumberlands. He rang his first peal on March 25th, 1867, at St. Stephen's, Westminster. The method was Grandsire Triples, and the conductor John Cox, at that time steeplekeeper at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, leader of the society, and one who ranked among the foremost ringers and composers of the country. Newson quickly became one of the leading ringers of London, and between 1867 and 1896 he rang 357 peals, of which he conducted 258. The methods were Grandsire Triples, Major, Caters and Cinques; Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques; Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus; Bob Major; Double Norwich Court Bob Major; Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major. In those days three hundred and fifty peals was a very good score, the number of men who had rung peals in the three standard Surprise Methods was very small, and the fact that Newson had rung as many as 58 peals of Double Norwich put him and his band among the most advanced in the country.

The first notable peal he took part in was 8,896 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1876 at St. Ann's, Highgate, the longest peal then—and still—composed in the method with the tenors together. John Reeves had published in the 'Clavis' an 8,448, which he considered to be the greatest length obtainable. This was rung by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths in 1787 at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, William Shipway being one of the band.

In 1869 John Thorp, of Ashton-under-Lyne, succeeded in getting two peals three leads longer, 8,544 changes. One of them was rung on November 15th, 1873, at Christ Church, Liversedge, as the composition of William Sottanstill. Sottanstill may have composed it independently, but as his record as a plaguist of other men's compositions is a very bad one, it is, to say the least, doubtful. In 1874 John Thorp produced an 8,864, and called it for the Ashton band at St. Peter's, Ashton, on February 21st of that year. In 1876 William Harrison obtained a peal one lead longer, or 8,896 changes. This was sent to J. W. Snowdon, who forwarded it on to Henry Hubbard, who was able to include it in the appendix of the 1876 edition of his 'Campanalogia.'

A copy of the book was received by the secretary of the Cumberlands on April 26th, a band was at once made up, and the peal rung the following afternoon. Henry Dains, who rang in the peal, related that so great was Newson's enthusiasm for ringing that he not only gave up a day's work and put everything else aside to ring this peal, but he persuaded his whole band to do the same thing,

The following are the particulars: 'On Thursday, April 27th, 1876, at St. Ann's, Highgate Rise, London, the Cumberland Youths rang Mr. W. Harrison's peal of 8,896 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, being the greatest length ever obtained with the tenors together, in 5 hrs. 22 mts. G. Newson 1, H. Dains 2, J. Cox 3, J. Howe 4, D. Stackwood 5, E. Gibbs 6, S. Jarman 7, J. Barrett 8. Conducted by G. Newson. Tenor 15 cwt.' Mr. Gibbs is the only survivor of the band. At least four of the band, Newson, Gibbs, Dains and Stackwood, were East Anglians.

David Stackwood was an Aylsham man. His father and his brother Robert were both good ringers at that Norfolk tower. When I was a boy I knew the old man quite well, and the last time I met him he was very insistent in extracting a promise from me that when he died I should be one of the band to ring a muffled peal for him. I forget whether the promise was kept.

As already mentioned, Double Norwich was one of Newson's favourite methods, and thirty years ago Double Norwich was reckoned as one of the advanced methods, not practised except by the most proficient bands. The first peal in the method in London was rung as far back as 1786 by the Junior Cumberlands; the second two years later by the Senior Cumberlands; the third, also by the Cumberlands, was not rung till 1840; the fourth was by the St. James' Society in 1848, and the fifth by the College Youths in the same year. Then for 27 years no peal in the method was rung in London. This silence was broken in 1877 by the following peal: 'Royal Cumberland Youths. Rung on the bells of St. George's Church, Camberwell, on April 9th, 1877, a true and excellent peal, containing 5,040 changes of that most musical method, Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The performance occupied three hours; the striking was excellent throughout; and the band stationed as follows: George Newson 1, Henry Dains 2, Joseph W. Cattle 3, Henry Swan 4, George Harvey 5, Edwin Gibbs 6, David Stackwood 7, James Barrett 8. Composed and conducted by Mr. George Newson.'

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.**

At the postponed six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association, three teams entered. Each rang 600 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and the cup was won by Batley with 116 faults and 10 penalty, total 126. The other competitors were: Meltham, 274 faults, 20 penalty, total 294; Holmfirth, rang out.

The annual meeting of the Association followed the contest, the president, Mr. C. E. Carrington, occupying the chair.

In moving the adoption of the balance sheet, which showed a debit balance of £1, the chairman said it was regrettable that the members did not pay their subscriptions more regularly. No doubt, he said, it would be far better also if the Vicars of the various parishes took more interest in the ringers, and became honorary members.—Mr. Booth (Holmfirth) seconded, and the balance sheet was carried unanimously.

The retiring officials were re-elected: President, Mr. C. E. Carrington; treasurer, Mr. F. Salmous; secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves, all of Halifax.

The President moved thanks to the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Greaves) and churchwardens, for use of bells, also to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.—Mr. Earnshaw seconded, and the Vicar, in reply, said he was sorry he had not been able to hear the ringing, but he hoped that they had all had a good time, and he hoped to see them again at Oxenhope before long.

Mr. Granger also spoke and gave the ringers a hearty invitation. The judges (Mr. G. H. Hardy and Mr. J. Barraclough) were thanked for their services, and, having given their award, the Vicar presented the cup to Mr. Senior of the Batley company.

**MR. CLAUDE J. DAVIES' 50 PEALS.**

Mixed Minor methods 3, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Grandsire Triples 5, Grandsire Caters 2, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 4, Stedman Caters 6, Stedman Cinques 1, Bob Major 3, Bob Maximus 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 12, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Double Norwich Major 4, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1; total 50.

**BEGINNERS' COLUMN.**

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

As I remarked in my last article, it is very difficult to explain anything about the rudiments of ringing more simply than it is now given in our modern ringing books. Unfortunately (or it may, perhaps, have been fortunate for me), when I was called upon to teach a young band on the augmentation of our ring from six to eight bells at Soberton, Hants, in 1883-4, I was not armed with anything compared with the ringing literature of the present day, therefore I had to dig into the mysteries of the art as best I could, and map out my own ideas.

This, no doubt, has helped me very considerably in making any progress whenever opportunities have presented themselves. I often wonder what our total number of peals would have been by now had there been as many opportunities then as there are at the present day. But, of course, change ringing, like most other pursuits, has advanced with the times. But, coming to the point of conducting, I would say to the would-be conductor, 'teach.' This is how I started, and what I have been continually trying to do throughout my whole ringing career, believing, as I do, there is much more to be learnt by teaching than all you can get from books.

At Bratton, Wilts, on Sunday, October 31st (the eve of All Saints' Day), at the Church of St. James the Great, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): J. Cook 1, C. H. Lawrence (conductor) 2, W. J. Chapman 3, H. G. Smith 4, B. Cook 5, H. J. Lawrence 6. First quarter-peal as conductor by C. H. Lawrence, who is only 17 years of age and a promising young ringer. First quarter-peal by the ringer of tenor, who is the father of the conductor.

On Saturday evening, October 16th, at St. John's Church, Marston Magna, Somerset, at the quarterly meeting of the Castle Cary Branch, 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung by: E. G. L. Coward 1, P. Hazzard 2, P. Rainey 3, H. Shute 4, F. A. Coward (conductor) 5, G. Bugby 6. This was the longest length by ringers of 3rd and tenor, who are local men.—Also 1<sup>st</sup> Plain Bob Doubles: P. Rainey 1, P. Hazzard 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, F. A. Coward 4, W. Shute (conductor) 5, G. Bugby 6. First in the method by ringers of treble and tenor.

At Horsington, Somerset, on Tuesday, October 19th, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Andrews 1, P. Hazzard 2, J. Ralph 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, L. Perrett 5, W. Shute (conductor) 6. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.—Also 360 in the same method: W. Shute 2, F. A. Coward (conductor) 6, remainder as before.

**ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR ESSEX.  
DUNMOW'S OCTAVE COMPLETED.**

Considerably over a hundred ringers accepted the invitation to the dedication and opening of the two new treble bells at Dunmow, on Sunday, October 31st. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Colchester in the presence of a very large congregation. Evensong was sung by the Vicar (Rev. W. J. House, D.D.).

Last year the old ring of six were rehung in a steel frame for eight. The two bells have now been given, the treble by the Baron Bell Trust and Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins in memory of an old parishioner of Dunmow, Mrs. Eliza Jane Lodge, inscribed: 'Benedicite omnia opera Domini'; and the second by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris, of Dunmow, inscribed: 'Sursum corda.'

Immediately after the dedication rounds were rung by the local company. The Bishop, in his address, referred to the fine example of the Dunmow ringers, who in their spare time last winter put in the new bell floor as a labour of love, and who this winter were going to put in a new clock floor.

The first touch on the bells was by a representative band from eight different parishes, who rang Double Norwich Court Bob Major in excellent style, conducted by Mr. W. Keeble, Kelvedon. Among these present were: Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. F. J. Pitslow (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. P. Taylor (Loughborough), Messrs. W. J. Nevad, F. Claydon, E. J. Butley, R. W. Stannard, H. Dew, C. Beeston (district officers), Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, W. Keeble, W. Elliott, L. W. and G. Wiffen, H. E. Hammond, A. Saunders, W. Duffield, W. H. Fussell, of Slough, and many other distinguished ringers. Touches were brought round in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise. The bells are a very melodious ring with a tenor of 21 cwt., and reflect great credit on Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have carried out the whole of the work in a very satisfactory manner. The bells are hung with ball bearings. The 'go' is perfect, and the tone was the admiration of all who heard them.

The visitors were entertained to tea by the Parochial Church Council and ringers.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Norton 1, H. W. Lidbetter 2, H. A. Harding 3, R. Thompson (conductor) 4, E. V. Beadle 5, W. H. Hollier 6, A. Harding 7, H. Sheard 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: G. Upshall 1, J. Rend 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 464 Bob Major, and a course of Stedman Triples, in which R. J. Hasted, of Havant, rang the 6th.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, November 7th (Armistice Sunday), at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. J. Saunders 1, S. Baker (Cheriton) 2, R. J. Birch (Hythe) 3, R. H. Stevens 4, H. Whitehead 5, G. Turner 6, C. R. Millway (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: Miss E. E. Hardecastle 1, J. Lee 2, R. Saunders 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, Miss R. G. Hawksworth 6, R. A. Fardon 7, W. Hart (Brighton) 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, E. C. Garrad (longest length on ten bells) 10.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. W. Faithfull (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 1, H. Payne 2, H. Badger (Eastleigh) 3, F. Mursell 4, F. Lambert (Chippenhams) 5, S. Procter (Grantham, Lincs) 6, F. Blondell 7, H. Nash 8. Arranged for Mr. Sidney Procter.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, November 7th, for 3 p.m. Remembrance Day service, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Rayner 1, A. Munkelw 2, P. O. A. Ockwell, R.N., 3, F. R. White 4, J. H. Champion 5, W. J. Walker 6, C. Belsey 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8.

DARLINGTON.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, October 31st, for the choir festival, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: A. Coates 1, F. W. Johnson, jun., 2, F. W. Johnson, sen., 3, F. Cooke 4, R. H. Johnson 5, Wm. Broadley (conductor) 6, H. Broadley 7, H. Taylor 8.

EDENBRIDGE.—On Sunday evening, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), having the 24 6-7's: E. Leigh, jun. (first quarter) 1, H. Leigh 2, W. Leigh, sen., 3, E. Collison 4, Er. Leigh 5, G. Malyon 6, J. Heasman (composer and conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING AT WARMINSTER.

The quarterly meeting of Devizes Branch, postponed from October, was held at Warminster on Saturday, November 6th, at the Minster Church of St. Deny, and was largely attended. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., and at 4.30 the Vicar (Rev. A. R. Beliers, M.A.) unveiled and dedicated a peal board, erected in the ringing chamber, recording five peals recently rung in the tower. The ceremony was to have been performed by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, or Stratton, Dorset), who, to the regret of all present, was prevented by illness from attending.

The usual Guild service followed in the church, and was conducted by the Vicar. At the subsequent tea in the Magnet Rooms, between 20 and 30 sat down, including the Vicar.

A short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes) presiding.

After a humorous speech by the chairman, five new practising members were elected, and the Rev. A. R. Beliers was elected an honorary member.

The chairman thanked the Vicar and the organist, and the Vicar, in a humorous speech, replied, saying how much he appreciated the work of the ringers, and how much he liked the singing during the service, especially the ringers' hymn.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where they were joined by Mr. J. T. Dyke (secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association) and Messrs. Ronald and Reginald Beck. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Ringers, including Mrs. Wills, of Warminster, and Miss N. Wilkins, of Bath, were present from Warminster; Mere, Buckhorn Weston, Trowbridge, Melksham, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Bratton and Rowde. The next meeting is to be held at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon.

The ringers of Warminster are to be congratulated on the erection of the peal board and improvements in the ringing chamber, also upon the advance they have made in change-ringing, altogether worthy of the fine church at Warminster.

This was a good meeting, and would, no doubt, have been more largely attended but for the inclement weather.

**NOTICE.**

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Nov. 20th. Service in church, addressed by the new Vicar. Tea at the Welcome Inn as usual. Business after. All friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis., Sec., Little Munden.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 25th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th (election night); St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, November 13th. The bells (8) will be at the disposal of ringers from 3.30 p.m. Tea 1/- per head. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. Cope, Shockington, Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at about 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 5, when the Bishop of Guildford will give the address. Tea at the Excelsior Hall, Upper High Street, to be followed by the annual business meeting. Chairman: W. Harrison, Esq. As there are some very important matters for discussion, it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' Baillie Road, Guildford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. — F. Bibby, Branch Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—A whist drive will be held in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 7.15 p.m. Tickets 1s. each. Plenty of prizes. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 6.45. All ringers welcome.—Fred Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Higo Halden on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1/-, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting is to be held at Crofton on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready 2 p.m. or earlier by request. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room 5 p.m., at a reasonable charge. Members directly affected by the strike are to be the guests of the Crofton company. The Vicar, Rev. — Brownrigg, will be pleased to meet a large gathering of members.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A special invitation meeting will be held at Lower Beeding (Plummers' Plain), near Horsham, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Plough Inn (by kind invitation of the Vicar) 4.45 p.m. Those who intend to be present must notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Nov. 16th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Dedication of recast and augmented peal of bells at Church Kirk will take place on Saturday, Nov. 20th, by Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A. (president, Lancashire Association). Service to commence at 3 p.m. Bells available afterwards until 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge for all who notify Mr. L. J. Williams, 58, York Street, Church, by Nov. 17th. All ringers welcome.—J. Watson, 48, Shearbank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at the church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar and chairman of the branch (Rev. F. H. V. Paton). All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kington on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) available 4 to 9. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea free to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, the 16th.—J. C. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district again will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Nov. 20th, owing to the very poor attendance. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. All ringers and friends heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m. The secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at this meeting. All ringers welcome. — F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting of this district will be held at King's Langley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. This tower is well served by both omnibus and train service. Please send word if you are coming by the previous Wednesday.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Braintree, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available: Braintree (8), Bocking (8). Short service 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow in School Hall, New Street. Tea will be provided by the Master of the Association to all who notify me not later than Thursday, Nov. 18th. Ringers from all districts will be welcomed. This meeting replaces the one arranged for Halstead, owing to the bells not being available there after 6.15 p.m.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, the 18th. Good bus service from Swindon.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Six new bells available from 2 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Cheap return fares by L.N.E. Railway and also buses. Visitors welcome. All those requiring tea, which will be served in the Schoolroom at 5 p.m., should notify E. H. Smith, 18, Station Street, Tuxford, Newark, not later than Wednesday, the 17th inst.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room 5.15 p.m. Will members make an effort to attend this meeting?—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells at liberty 4.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20th. St. Mary's, Putney, will be open from 4 to 5.30, and All Saints', Fulham, from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 'The Cosy Corner Café' at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 17th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 13th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at King's Arms Hotel. P.R.H.A. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (by kind invitation of the Vicar) for those notifying me before the 23rd inst.—B. J. Snow, 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting for this division will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. G. Green, Bell Street, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 1st?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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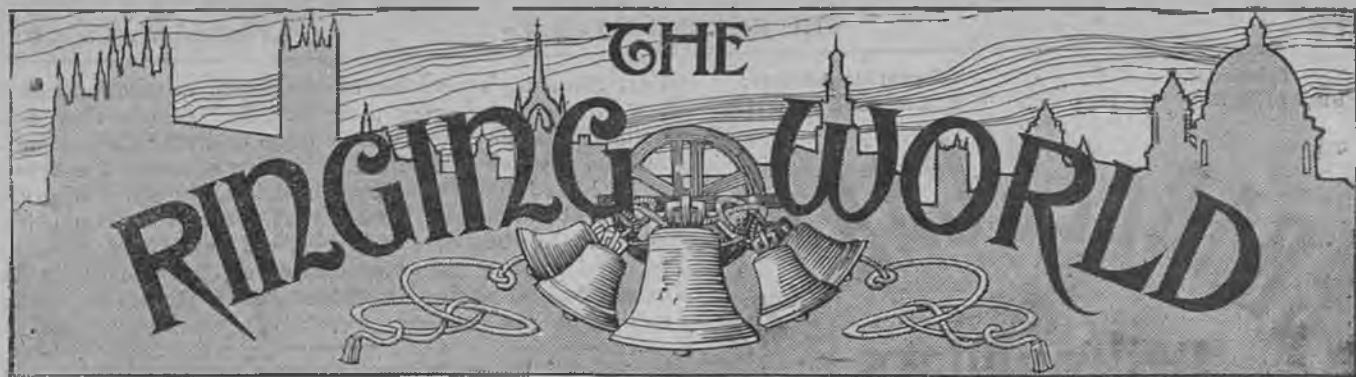
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The division of the Diocese of Winchester is likely to bring with it a partition of the Diocesan Guild, which has been in existence since the year 1879. The diocese at present covers Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands, and a considerable part of Surrey. The Diocesan Guild has been one of the best organised and most successful in the country. Now, however, the diocese is to be divided into three, and new sees are to be created, one centred on Portsmouth and the other on Guildford, and it is in the Guildford District that the desire is strong for a separate Diocesan Guild. The Guildford District has always been one of the strongest numerically in the Guild, and at the moment has over a hundred and sixty members and seventeen affiliated towers. Guildford District, however, by no means covers the whole of the proposed new diocese. The York Town District, with a hundred members and twelve affiliated towers, has up to the present been desirous of remaining with Winchester in a joint association. There are other towers in the north-east corner of the diocese which have never taken kindly to affiliation with Winchester, and, whatever happens elsewhere, their position is not likely to be affected.

The success of a separate Guildford Diocesan Guild, therefore, depends upon a uniting of the forces in the Guildford and York Town districts, and much will depend upon the attitude of the members of the latter at their annual meeting to-morrow. Co-operation between the two branches will smooth away many of the difficulties, and a Guild which could be assured at the outset of nearly thirty towers and over 250 members has great possibilities. But the task before the organisers of the proposed new Diocesan Guild is not an easy one, as those who know the special local circumstances fully realise. We believe, however, this much may be said. Whatever may be the feelings of the members of the remaining part of the Guild, if the towers in the new Guildford diocese can find unanimity and show a desire to work together in promoting the welfare of a new association, then, however much their departure may be regretted, they will begin their new career with the goodwill and the best wishes of those from whom they part company.

The Portsmouth Area has expressed its desire to remain in unity with the Winchester diocese, under an expanded title, just as Durham and Newcastle, Bath and Wells, Gloucester and Bristol, Llandaff and Glamorgan, have respectively remained united in ringing matters. They would like to see Guildford retaining its connection with the old organisation, and the Guild Committee were to report upon the subject at the next annual meeting.

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ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3	JOHN BRAGG ... .. 8
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. 4	JOHN NEAL ... .. 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung after the institution service, conducted by the Bishop of Birmingham, of the Rev. C. O. R. Wormald to the Rectory of Solihull. The new Rector met the band after the peal and warmly thanked them for ringing the peal in his honour.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MACHEN, MON.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY JONES ... .. Treble	A. E. SLATTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 2	GEORGE COOKE ... .. 6
EDWARD DARE ... .. 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 7
SINCLAIR ADDICOTT ... .. 4	JAMES HURFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

RISHTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

WILLIAM HINDLE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR LORD ... .. 5
ROLAND HALL ... .. 2	ALBERT YATES ... .. 6
FRED READ ... .. 3	JOHN HIRST ... .. 7
ARTHUR INGHAM ... .. 4	LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal on eight bells for ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. First in the method for ringer of the 4th. The conductor's 70th peal, and the quickest on the bells. Ringers of 1 and 4 from Church Kirk, remainder from Rishton.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 3/4 cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSWORTH ... .. Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
PETER CROOK ... .. 4	ARTHUR BURTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the above church. Being the 288th anniversary of the College Youths, it was fittingly rung by members of that society.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS WILCOCK ... .. Treble	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 5
*MRS. F. SEAGER ... .. 2	HARRY STOTT ... .. 6
HERBERT HAIGH ... .. 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 7
FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. 4	ARTHUR TROTTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

\* First peal inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. Kendall, daughter of the ringer of 5th, also as a centenary peal. First peal in the method by an entirely local company.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 1/2 cwt.

HARRY E. COX ... .. Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 6
WALTER T. BENNETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
JOSEPH WILLIAMS ... .. 4	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5
ALFRED W. WINCH ... .. 2	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 6
ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE A. COOK ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. DEAN.

Rung in honour of the installation of the Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Rowland Blades, Bart., M.P., of Grange Mount, Ashtead.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, October 13th, 720 Lancashire Surprise: A. E. Austin 1, Miss K. Willers 2, F. E. Haynes 3, W. A. Tack 4, E. H. Finch 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all and first attempt.

BEDWELLY, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (BEDWELLY GUILD.)

On Wednesday, November 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SANNANS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 6, 7, 8 covering. Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

THOMAS LEWIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM POWELL ... .. 5
LEONARD ROWLANDS ... .. 2	TIMOTHY POPNELL ... .. 6
MILWARD THOMAS ... .. 3	RUSSEL PHILLIPS ... .. 7
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 4	FRANK MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

First peal by all the band except the conductor, and first peal on the bells by a local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled in the memory of the late Bishop of St. David's, the Right Rev. John Owen, D.D., who was interred at Abergwelly the previous day.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 1/2 cwt.

*GEORGE E. BRADFORD ... Treble	ARTHUR H. FULWELL ... 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 6
A. MARK STACEY ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
DONALD HILL BROWN ... 4	*JOHN H. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of the treble, fourth, and tenor belong to the local band. First peal on the bells since returning and rehangings. Rung to celebrate the granting of the charter of incorporation and the inauguration of the first borough council.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE WRIGHT ... .. Treble	*STANLEY SMITH ... .. 5
FREDERICK ROBSON ... .. 2	†WILLIAM CHAMPION ... .. 6
†SIDNEY BREEZE ... .. 3	ERNEST BURNETT ... .. 7
JAMES HALL ... .. 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BURNETT.

\* First peal. † First on an inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

LT. WM. A. COOKE, R.N. Treble	*JOHN H. CHAMPION ... .. 5
*ALBERT MANKTELOW ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
†WILLIAM SEAGER ... .. 3	CHARLES BELSEY ... .. 7
*FRANCIS R. WHITE, B.A. ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal on the bells by a local Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled for Armistice anniversary.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 1/2 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK JENNINGS ... .. Treble	ALFRED W. TRAPPIE ... .. 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Cambridge as conductor. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. Rung as a 22nd birthday compliment to C. W. Roberts.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. Treble	*LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... .. 5
*ALFRED BARRETT ... .. 2	*GEORGE WEST ... .. 6
*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 3	FREDRICK BAILEY ... .. 7
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... .. 4	EDWARD E. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. Rung after meeting one short for Royal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*HARRY BADGER ... .. Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 5
*OWEN H. GILES ... .. 2	REGINALD BROWN ... .. 6
FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTSLOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Superlative. Rung to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ... .. 5
ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... .. 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 3	HORACE BELCHER ... .. 7
MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH ... .. 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. FARDON.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung on the eighth anniversary of Armistice Day.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JACK BAILEY ... .. Treble	MARK BARKER ... .. 5
JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 2	CYRIL J. JENNINGS ... .. 6
JOSEPH LORD ... .. 3	CYRIL E. PORTER ... .. 7
HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 4	JAMES STEVENS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. LORD.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET, W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 6
HARRY DYAS ... .. 3	HARRY MANCE ... .. 7
LESTER A. GRAY ... .. 4	*ERNEST J. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled on Armistice Day in honour of the glorious dead.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED BATTEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. TICKNER ... .. 5
MRS. HARRY BAKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 6
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 3	HARRY BAKER ... .. 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 4	ALFRED G. BLACKMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. Batten taking the vacant rope. It was his first peal away from the tenor. Rung half-muffled in honour of those who fell in the Great War.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN WEADON ... .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 4	RICHARD A. JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

The North Kent contingent wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Weadon for their kind hospitality.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION (ADAPTED).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. Treble	JOHN HAYES ... .. 5
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	GEORGE K. JONES ... .. 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4	SAMUEL MEADOWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER, SEN.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Treble	ALD. J. S. PRITCHETT ... .. 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	JOHN JAGGAR ... .. 6
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 7
ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 4	REUBEN HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung at the third attempt by eight old ringing friends to commemorate the dedication of the stained-glass window to the memory of William Rock Small.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ROBERT W. E. DAWE ... .. 2	JAMES A. HART ... .. 6
ARTHUR GOWER ... .. 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 7
GEORGE PIPER ... .. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

**G. & F. COPE & CO., NOTTINGHAM,**  
**TOWER CLOCK MANUFACTURERS.**  
 ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW CLOCKS, CHIME ADDITIONS, REPAIRS,  
 OR REPAINTING OF DIALS.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. 5
GEORGE H. ARCHARD ... .. 2	FRED LAMBETH ... .. 6
ERNEST TRUMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 7
EDWARD PERRY ... .. 4	WILFRED WATERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. G. H. Archard kindly taking the delinquent's place at the last minute. Mr. E. Perry was made a life member previous to starting.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON ... .. 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... .. 2	CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 7
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. 4	G. LEONARD HEWITT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENBURST.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Great War.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	* WILLIAM BEDDARD ... .. 5
WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 2	JOSEPH H. COX ... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
JOHN BASS ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

\* First peal on an inside bell in any method. This was the quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... .. 5
HENRY A. BARNETT ... .. 2	CHARLES A. BOTTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... .. 3	HARRY TURNER ... .. 7
MISS PHOEBE UPSHER ... .. 4	EBENEZER A. HULL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth, sixth and seventh.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 1/2 cwt.

LEWIS BYRAM ... .. Treble	WALTER N. ASHEY ... .. 5
CHARLES H. CRAVEN ... .. 2	JAMES E. CARTER ... .. 6
SAMUEL WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	HARRY HOYLE ... .. 7
JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was the first attempt for a peal by Messrs. Byram, Whitehead and Hoyle, who belong to the local band, their longest length previously having been 640 changes, and great credit is due to them for the spirited way in which they rang their bells and finished their first peals.

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

* WALTER CLARKE ... .. Treble	GEORGE FLINTHAM ... .. 5
* HERBERT KNOTT ... .. 2	GEORGE CHESTER ... .. 6
JOSEPH W. ASH ... .. 3	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 7
* TOM KENT ... .. 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. R. BORRETT ... .. Treble	CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 5
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 3	* JOHN SNELLING ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4	CHARLES ROOPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for London.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. POULSON ... .. 2	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... .. 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... .. 7
FREDERICK L. LEERS ... .. 4	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS

Rung with fully muffled clappers in memory of those men and women of the British Empire who fell in the Great War.

WYARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. S. Bird, vice-president of the association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURWARTON, BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With twelve different callings.

P. NASH ... .. Treble	WM. MAPF ... .. 4
J. HARDWICK ... .. 2	WM. R. NASH ... .. 5
WM. J. BENIAMS ... .. 3	A. NASON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Mary to Burwarton. Ringers of the treble, 2nd and 4th were elected members of the association prior to starting.

STOKE DAMEREL, DEVON.—On Thursday, November 4th, at the Parish Church, in 24 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. O. Fook (first in the method) 1, C. R. Lilley 2, W. Rundle (conductor) 3, W. A. Wonnacott 4, W. G. Hiscott 5, T. G. Myers 6. First 720 in the method as conductor.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.  
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. Treble | \*JOHN KING ... .. 3  
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 2 | GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 4  
\*FREDERICK J. TITR ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court, and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.  
ERIC WADMAN ... .. Treble | HERBERT W. PEARCE ... .. 4  
REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 2 | RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5  
FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... .. 3 | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by R. G. BECK.

Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.  
HUGH STEVENSON ... .. Treble | HERBERT C. ALBROW ... .. 4  
EDWARD C. HARTLEY ... .. 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5  
THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... .. 3 | WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar. Quickest peal on the bells.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.  
HORACE M. DAY ... .. Treble | JOSEPH LONDON ... .. 4  
GEORGE LADD ... .. 2 | JOHN CURRY ... .. 5  
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 3 | GEORGE H. WELLS ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by H. M. DAY.

WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES. 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK GARLAND ... .. Treble | GEORGE LATHAM ... .. 4  
EDWARD RISBY ... .. 2 | BASIL LATHAM ... .. 5  
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 3 | LELIE BARY ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by GEORGE LATHAM.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of Canterbury and Stedman, ten of Grand-sire, and eight each of Plain Bob and Oxford Singles. Tenor 10 cwt.  
REV. A. C. MOULE ... .. Treble | KITTY WILLERS ... .. 3  
\*JACK HARPER ... .. 2 | ARTHUR WILSON ... .. 4  
FRANK HAYNES ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by KITTY WILLERS.

\* First peal inside. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the men who fell in the war, also as a token of respect to Miss Chaplin, a greatly loved member of the congregation, who was interred on the above date. All the band are Sunday Service ringers at Trumpington.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 18 of Grandsire, 30 callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.  
\*JOHN BOURNE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... .. 4  
THOMAS H. TAYSON ... .. 2 | JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5  
JOSEPH W. RUSHTON ... .. 3 | \*WILLIAM E. DAVIES ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung to commemorate the Festival of All Saints.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

\*BERTRAM LUCK ... .. Treble | ALBERT RELFE ... .. 4  
GEORGE FULLER ... .. 2 | ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 5  
WALTER MARSHALL ... .. 3 | HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... .. Tenor  
Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by H. J. HAMMOND

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Irene Pratt, of Bayham, Lamberhurst, to the Hon. Archibald Cubitt, of London, which took place on the above date at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.  
FREDERICK BANTON ... .. Treble | WILLIAM DEAN ... .. 4  
\*THOMAS BIRCH ... .. 2 | JAMES MARTIN ... .. 5  
FREDERICK C. AMOS ... .. 3 | JOHN COOKE ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by J. COOKE.

\* First peal away from the treble and first 720 of London. First 720 of York and Beverley for the ringer of the 3rd, and first peal to include four Surprise methods by all except the ringer of the 5th. Rung with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of Armistice Day.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Six-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).  
HUGH BELL ... .. Treble | \*FREDK. W. HERBERT ... .. 4  
CECIL CLARKE ... .. 2 | RICHARD MODNT ... .. 5  
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3 | ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor and first peal since 1913. First peal by the ringers of the treble and 2nd, who are members of the local band. First peal on the bells, four of which date from 1630. The ringers wish sincerely to thank the Rector, Rev. W. R. Finch, for the kind way in which he entertained the whole band to tea at the Rectory at the conclusion of the peal.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.  
FRED PARR ... .. Treble | GEORGE BURNHAM ... .. 4  
HARRY GREAVES ... .. 2 | W. H. TURTON ... .. 5  
FRED HALL ... .. 3 | CHARLES SEVERN ... .. Tenor  
Arranged and Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

The first peal of Cambridge Minor by the above societies. Rung on the thirty-third anniversary of the first peal of Surprise Minor by the Killamarsh company. It is the first time that the above arrangement has been rung to a peal of Cambridge Minor.

**DEATH OF AN OLDSWINFORD RINGER.**

The death took place on Friday, November 5th, of Mr. William Alfred Pugh, of 165, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, following a protracted illness. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family of two daughters and a son. Mr. Pugh was the second son of the late Mr. William Pugh, a ringer of fifty years ago, and he also was one of four brothers who became campanologists, and only one of whom, Mr. Walter Pugh, of Cradley, now survives. A sister with her four brothers used to complete the party of the Pugh family of handbell ringers who were associated with St. Thomas' parish, and performed at most of the social gatherings which were held forty years ago. The late Mr. W. A. Pugh, who was 69 years old, made a study of change ringing, and had taken part in a number of peals both for the Worcestershire Association and the Dudley and District Guild, of which he was a member. For a number of years he was towerkeeper at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, a position his father used to hold, since when he has been a member of the Oldswinford St. Mary's band. The deceased gentleman was an old Volunteer, having joined the former 'D' Company (Wordsley) of the 1st South Staffs Volunteer Battalion in the year 1883. Mr. Pugh was well known and respected, and a large circle of friends will hear with regret of his passing.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, November 9th, at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. H. H. Williams (Rector) conducting the last rites. The mourners were Mr. W. Pugh (son), Mr. N. Rowley (son-in-law), Mr. Walter Pugh (brother), and Mr. C. Baggott (brother-in-law). The following ringers acted as bearers: Messrs. J. Orford, A. J. Skelding, J. Goodman, Geo. Rowley, Percy Pope and A. Smith. Mr. A. J. Skelding (secretary of the Northern Branch) represented the Worcester Association, and Messrs. J. Goodman and G. Rowley the Dudley and District Guild. Amongst those present were: Messrs. Geo. H. Pagett (Stourbridge), Thomas Heathcock (Oldswinford) and C. W. Cooper (Lyc).

There were a number of beautiful floral tributes, including one each from the Oldswinford band, and Stourbridge St. Thomas' band of ringers, and one from Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodman, sen. and jun., of Dudley.

In the evening the following members rang a touch of Grandsire Triples (1,344 changes) at St. Mary's Church, Oldswinford, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to an old ringing comrade: Sidney Yeaton 1, David Heathcock 2, John Bass 3, Robert Matthews 4, Percy Pope 5, Wm. Gibbs 6, J. Goodman, jun., 7, Thos. Whitehouse 8.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.**—On Tuesday, November 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: B. Gillatt 1, J. Coles 2, Mrs. J. Bray 3, B. Bray 4, G. Hobbins 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob for ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, November 14th, at St. Leonard's Church, for evensong (1,260 Grandsire Triples): H. W. Smith 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, J. Lee 3, W. E. G. Hewson 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, C. F. Winney 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

**EXETER.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on November 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, R. J. Davey 3, J. Hosgood 4, T. J. Stokes 5, A. H. Goad 6, C. Routley 7, W. J. Bailey 8.

**FULHAM.**—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, November 14th, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Folkard 1, A. Coles 2, W. H. Hollier 3, R. C. Pridgeon 4, A. Cutmors 5, D. Stevens 6, H. Belcher 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, H. Page 10.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, November 7th, for morning service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. Brown 1, E. Morey 2, C. Barnes 3, F. Parsons 4, G. Tyler 5, F. Cruttenden 6, A. E. Baker (first quarter as conductor) 7, G. Payne 8.

**PENNY STRATFORD.**—At St. Martin's Church, for Armistice Sunday, with the bells fully muffled, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Grove 1, D. Hurst 2, F. Vickers 3, F. Rowe 4, A. B. Corden 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6.—Also for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Vickers 1, D. Hurst 2, G. Grove 3, F. Rowe 4, A. B. Corden 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6.

**TAUNTON.**—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Sunday, November 7th, for evening service, ten courses of Stedman Cinques (1,311 changes) in 57 mins.: W. D. White 1, H. Creed 2, F. Chedgoy 3, E. Lloyd 4, W. Chaplin 5, J. Burge 6, A. Wyatt 7, S. Wyatt 8, W. Lloyd 9, F. Sadd 10, E. Wyatt 11, J. Fowler 12.

**PONTEFRAC.**—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): A. Walker, sen., 1, A. Fox 2, J. Ager 3, W. Fox 4, J. H. Lenton 5, W. Senior 6, H. C. Walters (conductor) 7, T. Holder 8, V. Applegate 9, A. Walker, jun., 10.

**SOUTHWELL.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, October 10th, for parish evensong, 1,296 Stedman Triples by the following: E. H. Clulow 1, A. J. Chamberlain 2, G. E. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, H. F. Clulow 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, E. Foster 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 3.—On Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Foster 1, E. H. Clulow 2, G. E. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, H. F. Clulow 5, E. Foster 6, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Milner, of Kirklington, father of one of the Cathedral ringers.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., have just fixed a new chiming clock at the Parish Church, Lydeard St. Lawrence, Somerset. They have also added Cambridge chimes to the clock at Wrenbury Parish Church, Cheshire, and also reconstructed the clock and added Westminster chimes at St. Mary's Church, Finedon, Northants.

Our bell-hanging has come, apparently, to a pretty pass. The big firms are doing their work too well.

At one Lancashire tower, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. hung the bells on ball bearings, a request was made by some well-known ringers for the use of the bells for a peal. The reply was to the effect that the bells were now so delicately hung that there might be some damage done unless the ringers were accustomed to them, therefore the request was refused!

Another interesting point for the consideration of the bell founders has just been brought to the front. At a certain Hampshire tower, a local ringer was being congratulated upon the excellent new peal that had been installed, when he rather surprised the gentleman offering congratulations by saying he didn't like them as well as the old bells (a very indifferent lot).

When asked what was the matter, he replied that the bells were too 'tinny.' 'Why,' he said, 'when you stand outside the tower you can hear the tin in them!' (Collapse of the gentleman with the congratulations.)

They are still laughing in a certain northern city at the ringer who forgot to put his clock back at the beginning of October and turned up to ring an hour before time.

William Walker 'designed and called' a peal of 5,040 Bob Major Triples rung on November 22nd, 1721, at Mortlake, Surrey. The old board records that it was the third time this peal (meaning, presumably, the method) was ever rung. William Walker rang peals more than twenty years later at Richmond, and it was probably his son of the same name who took part in '5,040 Grandsire Trebbles Double' at Richmond in 1767, and '10,640 Bob Majors' at Mortlake in 1776.

The first silent peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Burton-on-Trent on November 20th, 1886. The band contained some famous names—C. H. Hattersley, J. Carter, H. Bastable, J. Griffin, S. Reeves, W. Wakley, J. Jagger, and A. Thomas.

One of the earliest 'family' peals was rung at Soham on November 20th, 1809, when eight Tebbits rang 5,208 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques on the present twelve at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was rung on November 23rd, 1775.

On the same day in 1732, the Society of City Scholars, long since defunct, rang a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate.

The Eastern Scholars scored a 15,120 Bob Major at West Ham, in 8 hours 40 minutes, on November 25th, 1737. At that time it was, of course, the longest peal ever rung.

For the benefit of Miss Shade, sister of the late Mr. I. G. Shade, and who was for many years housekeeper to this well-known ringer, a set of sixteen handbells is to be disposed of in a competition, among those who subscribe a shilling each. Single tickets or books of ten can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' office, and the Editor will be glad to receive the assistance of anyone who can distribute them.

## THE LONDON SURPRISE RECORD.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BE MADE.

All being well, another attempt to ring the 14,144 London Surprise Major will be made at Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday, November 27th, starting at 10.30 a.m. The band will be as on the previous occasion, when the peal was lost after seven hours' ringing.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The late Mr. W. L. Catchpole gave me the figures of Superlative Maximus, as printed by Mr. Geo. Baker, before 1912, although I cannot say the exact date, and I was always under the impression that he had produced them long before that. However, the extension is quite a natural one, and anyone attempting to extend the method to twelve could hardly get anything else. This being so, and in the face of so many different persons obtaining the same thing independently, it can scarcely be claimed by anyone as his discovery.—Yours truly,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

## TOWER THAT CRACKED NUTS.

The members of the Port of Bristol Authority Staff Association and their friends paid a visit to Temple Church recently, under the leadership of Canon Welchman, who gave the party an interesting description of the church, and subsequently showed them round the building. Queen Elizabeth, he said, was very interested in this church when visiting Bristol, and, after returning to London, sent the Duke of Norfolk to see whether it was true that people cracked nuts between the tower and the walls when the bells were rung. The Duke paid the visit, and saw the thing actually done.



## THE DIVISION OF WINCHESTER DIOCESE

### A NEW GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD DECIDED UPON.

An important decision was taken on Saturday at the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, when it was resolved to inaugurate a separate Guild of ringers for the new diocese of Guildford when it is finally formed.

Despite a dreaching afternoon, the meeting was attended by representatives of most of the affiliated towers in the district, there being nearly 70 members present. Mr. W. Harrison, an honorary member, presided, and he was supported by Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Admiral T. P. Walker, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. E. Raddon (hon. secretary of the district), and Mr. C. Hazelden (district Ringing Master).

Although coming last on the agenda, the matter provoked a long and animated discussion.

### THE ALTERNATIVES.

The Chairman said they had to consider whether it was desirable to form a Guildford Diocesan Guild, when the diocese was formed, or whether they would continue with the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth under a new title. He did not think it was at all possible for the new diocese to be formed before next St. Swinlun's Day, which was July 15th. He understood they were holding the annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in Guildford some time before that date, so that he did not think it was at all incumbent upon them, unless they desired to do so, to take a binding vote that evening.

Mr. R. Whittington thereupon moved 'that on the creation of the Guildford diocese, a Guildford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers be formed, to take effect at the first annual meeting after the actual creation of the diocese.—Mr. S. Radford seconded. No speeches were made by either the proposer or seconder, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved as an amendment: 'That this meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers is of opinion that a division of the diocese does not make desirable at present a division of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and recommends that it be continued as a united body under a title to be hereafter decided upon.' He said that while he agreed that ultimately a Guildford Diocesan Guild would become desirable, there was at present within the area too great a divergence of opinion on the subject, and they should wait until, by propaganda or otherwise, a greater unanimity prevailed. He pointed out that two years ago the York Town District, which would also come into the new diocese, had expressed an opinion against dividing from the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and they had also to recollect that a number of towers in the Leatherhead district were standing aloof. It would be better, he urged, to wait for a separate Guild, until they could be sure of bringing in the majority of the towers in the diocese, instead of running the risk of virtual failure by starting with a divided camp.

Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded the amendment. He said it would be a different matter if they could persuade the clergy to induce their ringers to come into the Guild, but they knew that the Surrey Association was doing good work in the county, that towers in the Leatherhead District preferred the Surrey Association to the Winchester Guild, while in the York Town District there was also a branch of the county organisation. York Town District was strongly in favour of staying with the Winchester Guild, and it was possible, if a change was forced, some of the towers would go over to the Surrey Association. He agreed with the opinion that they should wait until the new Bishop was appointed. If he wanted to have the ringers of the diocese under his own wing it would then be time to go on.

### IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF RINGING.

Mr. J. J. Jones (who for many years was secretary of the Guildford District) said when the district was first formed they were told that they would be able to do nothing; and they did nothing for nearly six weeks (laughter), and then the towers came rolling in. The Guildford District had not only paid its way but had paid part of the expenses of the rest of the Guild. Since the year 1904 it had paid something like £200 to the central fund of the Guild, and if only half that sum had been spent in that district they would have 'roped in' all the six-bell towers, with a corresponding increase in the subscriptions. If they had no more new members, they would have 131 in that district alone to start the Guild with. When the Winchester Guild was started there were only 35 members. He believed a separate Guild would be in the best interest of ringing. If it was good for Church life to have a new diocese, it was good for bell ringing. If they could have a meeting once a month, they would keep their towers in better touch with the Guild and get more and better Sunday ringing. The time to start the new Guild was at the division of the diocese, so that they might catch the wave of enthusiasm which would inevitably arise.

Mr. W. Melville said when the new Bishop began to get his organisations together he would not be satisfied unless all the branches of Church work were diocesan in character. In the branch in which they were interested they had got plenty of enthusiasm as long as somebody else did the work (laughter). That branch would never be what it ought to be until everybody that was skilled in ringing put his shoulder to the wheel. He believed that if they formed a Guildford Diocesan Guild, starting with small things, in another ten years practically the whole of the towers in the Guildford Diocese would come into the Guild. If they formed the Guild they would have to find officers somewhere, and unless people were willing to do the work they would not get very far.

### A COMPACT DIOCESE.

The Chairman pointed out that the proposed new diocese would be singularly fortunate in being such a compact area, and he could see no logical reason why the towers in the York Town area could object to coming into a Diocesan Guild. If it was for the best interests of ringing that a separate Guild should be formed, they could not take notice of those who would not listen to reason. There was a desire to-day on the part of incumbents to do what had long been necessary—to recognise bell ringing as an integral part of church work. How much easier it would be to band together in good fellowship in the new Guildford Diocese with its 142 parishes, compared with the present large diocese of Winchester. In a Guildford Diocesan Guild they would be brought much more closely in touch with each other.

Mr. G. Pullinger said the reason why the York Town District was not in favour of a Guild for the diocese of Guildford was that they did not think it would succeed at present. He had studied the question, and he thought the chances were all against it succeeding at present. Personally he would like to see the Guild carried on as it now was, with perhaps a reorganisation, and he suggested that in each of the dioceses a sub-committee should be formed with the object of fostering and developing the diocesan spirit among the ringers, so that when the position was favourable separate Guilds could be formed. He urged the members to approach the question cautiously and not be in too much haste.

Mr. C. Hazelden said nearly fifty years ago the Winchester Guild was formed by a little band of men who were of good spirit and had plenty of courage and faith. With these characteristics he urged the members to go forward with the formation of a Guild for the Guildford diocese. He was quite aware of the difficulties and that certain border towers might be tempted to remain outside, particularly if the threat were carried out to form a Hampshire County Association. He was aware also of the opposition in the York Town District and of the activity of the Surrey Association, and while some of the opposition might not be overcome in their lifetime, there were generations yet unborn, to whom Winchester would be but an historic fact. Their lives would centre in the diocese of Guildford.

Mr. Whittington said he loved the Winchester Guild and everything connected with it, but when the ecclesiastical authorities decided that a new diocese should be formed, he wanted to follow suit and have a new diocesan Guild. If they were on the wrong track in splitting the Guild, then those who decided on the splitting of the diocese were also on the wrong track. Everything connected with the Church was becoming more and more diocesan in character, and, although there were suggestions that county associations might be formed, county associations could not possibly be of the same standard as diocesan associations. He was prepared to admit that they would have sentiment and prejudice to deal with, but it would gradually wear out. If they did not start the new diocesan Guild now, the time would come when they would have to, and he was in favour of taking the bull by the horns. Mr. Pullinger had said it could never be a success. He would like to ask him if the Guildford District was not a success?

Mr. Pullinger: Certainly it is.

Mr. Whittington: Then why should not a Guildford Diocesan Guild be a success?

Mr. Pullinger: Because the Guildford District does not cover the diocese.

### WHEN BUCKS WAS IN THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN.

Canon Coleridge, pressed for his views as an 'outsider,' said he was reluctant to intervene, as he was not in the diocese of Winchester. The diocese of Oxford, to which he belonged, at present consisted of three counties and was bigger than the diocese of Winchester. It had 653 parishes. In 1836, Berkshire belonged to the diocese of Salisbury. In 1845, and before, Buckinghamshire belonged to the diocese of Lincoln, and if there had been diocesan ringing Guilds in those days he did not think Berkshire would have remained with the Salisbury Guild or Bucks with the Lincoln Guild when they were formed into a new diocese. He had no doubt whatever that when Guildford got its new Bishop he would want to get into touch with the associations of all kinds in the diocese, and he would like to feel he had under him a body of men like the ringers. He (the speaker) had not the slightest doubt in his own mind that it would be a very wise thing indeed to have a Guildford Diocesan Guild of Ringers co-terminus with the diocese of Guildford. They would be a compact body, and when they got things into a small compact body they expanded and went on well, but he would urge them, if he might, not to be in too great a hurry. Let them wait and see. When their new Bishop came they would see exactly how the land lay and would be able to make a very sound nucleus for a diocesan Guild.

After some further discussion, the amendment was put and defeated by a large majority, and the original resolution was carried nem. con.

Mr. Goldsmith pointed out that having taken this step the meeting could not let the matter rest where it was. Those who had opposed immediate action would loyally support the decision of the majority, and he urged them, having embarked upon the scheme, to do the job properly. Their first aim ought to be to gain the support of the York Town District, and he suggested the appointment of a small delegation to attend the annual meeting of the York Town District on the following Saturday to lay the Guildford District's views before members there.

This was agreed to and a delegation appointed. A sub-committee was also appointed, with power to add to their number, to carry on any negotiations that might be necessary and to develop a scheme for the formation of the new Guild, which is to take effect from November next.

## A HEALTHY DISTRICT.

Prior to the discussion, the customary business of the branch was transacted.

The hon. secretary's report showed the district had maintained its strength and now comprised 21 honorary members, 131 full members, 10 probationers, and four compounding members. There was a balance in hand of £8 8s. 8d. Subscriptions had amounted to £19 11s., and the expenditure to £12.

The Ringing Master reported 18 peals, distributed among ten towers, rung since the last meeting. This was a lower total than in 1925, but he did not think the falling-off was greater than the average had been throughout the country. A feature of the work during the year had been the visits to outlying six-bell towers, twelve of which had been visited and help given to the local bands. This work it was hoped to continue during the coming year. The Ringing Master pointed out that it was becoming more and more customary in churches for the interval between the celebration of Holy Eucharist and the morning service on Sundays to be reduced to such an extent that ringing was not possible. Where that was the case he hoped bands would meet to ring for the Eucharist.

The reports of the Secretary and Ringing Master were adopted and the district officers re-elected en bloc, as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. E. Raddon; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Hazelden; representatives on the Guild Central Committee, Messrs. Whittington and Jones. Thirteen new members were elected, including the whole of the band at Blackmoor.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

In the afternoon, the Guild's form of service was conducted in Holy Trinity Church by the Rector (Rev. Canon E. C. Kirwan), and an address given by the Bishop of Guildford, who referred to opportunities which ringers had of service to God by the exercise of body, mind and soul, a combination of effort which few, if any, others were called upon to exert in the work they did in connection with the Church.

The Bishop and the Rector, through Canon Coleridge, sent their regrets at being unable to attend the subsequent tea and meeting, but they were heartily thanked for their respective parts in the service.

Owing to the fact that on that afternoon the funeral took place of the Vicar of one of the Guildford parishes, no general ringing was possible, only a half-muffled touch of Stedman Triples being rung for the service. As the ringers assembled, however, they were enabled to find kindly shelter from the rain through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Pulling, who were warmly thanked for their courtesy and consideration. But for this many visitors would have had to spend the afternoon in the rain-drenched streets.

## PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT FAVOUR A UNITED GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Havant on Saturday last, when the attendance was somewhat spoilt by the weather. Heavy rain fell continuously throughout the afternoon, but about twenty or more members put in an appearance, and the peal of eight were kept going in various methods until the service. This was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. N. Rodgers), and the Guild's form was used.

The members then adjourned to tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector, who was voted to the chair at the business meeting which followed. At the outset he referred to the unavoidable absence of the secretary, who had unfortunately met with an accident the previous week, and the meeting wished him a speedy recovery.

The balance sheet showed receipts £17 5s., expenditure (including instruction at Havant, Bramshott and Netley) £9 3s. 3d., leaving a balance to the Guild treasurer of £8 1s. 9d. This was adopted by the meeting, together with the secretary's report for the year. Compared with the previous year, there had been an increase of eight hon. members, 17 full members, 15 probationers and three towers in union. Messrs. E. Hedger (Havant) and C. Shepherd and J. Cassidy (St. Thomas, Portsmouth), were elected full members, and Comd. Boyd-Richardson and Mr. Dymak White, honorary members subject to their approval.

The district officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: Chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; auditor, Mr. H. J. Reynolds; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. F. A. Burnett and R. J. Stone.

On the question of the division of the diocese, the meeting endorsed the resolution adopted by the Winchester District on the previous Saturday—that the Guild continue as hitherto; and also that, if the new diocese of Guildford should wish to have its own Guild, the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth remain in unity for association purposes.

On the subject of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's draft for the revision of the rules, it was thought better to refer them to the committee meeting to be held at Winchester in February, the representatives having a free hand in the matter.

It was decided to hold the pre-Lent meeting at Netley, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and kindly providing the tea, and to the organist. To this the Rector responded, saying how much pleasure it was to him to meet them, and also that he would be pleased to entertain them when they again came to Havant.

During the day, members were present from Bramshott, Havant, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Swanmore; also the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and Mr. R. Hasted (Parnham).

## BROADCASTING.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I was very pleased to see that Mr. T. Groombridge has raised the subject of broadcast ringing, which the B.B.C. has been transmitting for the last two Sunday evenings. It was, as he writes, an act of discourtesy on their part to those who have undertaken the ringing on these occasions that their efforts should be drowned by the announcer, who is reading off the whole form of service which is to follow when the complete details are printed in their own organ. Although we read that almost superhuman efforts were required to ring the back bells at Bow, yet we were treated to about four leads of Double Norwich. The same thing happened last Sunday, when we heard about half a dozen sixes of Stedman Cinques.

I might add that I have also written the B.B.C. about this unsatisfactory state of affairs, but they take little or no notice, and simply 'hope that I may enjoy their programmes in the future.' It seems a pity that when there are 15 minutes allotted to St. Martin-in-the-Fields once a month we have to listen to chiming some changes where one bell may be struck twice or even three times in the same change and a few hymn tunes. Perhaps some satisfaction may be secured if the Central Council appointed a deputation to interview the B.B.C. on this subject.—Yours truly,

F. W. ROGERS.

## Portsmouth.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, also took the matter up with the B.B.C., who replied that if the announcements were not superimposed it would mean that less bell ringing would be possible. 'There is the option of having the announcement without the bells (and less bells) or the announcement with a faint background of bells. We feel that the spoken words should not affect the enjoyment of the bells, and that that method is preferable to the suggested alteration.'

Mr. W. Keeble writes that he thinks more good would be done if societies and associations take the matter up with the B.B.C., rather than that individual members should do so.

Members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will broadcast from Bow, Cheapside, on Sunday evening, at 6 p.m. Eight bells have been asked for as being better for the general public. The method will, therefore, probably be Bristol Surprise.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at the six-bell tower of Barcombe, on Saturday, November 6th. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and at 3.45 a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Farrar, M.A.), who gave a very interesting address. The Rector of Southover (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, M.A.) also took part in the service and read the lesson.

At the invitation of the Rector of Barcombe, those present, numbering about 27, proceeded to the Rectory, where tea had been prepared in a most liberal manner.

The usual business meeting which followed, with the Rector presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman), was mostly of a routine nature.

The following new members were elected: A. E. Awcock, E. C. Langdrige (Turner's Hill), Charles H. Surrige (Crawley).

The election of the following non-resident members was confirmed: W. L. Gofton (Monkseaton), R. V. Joluson (Handcross), James Batters (Mersham), F. A. Mitchell (Gravesend, Kent), A. J. Hughes (Rhyl, N. Wales), F. E. Collins (South Norwood), Daniel Cooper (Croydon), Chas. H. Kippin (Beddington), John F. Galyer (Carsialton), James Bennett (Heane Hill), and Miss Florrie Wyman.

The Master informed the meeting of the loss Mr. O. Sippetts had sustained, on November 6th, by the death of his father, and the hon. secretary was instructed to forward a letter of condolence. The late Mr. Sippetts had been a member of the Crawley Branch of the association until two or three years ago, when ill-health caused him to give up ringing.

On the motion of the Master, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service and address in church, and the warm-hearted welcome he had extended to the meeting, coupled with an expression of appreciation of the part taken by the organist and other local friends in promoting the success of the proceedings, and this being acknowledged by the Rector the meeting terminated.

Ringing was again resumed and continued until about 7.30, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London and Cambridge Surprise.

The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), East Grinstead, Lewes (Southover), Pevensey, Seaford, Uckfield, Waldron, and the local branch.

## MASONIC HONOUR FOR A NORTHUMBRIAN RINGER.

At the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, Bro. William Story was installed as Junior Grand Warden of the Province. This preferment was unique in that Mr. Story is the present reigning Master of his lodge, Hotspur, 1626, and it is an honour very rarely conferred until several years have elapsed after filling the chair.

Mr. Story's long services to ringing in the northern dioceses are well known.

**DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN EXETER RINGER**

**MR. JAMES MOSS'S LONG CONNECTION WITH RINGING.**  
A link with the past generation in Exeter ringing circles has been broken by the death of James Moss, which took place on November 11th at the ripe age of 78.

He commenced his ringing career at St. Thomas' in 1860, when quite a lad, and was initiated a member of the Cathedral band on June 27th, 1866, and so continued up to September last. He was elected a member of the Devon Guild in 1884, and rang his first peal at Honiton Clist on April 14th of that year. He was also a member of St. David's and St. Sidwell's bands, and rarely failed to attend the ringing at both towers every Sunday, as well as the week-night practices. His record of peals was 71, made up of Grandsire Triples 55, Grandsire Caters 9, Stedman Triples 5, Stedman Caters 1, and Bob Major 1.

He took part in the muffled peal for the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe in 1885, in the Victoria Jubilee peal in 1887, in the first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters in Exeter, was umpire for the non-conducted peal at St. David's in 1906, and rang the treble to the peal on the minor eight at the Cathedral in 1908, his last peal being at St. Thomas' in October, 1924.

Before joining the Guild, he was an ardent round ringer, and took part in many prize-ringing contests in different parts of Devon, acting as judge at a meeting at Crediton in 1882. He was a friend of the late Mr. Mallett, with whom he used to visit Alphington tower, and by whose persuasion he became a member of the Guild. Possessed of a keen ear, and stoutly built, he was generally on the heavy end, marking time with his head and eyes as he rolled along the Cathedral ninth, and a laggard making a false blow would bring from 'Jimmy' (as he was familiarly called) the ejaculation, 'Strike 'em!'

Ever ready to help a young band, of a genial disposition, and having a lively sense of humour, he was one of the most popular ringers in Exeter and district. At raising and falling the treble, he was without an equal, and has probably tolled the Cathedral Stafford bell as the passing bell more often than anyone.

By trade a bootmaker, he served his apprenticeship with the old firm of East and Son, Exeter, and stuck to his last until quite recently. He will leave a blank that can never be adequately filled.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at St. Thomas' Cemetery.

**MASONIC BELL RINGERS.**

A Masonic service was held in the Church of St. Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, on Sunday last, and was attended by brethren of the Earl of Durham and Cestria Lodges and visitors. The ringing before and after the service was done by Masonic brethren as follows: 676 Kent Treble Bob Major by: A. M. Hall (Hotspur) 1, G. Holmes (Whitley) 2, F. Watson (Cestria) 3, N. Ward (Earl of Durham) 4, J. E. Goffon (Monkseaton) 5, C. L. Routledge (Hotspur) 6, J. Crawford (Earl of Durham) 7, A. Deas (Northern Counties) 8. To ring the congregation out, Bro. T. Edmondson (Earl of Durham) rang the treble in more Treble Bob Major, the rest being placed as above. It is doubtful whether such has ever been done before in Freemasonry.

**SPLICED BOB MAJOR AND OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.**

5095 by A. J. PITMAN.

Bob Major.		Oxford Bob Triples.	
23456 W H		462357	continued.
45236 — —		254736 4	C 742563
34256 — —		362754 1	B 732564
53246 — —		543762 1	C 725463
24536 — —		745362 5	B 734562
32546 — —		237456 3	C 754263
43526 — —		432756 5	C 724365
52436 — —	B	564732 1	B 753462
35426 — —		325764 1	C 743265
42356 — —		723564 5	527436 3
54326 — —		647523 1	425736 5
25346 — —		236547 1	364726 1
43256 — S		752364 3	253764 1
25436 — —		437526 3	532647 2
42536 — —		372465 2	7325476 2
A 45326 — —		523746 3	
32456 — —		C 465723 1	
*46235 — MS		234765 1	
		732465 5	

\* Produced by ringing Oxford Bob Triples last four changes as follows:

- 36217485
- 63124758
- 61342578
- 16432758
- 14623578

This composition contains 2,572 changes of Bob Major and 2,523 changes Oxford Bob Triples. It was rung at Bridgend on October 6th, 1926, by the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, and was the first peal rung spliced in these methods.

+ Round at hand.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting was held at Crofton on Saturday last, members being present from Ackworth, Hoxbury, Sandal, Felkirk, Roy-stone, Shelley, Leeds, Wragby, Wortley, Wath, and the local company. The bells were kept going during the afternoon in various methods, and tea was served in the schoolroom, free tickets being given to those directly affected by the coal dispute.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar (the Rev. H. Brownrigg) presiding.

A letter was read from the secretary (Mr. C. D. Potter) regretting his absence through illness, and the hope was expressed that he would have a speedy recovery.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company for use of the bells and providing tea and giving such a hearty welcome to all present.

The next meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, December 11th. The bells were going again soon after 6 p.m., and were kept ringing until 9 p.m., thus bringing to a close a very pleasant meeting.

**WREXHAM VETERAN'S NOTABLE PERFORMANCE.**

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung at Wrexham, as already recorded, on October 28th, had several interesting features. It included seven local ringers, which is the largest number of Wrexham men to take part in a peal together for very many years. The band was completed by Mr. T. R. Butler, of Ellesmere, and Messrs. Sperring and Riding, who journeyed from Chester and Crewe respectively. Special interest centres in the performance of Mr. Samuel Meadows (affectionately known to his friends as 'Old Sam'), who rang the ninth to the peal. It was his first ten-bell peal as conductor, and it says much for his sustained enthusiasm that he should undertake the task when more than seventy years of age. It is many years since the genial veteran called a peal—Kent Major at Chester.

He started his ringing career as a lad at his native village of Brandiston, in Suffolk. His first peal was rung in 1885 at a five-bell tower in Suffolk. His ringing activities have since extended to London, Devon and Staffordshire, and he has rung on most of the famous peals in those areas, including St. Paul's, Cripplegate and Shoreditch in the metropolis, and the Cathedral at Exeter. Mr. Meadows is now tackling Double Norwich.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

**MID-DEVON BRANCH MEETING.**

A very successful meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Torre on Saturday, November 6th. Ringers present included the president, Rev. E. S. Powell (Holbeton); the general secretary, Mr. T. Laver (Exeter); also members from Plymouth, Exeter, Buckfastleigh, Swindon, Keen, Cockington, Collaton, Brixham, Torquay, Newton Abbot and Paignton.

Ringling took place at Torre and Upton, and a service was held at Torre Church, conducted by the Rev. Porter, who gave a very impressive and interesting address. Tea was provided at Messrs. Woolley's restaurant, and 35 sat down to a splendid repast.

At the business meeting, at which Mr. F. J. Laxton presided, the place and date of the next meeting (which is to be the annual) was discussed, and Brixham was chosen for Saturday, January 22nd, 1927.

The chairman very warmly welcomed the visitors and expressed his great pleasure at having with them so many distinguished campanologists.—Mr. W. H. Marsh (Plymouth) suitably replied.

The president briefly but very warmly expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, and held very high hopes of further development of change ringing in Mid-Devon.

The hon. secretary introduced Mr. C. R. Walker, of Newton Abbot (late of Kent), who was very heartily received, and was duly elected an honorary member.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Torre for the service and use of the bells, also the Vicars of Upton and St. Marychurch for the use of their bells.

The ringers then made their way once more to the respective towers, and ringing was continuing until 8 p.m. The methods were Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire.

The members wish to thank the respective tower captains for so kindly getting everything ready for them.

**RINGERS' BEREAVEMENTS.**

Mr. Richard Stredwick, of Aldrington, and well known in Brighton ringing circles, has sustained a sad bereavement by the death of his wife, who passed away on October 18th, the cause of her decease being heart trouble. Mrs. Stredwick was laid to rest in Hove Cemetery, the Rector of St. Leonard's, Aldrington, officiating at the service, while among the mourners was Mr. Keith Hart, representing the St. Peter's Society, Brighton. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. Stredwick in his heavy loss.

It is with deep regret also that we announce the death of Eleanor, wife of Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, at the age of 52, after a long and painful illness borne with cheerfulness and great fortitude. The deepest sympathy of all his ringing brethren and other friends will go out to Mr. Barber in his great bereavement.

### ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.

The following were among the touches rung on Armistice Day. Others will appear in our next issue:

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Armistice evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: T. J. Wilkins (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Morley 2, W. D. Pooley 3, J. J. Cawdell (conductor) 4, A. E. Rose 5, A. Buck 6, W. C. Hauscombe 7, A. Spicer 8.

**PERRANWELL, CORNWALL.**—At the Church of St. Piran, on Armistice Day, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 51 mins., with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen: \*W. Launder 1, A. S. Roberts 2, J. Sedgley 3, †W. E. Minors 4, W. H. Southead (conductor) 5, B. Pascoe 6. All are members of the Truro Cathedral Company, and this is the first quarter-peal rung by six members of this company. \* First quarter. † First quarter on an inside bell.

**CHICHESTER.**—On Thursday, November 11th, at the Cathedral, half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: T. Doick 1, W. Talconer 2, R. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, W. E. Ticehurst 5, J. B. Blake 6, M. R. Haffer 7, A. Tugwell 8.

**PORTISHEAD.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Armistice Day, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: Miss G. Broad 1, Miss Alice Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Mrs. W. Edwards 4, E. Goldstone 5, Miss H. Orchard 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Colburn 8.

**WINDSOR.**—On Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Swift (first quarter-peal) 1, W. P. Cross 2, W. Phipps (first inside) 3, T. Smith 4, C. W. Piper (Life Guards) 5, J. W. Croft 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Croyley 8.

**GRIMSBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of Armistice anniversary: S. Steele (first quarter in the method) 1, F. Overton 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, S. Bromfield 4, J. B. Budd 5, F. Metcalf 6, C. Taylor 7, H. Mingay (conductor) 8. This quarter was rung after an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief owing to a rope breaking after 40 minutes' ringing.

**EALING.**—On November 11th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) at Christ Church in 52 mins.: Wilfred Wilson (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Harbour 2, H. Harding 3, A. Fulwell 4, J. Hunnisett 5, J. E. Davis 6, J. Armiger Trollope (conductor) 7, H. Burton 8.

**CARISBROOKE.**—At St. Mary's Church, for memorial service, on Sunday afternoon, November 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 47½ mins., with bells half-muffled: W. Upton 1, W. Johnson (conductor) 2, P. Reynolds 3, W. Scott 4, F. Taylor 5, W. Scott, jun., 6, C. Taylor 7, E. Brett 8.

**RAYNE, ESSEX.**—On Armistice Day, November 11th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with the clappers half-muffled, in memory of the men of the village who gave their lives for their country: A. Hart (aged 14) 1, A. Redgwell 2, J. Claydon 3, B. Redgwell 4, H. Redgwell (conductor) 5, J. Hart 6.

**HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.**—On Remembrance Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 47 mins.: Miss Noel Cawthorne 1, Miss Elsie Lakin (first quarter) 2, Miss Eva Hopkin 3, Frederick Cardwell 4, Joe Garth 5, Harold Taylor 6, William Godden 7, Fred Watkinson (conductor) 8.—For memorial service on Sunday afternoon, November 14th, with bells half-muffled a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: W. Godden 1, Miss N. Cawthorne 2, Miss E. Hopkin 3, J. Taylor 4, J. Garth 5, H. Wilson 6, F. Watkinson (conductor) 7, L. Gray 8.

**CADOXTON, NEATH.**—At the Parish Church, on November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Matthews 1, A. Devonald 2, J. E. Bloxham 3, D. J. Lewis 4, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 5, R. Bendle 6.—On Sunday, November 14th, 1,440 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 50 mins.: A. Devonald 1, W. J. Thomas 2, C. Lake 3, J. E. Bloxham 4, E. Phillips 5, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War.

**SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.**—On November 11th, half a peal of Minor was rung at the Parish Church of St. Mary, with the bells half-muffled, consisting of 720 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 1,080 Kent Treble Bob: H. Hawding 1, M. Fowler 2, O. Greathead 3, W. Athron 4, E. Short 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6. This is believed to be the longest touch ever rung on the bells, which were cast by Pack and Chapman, of London, in 1771.

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CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Ring my first peal (Grandsire Triples) in January, 1884, at the opening of our augmented ring at Soberton, I was, naturally, like many other ringers, imbued with the fascination for more. I, therefore, set to work to get a band together to practise Grandsire Triples straight away; struggling all through 1884, with occasional assistance from an old friend, the late Mr. James Hewett (of Gosport and previously of London), a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths. He was one of the celebrated band of handbell ringers who toured the Continent and America about the middle of last century, ringing the first peal in America at Philadelphia.

Many tales have I heard of these 'expeditions' from the old gentleman, which all helped to interest me more in the art. Other early stalwarts of the Guild who helped considerably during 1884 were Messrs. Whiting, Prevett, Hill and Grafham, of Fareham, and before the year closed we had rung several quarter peals.

By this time I felt a certain amount of confidence to call a peal, and the captain of our band at Soberton (Mr. G. H. Child) arranged for the attempt to be made on his birthday, the first anniversary of the opening peal, January 17th, 1885. Calling in the assistance of Messrs. Hewett, Whiting and Grafham, of Fareham, and T. Newnham, of Winchester, to make the team as strong as possible, we successfully accomplished it at the first attempt, much to the satisfaction of all, and, not least, to myself, with the result of our first year's work. The peal was Taylor's six-part, and after this little digression into history, I propose to say something about my method of mastering the composition.

At Hunslet, Leeds, on Thursday, November 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 28½ mins.: W. Morrell 1, W. Strangeways (conductor) 2, A. Metcalf (first 720) 3, H. Smith 4, D. Yorke 5, E. W. Smith 6.

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on Thursday, November 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: T. Birch 1, G. R. Edwards 2, R. G. Edwards 3, J. Martin 4, F. C. Amos 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Surprise by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd. The ringer of the 2nd is only twelve years of age, and is believed to be the youngest member to ring a 720 of Surprise for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Mary's Church, Bulwell, Notts, on October 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Kennedy (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Caunt (first quarter-peal) 2, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 3, S. Pinder 4, W. Whalley (first quarter-peal inside) 5, W. Collington (first quarter-peal) 6.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Bonvilston, Glam, on October 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. John 1, W. James 2, W. Samuel 3, R. Coles 4, A. Haunington (conductor) 5, H. Coles 6. First quarter by ringers of treble and tenor.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 25th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th; both at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Nov. 20th. Service in church, addressed by the new Vicar. Tea at the Welcome Inn as usual. Business after. All friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A special invitation meeting will be held at Lower Beeding (Plummers' Plain), near Horsham, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Plough Inn (by kind invitation of the Vicar) 4.45 p.m.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Dedication of recast and augmented peal of bells at Church Kirk will take place on Saturday, Nov. 20th, by Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A. (president, Lancashire Association). Service to commence at 3 p.m. Bells available afterwards until 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Watson, 48, Shearbank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at the church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar and chairman of the branch (Rev. F. H. V. Paton). All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kington on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) available 4 to 9. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. C. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district again will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Nov. 20th, owing to the very poor attendance. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. All ringers and friends heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m. The secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting of this district will be held at King's Langley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. This tower is well served by both omnibus and train service.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Braintree, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available: Braintree (8), Bocking (8). Short service 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow in School Hall, New Street. Ringers from all districts will be welcomed. This meeting replaces the one arranged for Halstead, owing to the bells not being available there after 6.15 p.m.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room 5.15 p.m. Will members make an effort to attend this meeting?—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells at liberty 4.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20th. St. Mary's, Putney, will be open from 4 to 5.30, and All Saints', Fulham, from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 'The Cosy Corner Café' at 5.30 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at King's Arms Hotel. P.R.H.A.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (by kind invitation of the Vicar) for those notifying me before the 23rd inst.—B. J. Snow, 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stalybridge (Holy Trinity) on Saturday, Nov. 27th. This being the first meeting here since the new bells were installed, an open invitation is given to all ringers. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, with address by the Vicar (Rev. H. H. Barber, M.A.). Tea 5.15. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Jackson, 14, Kay Street, Stalybridge, by Tuesday, Nov. 23rd.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' (City), Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30, also Redcliffe (12) from 2.30 to 4, St. Nicholas' (10) and Temple (8) from 4 to 5. Tea at 5. Service at 6, followed by a whist drive and dance in the Parish Hall.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27th, at Eckington. Bells open from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited to attend.—A. Knights, Dis. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Hon. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 27th, from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Those intending to be present should notify me by Nov. 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John-the-Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—An evening meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be sent to me as early as possible.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. All intending to be present kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford.—Saturday, Nov. 27th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea (Old Free School), 5.30 p.m. Cheap trains from London, etc. Number for tea by Wednesday, 24th.—Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Memorial to the late Major Hudson will be dedicated in Bishopwearmouth Church on Sunday, Nov. 28th, at 10.30 a.m. If members of the association

who wish to attend will notify Mr. J. G. Mustard, 8, Mary Street, Sunderland, early in the week, seats will be reserved.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting at the Grange at 5.30. All are welcome.—E. W. Day, Dis. Sec., 58, King's Road, Hitchin.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. W. Chapman, 6, West Parade, Rothwell, Leeds. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The sixth annual social of the above branch will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Tickets: Adults 2s. 6d. each; children under 12 half-price. Will those who intend going please apply for tickets, and state the number they require, as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Nov. 31st, to Mr. Harold Southworth, 54, Railway Road, Chorley?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Dalston (8 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, for which a charge of 1s. will be made. Business at 5.30. Ringing 6-7.30. Will all who require tea please advise me by Nov. 30th. A grand concert will afterwards be given in the Lecture Hall. Members are welcome to attend; admission 6d. and 1s.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, conducted by Rev. Lieut.-Col. F. J. Cheverton (Vicar). A tea will be provided. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting at Heavitree, Exeter, on Dec. 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea, free to members, at Church Institute. Meeting to follow.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting for this division will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. G. Green, Bell Street, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 1st?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Shellfield and District Society will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea will be provided by the local company at 9d. per head if not less than 20 send in their names by Thursday, Dec. 2nd, to Mr. A. Mitchell, 76, Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate, Rotherham.—F. Clark and C. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—North-East Branch. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at St. Peter's, Tiverton. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. Intending visitors please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 7th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Guild). Business meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

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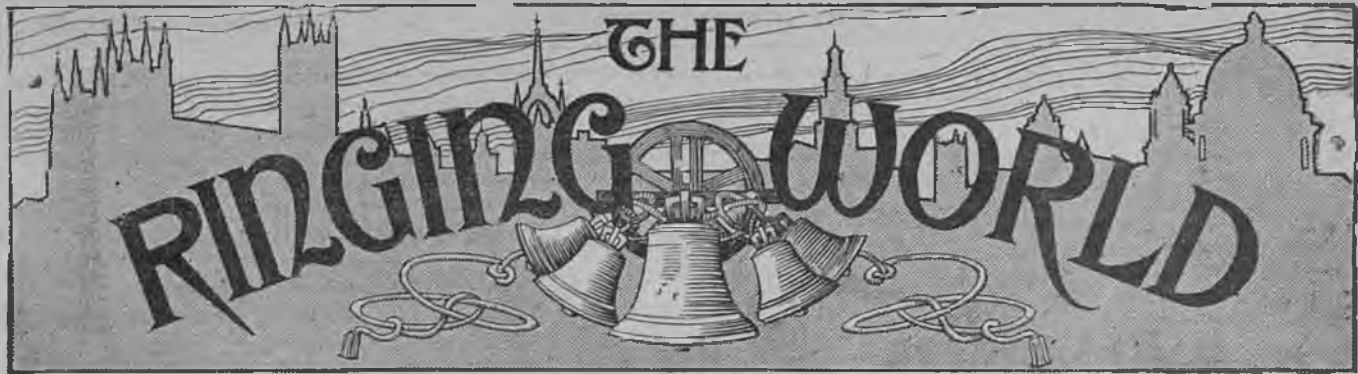
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The importance of good striking cannot be too greatly stressed. Ringers must remember that what they do is heard, not merely by themselves, but by the general public. There are churches where the bells when rung must be heard actually by thousands, and bad ringing jars just as much on the nerves of the outside listeners as upon those of the ringers inside the tower—perhaps more so, when it happens that the band are indifferent to the noise they make. We are afraid that some ringers do not fully realise how much the public notice the difference between good and bad ringing; do not, in fact, appreciate that they have an audience at all. Some allowance has, of course, to be made for practice, but there is little, if any, excuse for bad ringing on Sundays. The best possible in quality should be the object of all bands for service ringing, and for this purpose good rounds are preferable to bad change ringing.

The problem is how to educate ringers into being good strikers. There are some who have no 'ears' at all, and these, unless they are ringing on a perfectly 'even-struck' peal, are almost beyond redemption, for unless a man can pick out his own bell from among the rest it is hopeless to expect good striking from him. Such a ringer is a real handicap to a company. The matter of first importance, then, is to give a ringer of this type a pair of 'ears,' or, in other words, to teach him to use those which he has got, for 'ropesight' in itself is not sufficient to make a man a good striker, however adept he may be at grasping new methods. There are many extremely valuable hints which experienced ringers can pass on to those who are capable of being taught, and which would tend in a large number of cases to raise the standard of their ringing. Often, however, these hints are never given, and the young ringer, whose indifferent striking is due to equally indifferent training or lack of experience, grows into an habitually bad striker, to whom no amount of coaching afterwards seems to make a material difference—indeed,

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GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	PERCY W. WITHAM ... .. 6
*GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 2	GEORGE PRESTON ... .. 7
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REV. CAREW COX ... .. 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 9
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Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY ... .. Treble	ROBERT WALKER... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 6
THOMAS H. NAISBY ... .. 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... Tenor

Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Armistice.

## MUFFLED RINGING.

At Writtle, Essex, on Saturday, November 20th, with the bells half-muffled, the 'whole pull and stand' and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: T. Lincoln 1, F. W. Edwards 2, H. Head 3, H. Edwards 4, A. Head 5, F. G. Radley 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, W. E. Emery 8. This was rung as a token of respect to Mr. Thos. Williams, for 39 years schoolmaster at Writtle, many years choir-master, and 12 years churchwarden at All Saints', Writtle. The ringing took place immediately after the funeral.

BROAD CLYST, DEVON.  
THE DEVON GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM REEKS... .. 5
*GEORGE LUXTON ... .. 2	†ARTHUR TROMAN ... .. 6
ARTHUR GOODING ... .. 3	ALFRED BETTS ... .. 7
WILLIAM HOWE... .. 4	CHARLES SANDFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung in commemoration of Armistice Day.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*WILLIAM FLETCHER... .. Treble	†ROBERT TURNER ... .. 5
HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 2	‡FRANK CORKE ... .. 6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Major.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
ADAM DEAS ... .. Treble	ROBERT WALKER... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... .. 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. 7
*WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... .. 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM L. GOFTON

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

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*WILLIAM T. PETTY ... .. Treble	†ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES... .. 2	ALBERT J. PIZMAN ... .. 6
RICHARD EVANS... .. 3	ALFRED TALBUT... .. 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Canon David Phillips, B.A., R.D., on completing 25 years as Vicar of this parish.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 15, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.	
FREDERICK WHITBY ... .. Treble	GEORGE DENT ... .. 5
WILLIAM MORRIS ... .. 2	HARRY SMALE ... .. 6
LEWIS A. CORDELL ... .. 3	JOHN CORDELL ... .. 7
VINCENT TIPTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. DENT.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

LONDON.—On Monday, October 18th, at St. Clement Dane's, Strand, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. H. Swinson 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 3, Miss F. E. Orr 4, J. C. Doel 5, E. F. Pike 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, F. W. H. Sergison 8. Rung on St. Luke's Day as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Pennington-Bickford, wife of the Rector of the church.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
HERBERT CHAMBERS ... .. Treble	FRED HINDLE ... .. 5
MISS M. CLAYTON ... .. 2	†JAMES HARRISON ... .. 6
THOS. CALDERBANK ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
JOHN BROWN ... .. 4	*GEORGE HOOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. Fred Hindle's 50th peal.

THURCASTON, NR. LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
PERCY HARRISON... .. Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM WILSON, JUN. ... .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 7
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Arranged for Mr. Wm. Bottrill, of London.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FRED ABBOTT ... .. Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 2	GEORGE PINCOTT... .. 6
JOHN POTTER ... .. 3	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 7
RICHARD P. HEALD ... .. 4	THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Smith on his 21st birthday.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 19, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FRED CHAMBERS... .. Treble	FRED HINDLE ... .. 5
THOMAS CHAMBERS ... .. 2	*WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 6
FRED BRADLEY ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
HERBERT CHAMBERS ... .. 4	*JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal and first attempt. Fred Chambers' 50th peal.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
*MISS DOROTHY TARLTON... .. Treble	*BENT WHEELER... .. 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 2	A PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 6
*FRED KNOWLES... .. 3	JOHN P. TARLTON ... .. 7
*ERNEST T. MALLENDER ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. WAIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN P. TARLTON

\* First peal on eight bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE COOK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	JOHN HOYLE... .. 6
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
*GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

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

\* 150th peal.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.)

On Monday, November 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 3/4 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Treble	FRANK CORKE ... .. 5
*WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	*HERBERT C. ALBROW ... 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

\* First peal on eight bells. First Cambridge Major as conductor.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 1/2 cwt. in E.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	GEORGE CHESTER ... .. 5
*MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	*HORACE M. DAY ... .. 6
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
FREDK. W. STOKES ... .. 4	COTBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR BOLTON ... .. Treble	*PERCY WILFORD ... .. 5
GERALD DUNCAN ... .. 2	CECIL ROBINSON ... .. 6
GEORGE KEMBALL ... .. 3	ROBERT LAUGHTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... .. 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. LAUGHTON.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal of Stedman.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	†HARRY MORGAN ... .. 6
*EDWARD C. GOBBY ... .. 3	*FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 7
†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4	*PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of New Cambridge Major. ‡ First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. F. Milner.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21 3/4 cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Treble	JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
FRANK CORKE ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
*ROBERT TURNER ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. R. B. P. Wells.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.—On Tuesday, October 5th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Triples in 45 mins.: J. Jackson 1, E. Doran 2, G. Parkinson 3, A. Parkinson 4, G. Dewhurst 5, R. Benson 6, C. Sharples (conductor) 7, R. Porter 8. First in the method by all, also first on the bells.

RADCLIFFE, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5
*ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (67). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* One hundredth peal. First peal of Bristol on the bells and by all the band except the brothers Wallwork, it being 17 years since they struck a blow in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Cutsforth.

BANGOR, CARNARVON.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 3/4 cwt.

*FREDERICK WILLIAMS ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
JAMES H. MIDWINTER ... 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the 49th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Crane. Mr. Crane was 73 years of age on November 23rd, and is one of the oldest ringers in Bangor.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, LERSFIELD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC SCHOFIELD ... .. Treble	GERALD W. SCHOFIELD ... 5
THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. 2	JAMES H. LEES ... .. 6
*ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 7
SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 4	*ABRAHAM BROMLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. LEES.

\* First peal. Mr. Samuel Holt's 40th peal. Rung after meeting short, Mr. I. Schofield kindly taking the vacant rope.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 1/4 cwt.

BENJAMIN JARMAN ... .. Treble	HARRY WOOD ... .. 5
*HARRY WALKER ... .. 2	FREDERICK HONT ... .. 6
ALFRED KING ... .. 3	THOMAS KENDALL ... .. 7
†ARTHUR J. SMITH ... .. 4	LEWIS A. GOBENROUGH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. A. GOBENROUGH.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal inside. Rung during the festival week of the jubilee of the incorporation of the town and the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. SIMMS ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. 5
GEORGE CULLUM ... .. 2	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 6
SIDNEY A. STAGG ... .. 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 4	OSCAR ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

\* First peal. Rung as birthday compliment to ringer of the tenor. This is the first peal rung by a band born in the parish of Erith. The ringers of treble and 3rd are only 16 years of age.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON... ..Treble	SIDNEY SADLER ... .. 5
†HERBERT HAIGH ... .. 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES LAWSON ... .. 3	*HARRY STOTT ... .. 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... ..Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON

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

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

*EDWARD HAMBLING ... ..Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	FREDK. J. SMITH ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Major.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S NO. 35. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM COLEY ... ..Treble	JOSEPH H. COX ... .. 5
THOMAS GREENHALL ... .. 2	WILLIAM BROWN... .. 6
VICTOR WHITE ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
ALBERT HARRIS ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT... ..Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. R. A. Down, who is leaving Halesowen to take up duties in Cairo, Egypt, as chaplain to the Forces.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

SIDNEY HILLIER ... ..Treble	FRED LAMBETH ... .. 5
CHARLIE LOVELOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL ... .. 6
*THOMAS DAVISON ... .. 3	FRANK GREEN ... .. 7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. 4	CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHAM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

\* First peal and first attempt. Mr. C. Lovelock was elected a life member previous to starting.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

FRANK H. BALLARD ... ..Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT. SEN. ... .. 5
ALEC RICHARDSON ... .. 2	ROBT. T. LAMBERT ... .. 6
DONALD FINDLAY ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKENELL ... .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... ..Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, in 1 hr. 11 min., a date touch (1,926 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major: N. Townend 1, C. W. Stephenson 2, H. Wormwell 3, D. Campbell 4, R. Ashworth 5, T. Redman (conductor) 6, R. Hartley 7, H. Entwistle 8. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of R. Ashworth, who was one of the original band. The ringers of 1, 4 and 5 hail from St. Peter's.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

CALEB FENN... ..Treble	EDWARD H. KING ... .. 5
ALBERT C. HARDY ... .. 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... .. 6
ROWLAND FENN ... .. 3	ERNEST G. COTTIS ... .. 7
FRANK C. NEWMAN ... .. 4	*HUGH WAGSTAFF ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

\* First peal. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. Canon L. S. Hunter, M.A., also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MEERS ... ..Treble	*MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 3	†WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

\* 300th peal, 99 of which are 12-bell peals. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Mr. J. Preston. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston for their kind hospitality on this and previous occasions.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently.

*G. ROBINSON ... ..Treble	R. PARKINSON ... .. 4
*S. MASTERS... .. 2	J. MASTERS ... .. 5
S. H. ROBINSON ... .. 3	T. MASTERS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. PARKINSON.

\* First peal.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, three 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

PERCIVAL BALLENGER ...Treble	FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 4
*PERCIVAL D. NURDEN ... 2	ALFRED G. PULLEY ... .. 5
JESSE LYVES... .. 3	FREDERICK WALKER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NURDEN.

\* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band, and also upon the bells. Rung by an entirely local band.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM HOLMES ... ..Treble	WILLIAM NELSON ... .. 4
*JAMES MILLER, JUN.... .. 2	HARRY FRANCE ... .. 5
JAMES MILLER, SEN.... .. 3	JOHN T. MILLER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MILLER, JUN.

\* First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day and those of St. James' Parish who fell in the Great War.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 19½ cwt.

G. N. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	C. H. HAWKINS... .. 4
*STAN REES ... .. 2	*D. MICHAEL ... .. 5
J. T. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	*EX. P. C. ROBBINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of St. David's, and also to Mrs. Morris, wife of Mr. Morris, chairman of the band. The band thank Mr. G. N. Williams and Mr. J. T. Williams for assisting in the peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	*CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

MORTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford, 720 Kent, two 720's Colledge Single, and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM PALMER ... .. Treble	FRED KNOWLES ... .. 4
*MISS D. TARLTON ... .. 2	*BERT WHEELER ... .. 5
ERNEST MELLENDER ... .. 3	J. P. TARLTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. TARLTON.

\* First peal.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsires and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. Treble	†ARTHUR GAZEY ... .. 4
*GEORGE WASLEY ... .. 2	ALBERT MARTIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 3	†IVOR WHITING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. MARTIN.

\* First peal inside. † First peal.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 4
*FRANK LEWIN ... .. 2	GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 3	DAVID VINCENT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

PYTCHELEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 18 of Grandsire.

*GEORGE S. BROWN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. RANDALL ... .. 3
*RONALD C. COLEMAN ... .. 2	REGINALD WILLIAMSON ... .. 4
HARRY BAXTER ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. BAXTER.

\* First peal.

WITHERLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten 120's each of Stedman, Canterbury, Plain Bob, and 12 120's of Grandsire, 30 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

SAMUEL WHITE ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDBAM... .. 3
WILLIAM COPE ... .. 2	ARTHUR ROWLEY... .. 4
FRED COTTON ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by F. COTTON.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of the organist, Mr. G. Mottram. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, Rev. J. A. Wood, for so kindly entertaining the band to tea at the Rectory after the peal.

BUCKLAND DINHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court, and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

ERIC WADMAN ... .. Treble	HARRY PROUT ... .. 4
WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

First peal of Minor on the bells. The band acknowledge with gratitude the kind hospitality of the Vicar after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Being 864 changes each of Reverse and Double Bob and 3,456 changes of Bob Major. Tenor size 16 in B.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. 1-2	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Chapman.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1926, in Two Hours.

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... .. 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT 29, VACKHALL STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

Tenor size 10 in A.

*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	†HARRY MORGAN... .. 5-6
†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	§LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method, and first peal of Major in hand. † First peal in the method on handbells. ‡ First peal on handbells. § First peal on more than six handbells and 25th peal this year.

HELD OVER.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space we have again been compelled to hold over Mr. J. A. Trollope's 'Notes by the Way' and numerous peal reports and other items.

### SALISBURY GUILD LOSES PIONEER CHANGE RINGER. DEATH OF MR. THOMAS RADDON.

We regret to record the death, which occurred at Potterne (Wilts) on Sunday, November 14th, of Mr. Thomas Raddon. Mr. Raddon, who was 64 years of age, was at one time well known in ringing circles. He was one of a band of pioneer change ringers formed at St. John's, Devizes, in 1893, and helped to spread the art in the district. He remained with this change-ringing band until he joined the local band at Potterne, with whom he rang for over 20 years, until his illness forced him to give up.

The funeral took place at Potterne on Wednesday, November 18th, and was attended by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, chairman of the Devizes Branch, Salisbury Guild. Floral tributes were sent from the branch and the old comrades at St. John's, Devizes.

Muffled ringing took place at Potterne on Wednesday by the local ringers and friends from Market Lavington and Devizes. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled was rung at St. John's, Devizes, the same evening, by a representative band of the Devizes ringers: J. E. Watling 1, C. D. Heginbotham 2, G. England 3, S. Sutton 4, S. Hillier (conductor) 5, W. A. Swift 6, F. Green 7, J. Stone 8.

### DEATH OF MR. W. B. KEMPTON.

RINGER AT GT. ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE, FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Blythe Kempton, of Cambridge, which took place at his residence on Armistice Day, November 11th, at the age of 78 years. Deceased had been in failing health for some six months, and last rang at Great St. Mary's for the King's birthday.

Mr. Kempton became a member of the Society of Cambridge Youths in 1870, and for a number of years held the office of collector to the society. He was also steeplekeeper at Gt. St. Andrew's Church for many years, and in 1918 became instructor to a young band at Trumpington, assisting them through their first peal on the bells in 1920. His peals included Stedman Triples, Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Cutters, Kent, Bob Major, and Double Norwich, and numbered in all 21 for the Ely Association, including a 6,336 of Kent Major. Deceased was a good practical ringer, and always evinced the greatest pleasure when a particularly good piece of ringing fell under his ear.

As a mark of respect, the bells of Gt. St. Mary were rung fully muffled, and afterwards half-muffled, to touches of Grandsire Triples on Monday evening, November 15th, by members of the Cambridge Youths and friends.

### ARMISTICE DAY TOUCHES.

**STONY STRATFORD.**—On November 11th, with bells half-muffled, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Clarke 1, H. E. Tompkins 2, T. C. Tompkins 3, E. Yates 4, H. E. Edwards 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6, W. Redley 7, W. Neale 8.

**NEWHALL.**—On Thursday, November 11th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Paling 1, S. Jones 2, H. Dawson 3, H. Brealey 4, J. Hough (conductor) 5, H. Colton 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

**WOOTTON BASSETT.**—After meeting short for Triples, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in 40 mins., by the following members of Calne Branch of the Salisbury Association of Ringers: Elsie Lawrence (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Gibbs 2, H. Hewelling (first quarter as conductor) 3, H. Wheeler 4, L. A. Wilson 5, A. E. W. Smith 6.

**WOOTTON BASSETT.**—A quarter-peal of Doubles, 4, 6, 8 covering, in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled: B. Hewelling (aged 14) 1, H. Hewelling 2, L. A. Wilson (conductor) 3, J. Gibbs 4, L. Box 5, W. Boulter 6, J. F. Ballinger 7, Norah Reeves (age 17) 8. H. Wheeler and A. E. W. Smith hail from Swindon, and J. F. Ballinger from Leckhampton.

**BREWOOD, STAFFORD.**—On November 11th, for Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 minutes, with the clappers half-muffled: F. E. Blewitt 1, J. W. Perry 2, T. Perry 3, G. Warner 4, F. Birks 5, A. G. Hunt 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Whitehouse 8.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, on November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. H. P. Evans 1, P. Hanington 2, G. Large (conductor) 3, W. Richards 4, E. Hunt 5, J. Davies 6, S. Dawe 7, C. P. Heath 8.

**LEWISHAM, LONDON.**—On Thursday evening, November 11th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, A. E. Darvill 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, G. H. Simmonds 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On Thursday evening, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells muffled: A. E. Lock 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, J. Honey 3, W. H. Holfield 4, W. Simmonds 5, G. Caudwell 6, T. Barrett (conductor) 7, P. Dyke 8.

**NEWMARKET.**—On Armistice Day, November 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled: E. Bonnet (first 720) 1, L. Warner 2, F. C. Turner 3, W. E. Paget 4, S. Forward (conductor) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6.

**LAMBERHURST, KENT.**—On Thursday, November 4th, 720 London Surprise Minor: B. Luck 1, T. E. Sone (first touch in the method) 2, A. Smith 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relf 5, H. J. Hammond (conductor) 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A new Westminster chime clock, made by Messrs. G. and F. Cope and Co., Nottingham, was dedicated and started by the Bishop of Bath and Wells in Corston Church, Somerset, on October 31st. Messrs. Cope are also making a new striking clock for Aldorton Church, near Tewkesbury.

A recently elected member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. E. Bull, happens to carry the roll number of 5040!

One of the very early twelve-bell peals was rung by the London Scholars, who scored a 6,204 Grandsire Cinques at Cornhill on November 27th, 1729.

A hundred years later, namely, on November 28th, 1829, the first peal was rung at St. James', Bermondsey. This was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by the Cumberlands. Is it too much to hope that when the centenary comes round these bells may again be found in ringing order?

William Doubleday Crofts, the famous Nottingham ringer, died on November 29th, 1809.

On December 1st, 1732, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Alphege, Greenwich.

There is still time for those who desire to do so to assist in the competition for a set of 16 handbells, which were formerly the property of the late Mr. I. G. Shade. Subscribers of 1s. to the fund for the benefit of Mr. Shade's sister will be entitled to take part, and those who can help are invited to communicate with the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' 63, Commercial Road, Woking. Single tickets, or books of ten, can be had for disposal among members of a company.

'X' writes: I wonder how many of the inhabitants of Beddington thought that their church bells were ringing on Armistice Day in honour of the birthday of one of the ringers?

We published last week a handbell peal of Bob Royal for the Cambridge University Guild in which the names of the ringers of 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 appeared, but the ringer of 9-10 was omitted. It should have read: 'J. R. Duffield (Selwyn) 9-10.'

Many happy returns of the day to Mr. James George, of England, who will be 73 to-morrow.

After ringing for the Lord Mayor's procession at a church not far from Ludgate Hill, the ringers found the Rector of the parish at the bottom of the tower steps. The conductor promptly seized the opportunity of calling his attention to the dirty state of the belfry. With a genial smile the Rector assured him that 'it was all cleaned down last Easter!'

Mr. W. H. Barber, of 118, Maughan Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, desires to thank the many friends who have sent him letters of condolence and sympathy in his recent bereavement, and asks them to accept this expression of his deep appreciation.

The good wishes of the Exercise will go out to the band who to-morrow will make another attempt for the 14,144 London Surprise Major at Waruham, Sussex. The starting time is 10.30 a.m.

## VARIATIONS OF THURSTANS' PEAL.

J. W. WASHBROOK'S CLAIM TO THE DEXTER VARIATION.

We are informed by Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle, that Mr. F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples was previously obtained by Mr. J. W. Washbrook. The figures of Mr. Dexter's peal came into Mr. Barber's hands at the Chester meeting of the Central Council. Since then he has called the peal at Carlisle Cathedral, but recently, in looking through old reports of the Durham and Newcastle Association, he found the peal in the 1907 report under the name of Mr. J. W. Washbrook. As the variation is often rung, Mr. Barber thinks these facts should be known, and he regrets that he could not first communicate with Mr. Dexter as he has not got his address.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District of the above society held a successful meeting at Putney and Fulham last Saturday. The tower at Putney was opened at 4 p.m., and ringing commenced with touches in standard methods. The weather was not all that could be desired, but the attendance was better than was expected, even taking into consideration the popularity of the tower.

Unfortunately only one hour and a half was allowed for ringing at Putney, so that at 5.30 the ringers crossed the road to the 'Cosy Corner Cafe,' where they enjoyed a nice tea.

The business meeting followed the tea, and the usual routine matters were disposed of. One new member was elected.

It is hoped that the annual district meeting will be held at the well-known tower of St. Giles', Camberwell, on January 15th, but, owing to industrial and other causes, the work on the bells has been delayed, and the association may have to fall back on Lambeth.

After the meeting, the ringers walked over the bridge and rang on the five ten at Fulham until 8 p.m.

The ringers showed their appreciation by giving a hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of both churches, also to Messrs. Bolton and Herbert, of Putney, with their local men, and to Mr. Driver, of Fulham, for the arrangements made, and for the welcome received at both the towers.



**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.****MR. T. GROOMBRIDGE ELECTED MASTER.**

At the meeting last week of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. T. Groombridge; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. J. S. Hawkins; junior steward, Mr. J. Bullock; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Prime; hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

The old books of the College Youths have recently been overhauled, and the inspection has revealed that the motto of the society is 'Vivamus Unanimiter,' i.e., 'Let us live in unity.'

Mr. Thomas Groombridge, who succeeds Mr. Henry R. Newton as Master, has had a long connection with the society and with ringing in and around London. He began his ringing career at Tunbridge Wells in April, 1891, and rang his first peal on December 24th of that year. In 1893 he moved to Chislehurst, and it was on November 21st in that year that he joined the College Youths. His first peals of Stedman were all conducted by famous men of the society: Stedman Triples at Battersea on January 15th, 1894, conducted by the late Master; Stedman Caters, February 23rd, 1895, at St. Clement Danes', conducted by Challis F. Winney; Stedman Cinques, February 18th, 1896, at Cripplegate, conducted by James Pettit.

Usually found in peal ringing at the end where the work has to be done, Mr. Groombridge has taken part in some notable long lengths. He rang the 9th in the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark—12,675 in 9 hrs. 47 mins., on May 21st, 1923. He has also rung in two long peals at Bow—6,048 Treble Bob Maximus and 7,392 of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

**THE NEW MASTER.**

Mr. Groombridge has been a member of Christ Church tower, Chislehurst, for 24 years, and captain for the last ten. His membership of the Kent County Association extends over 35 years, and for 21 years he ably discharged the duties of hon. secretary of the Lewisham District. He is one of the representatives of the Kent Association on the Central Council. In addition he is a life member of the following societies: Ancient Society of College Youths, London County Association, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Waterloo Society, Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex, Durham and Newcastle, Chester, Lancashire, Peterborough, Gloucester and Bristol, Winchester, Norfolk, Suffolk and Ely Associations.

**THE HANDBELL PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR**

A peal in which three plain methods were incorporated was rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, last week. The order in which the methods were rung was Reverse, Double and Plain Bob, there being one lead each of Reverse and Double Bob Major and four leads of Plain Bob Major, making up six-lead courses. The composition was Reeves' 6,048 of Bob Major (No. 40 C.C.C., Sec. 2). The peal was rung at the first attempt after one previous practice.

Care has to be exercised in the introduction of Reverse Bob Major, as the second half-lead is liable to repeat with Bob Major. The change of method was made without notification by the conductor, the band finding this the best method of procedure.

**DEPTFORD.**—The following three-quarter peals of Grandsire were rung for the harvest festival at St. John's Church, on Thursday, September 30th: E. Rivett 1, F. Bacon 2, E. B. Crowder 3, W. Martin 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, H. Norgate 6, T. Easterby (conductor) 7, A. Bennington 8.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service: E. Rivett 1, T. Easterby 2, F. Bacon 3, R. Fosdike 4, G. Rawlings 5, H. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Bennington 8.—For evening service: E. Rivett 1, T. Easterby 2, A. Bradley 3, R. Fosdike 4, G. Rawlings 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, A. Bennington 8.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN DISTRICT INSTITUTES COMBINED PRACTICES.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the Western District was held at King's Langley on Saturday, members attending from Tring, Berkhamstead, Hemel Hempstead, Apsley, Watford, Rickmansworth, London and the local company. Ringing commenced about 3.30, the following methods being rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Forward Major.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar, who, after welcoming the visitors, encouraged the ringers to enlarge their parochial thoughts and endeavour to foster 'service' as required by the extra-parochial or World Call of the Church.

A youthful probationer of the local company ably presided at the organ.

As usual, tea was served in the Church House, being provided by the Vicar and local company, the most grateful thanks of the company present being conveyed to them by Mr. C. T. Coles, who really thought the thanks were more due to the ladies who looked after their wants.

Dr. Fisher (churchwarden), an exceedingly keen church worker, ably presided at the meeting, the Vicar having had to leave early. Two new members were elected, both from the local company.

Hemel Hempstead was chosen for the next meeting, to be held after Christmas. As this district is almost devoid of complete progressive bands, it was proposed and carried that arrangements be made to fix a combined practice once or twice a month at various towers in the district to enable further methods to be practised, the night chosen to be that of the practice night of the particular tower.

Subject to the approval of the county committee, it was agreed to accept Redbourn tower from the St. Albans district.

Mr. C. T. Coles having brought books of tickets, good business was done in the matter of the Miss Shade Fund, for which many thanks are offered.

The usual votes of thanks having been accorded, the meeting closed, a course of Stedman Triples 'in hand' adding the final touch. The ringers then adjourned to the tower for further ringing. It is not often that the secretary is lacking in increasing the methods, but he let an opportunity slip on this occasion, not realising that a 'Superlative' band was present until too late. Better luck next time.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****SUCCESS OF THE NEWBURY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 13th. Forty members were present, including the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), and the treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright). The following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Chieveley, East Isley, East Garston, Peasemore, Shaw, Thatcham, Newbury.

Service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn officiating and giving an excellent address.

Tea was served in the Parish Room by the ringers' wives, and was followed by the business meeting. The Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch) presided, and was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The secretary gave reports of the meetings and combined practices held during the year.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed a balance of £9 6s. 6d. It was decided to place £5 of the balance on deposit at Newbury Savings Bank.

Rev. L. R. Majendie (Rector of Newbury) was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch. Mr. H. W. Curtis was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Miss S. Davis, Mr. S. Quintin and Mr. T. Curtis were re-elected as representatives of the branch on the general committee.

The foremen of towers then gave their reports, and all reported good Sunday ringing.

The Master congratulated the Newbury Branch on its successful working, and on their efforts to arouse interest at his old home at East Garston, whose ringers were welcomed into the Guild at this meeting.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert also congratulated the branch on its excellent meetings, which showed that it was well served by its officers. He advised young ringers to stick at it until the fascination infected them. Once it got hold of them nothing but three months in goal would keep them out of the tower. Nothing would please him better than for a youngster to say he could ring better than he (Mr. Hibbert) could.

Mr. Wright said, as treasurer, he had no complaints to make. The financial position of the Guild was quite sound. There was £289 in hand, of which £122 was in the hands of the branches. Newbury was working well.

Several new members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for the third Saturday in February at Peasemore, and the spring meeting at East Garston on the first Saturday after Easter.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Master for his address and the Rev. L. R. Majendie for presiding at the organ and meeting. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. Despite the downpour, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Maidenhead, were present.

## DIVISION OF WINCHESTER DIOCESE.

### YORKTOWN DISTRICT DISCUSSES PROPOSED NEW GUILD.

The question of forming a separate Diocesan Guild of Ringers for the diocese of Guildford, when this see is constituted on the division of the diocese of Winchester, was further considered at the annual meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild held at Chertsey on Saturday. This district covers the north-western corner of Surrey and takes in a few Hampshire towers, all of which will come within the area of the new diocese. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. E. H. W. Leachman (Vicar), and was attended by about twenty members. In addition, there were present Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, R. Whittington and W. Melville, the deputation appointed at the Guildford District meeting the previous week, to lay before the Yorktown District the views of the Guildford District in favour of a separate diocesan Guild.

The subject was introduced by Mr. J. B. Hessey, the district secretary, who said the question had been discussed at several meetings of the district during the last three years. At the annual meeting held at Bagshot in 1923, when eight towers were represented by about 25 members, it was resolved that a division of the Guild was not desirable, but that it should be continued, on the division of the diocese, under the title of 'The Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.' They also resolved that the annual meeting of the Guild should be held in the three dioceses in rotation. These resolutions were carried unanimously, and he proposed that they be reaffirmed.—Mr. F. Nye (Bagshot) seconded.

Replying to Mr. Chaffey, the hon. secretary said a postcard vote of all the towers in the district was taken, and all were in favour of remaining as they were. Mr. Hessey added that he knew of towers who had declared that, if a division of the Guild took place, they would have nothing to do with the new organisation. The Surrey Association was working very hard to cover that area, and he was of opinion that if a Guildford Diocesan Guild were formed that district would 'go west.'

### GOOD-WILL URGED.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith explained to the meeting what had transpired at the Guildford District meeting, leading up to the resolution in favour of establishing a separate Guild. As the mover of an amendment to delay any division of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, he realised that, this having been defeated and a determination expressed for a separate Guild, it behoved all those who had the interests of the diocese and of change ringing at heart to throw their weight into the scales to make the new Guild a success. Things had moved on since the Yorktown resolutions were passed, and to have the ringers of the new diocese divided among themselves would be a calamity. He urged the Yorktown District not to come to a definite decision that night, but to appoint a small committee to meet the committee set up in the Guildford District to discuss the question in all its bearings. If good-will were allowed to prevail, he was sure a satisfactory outcome would be reached.

Mr. Whittington said, as mover of the resolution at Guildford, his line was that, if it were desirable to split the Winchester Diocese, it was equally desirable to split the Guild for the same purpose, because it was big and unwieldy. He pointed out that the money which the districts now sent to Winchester could be spent in their own areas, and the members would reap the benefit of their own subscriptions. He had consulted several incumbents on this question, and all had expressed the opinion that they would be doing the right thing to have a Guildford Diocesan Guild. Moreover, there was a trend of movement, which would expand on the splitting of the diocese to make every organisation diocesan in character, which was not so already. The Yorktown District and the Guildford District, worked properly, would form a most efficient and compact diocesan Guild, and it would be a great pity if they did not combine. He hoped a committee would be appointed to discuss the whole question.

Mr. Nye disagreed with the opinion that a severance of the diocese necessitated a division of their Guild. A multiplication of societies added to expense, and personally he thought they ought to have a combined body of men from one end of the country to the other. As they now stood, they had in that area two or three societies overlapping, and a Guildford Diocesan Guild would add another. So far as their duties as ringers were concerned, he could see no reason at all for separation.

Mr. Armstrong (District Ringing Master) said there were so many towers in the district who had resolved not to join a Guildford Diocesan Guild that he thought that area would be overwhelmed by stronger associations if they split from the Winchester Guild. The Winchester Guild was one of the leading associations in the country; he did not see how a Guildford Diocesan Guild could ever hope to be anything like as strong. With regard to expense, he did not think there would be any saving.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden said the deputation from Guildford was fully aware of the difficulties which Mr. Armstrong had in mind, but some of them who were interested in this matter had had it pretty clearly from the authorities that associations which were not diocesan in character would not be acceptable in their parish churches. Whether they liked it or not, the Winchester Diocese was going to be divided. Leatherhead, and by that he meant the parishes in that rural deanery, would be in the diocese of Guildford and no other. Whether the ringers there cared to join a Guildford Diocesan Guild was a matter which the future must determine. But with good-will—in fact, he

would take it a little further and say brotherly love—they could go a long way. In the Guildford District they hoped for the spirit of good-will and unity among all the towers in the diocese. They were endeavouring to found something not so much for their own day but for the future, something which required courage and faith and good spirit in the same way that the founders of the Winchester Guild began in 1879.

### A GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD CERTAIN.

Mr. Whittington pointed out that, whatever happened, a Guildford Diocesan Guild would be founded, and it was for that reason they asked the Yorktown District to discuss the position with them.

Mr. Chaffey said they would never make a success of a new Guild unless they could 'rope in' the men of the six-bell towers. The big ones could look after themselves, but it was the six-bell towers that counted. If they made things hum in that direction they might turn a Guildford Diocesan Guild into something useful.

Mr. Goldsmith pointed out that it was reported at the Guildford District meeting that during the year no fewer than twelve six-bell towers had been visited officially for the purposes of encouragement and instruction of the bands.

Mr. Cobbett (Bagshot) said he thought it would make the Yorktown District look ridiculous if they declined the invitation to meet the committee of the Guildford District. There were many clergy who did not like the division of the diocese, but the division was a fact, and they as ringers must fall into line.

The Chairman, who has recently come from the Oxford Diocese, said some day that diocese would be split, and he had no doubt new ringing Guilds would be established, because in Buckinghamshire, for instance, they felt themselves very much cut off from Oxford. So, too, Winchester was remote from that part of the diocese, and their interest could not be as warm as if they were close to the centre of their church's work. Their enthusiasm would be much greater in a small, compact diocese than in a big, unwieldy one. He thought it would be wise to appoint a committee to meet the Guildford committee.

Mr. Melville pointed out that if the district appointed a committee they would be in no worse position than they were at present. If they felt they were out of sympathy with the whole scheme, they would still be able to remain with the Winchester Guild at the division of the diocese. For a year, at any rate, they would all carry on as at present, but in the meantime the committee could go into the matter. He hoped the Yorktown District did not think the Guildford District wanted to take anything from them, because they didn't. They simply looked at the thing in this light. The bells belonged, in effect, to the clergy; the clergy and the churches were coming into the Guildford Diocese, and it was the desire of the Guildford District that the ringers should come into the Guildford Diocese, too.

Mr. Chaffey said if a new Guild was going to be for the benefit of change ringing and Sunday service ringing, then it would be all to the good, and the sooner it was formed the better. He would like to see the committee get to work to see what could be done. It was no good trying to stand out against the inevitable. They had heard that a Guildford Diocesan Guild was to be formed, therefore if they could work together so much the better.

A motion to appoint a committee was thereupon put and carried, and the following were elected to represent the district: Messrs. F. Nye, S. G. Armstrong, Crocker, J. Cobbett and H. J. Chaffey.

The Guildford District Committee consists of Messrs. J. J. Jones, A. C. Hazelden, R. Whittington, W. Melville and J. S. Goldsmith.

### AN INCREASED BALANCE.

At the business meeting which followed service in church (conducted by the Vicar) and tea, the hon. secretary presented his report, in which he thanked the members for their support during the past year. The old faces, he said, turned up at the meetings, but he would like to see many of the younger ringers present. They had lost an old member by death in the person of Mr. Edser, of Hersham. He congratulated the district upon an increase in the balance sheet, but regretted that 14 members had not paid their subscriptions. The balance in hand had been raised every year since he had been secretary (applause). At present they had in the district 7 hon. members, 92 full members, 11 probationary members, and three unattached members, while they had also elected three compounding members. The receipts, including the balance in hand of 6s. 3d., had been £12 12s. 9d. The expenses had been £4 0s. 9d., and £8 had been remitted to the general secretary, leaving a balance in hand of 12s.

The balance sheet was adopted.

The Ringing Master (Mr. S. G. Armstrong) reported that he had visited most of the towers in the district twice in the year. Where there was a weekly practice there was much better ringing on Sundays, but there were at least four towers where they never had a practice, and at least four where there was no change ringing done. It was a regrettable fact that in many cases when they held meetings and combined practices the local ringers did not attend, so there was not much chance of teaching them. If any tower wanted a quarter-peal or practice he would be only too pleased to help them in any way he could.

Mr. J. B. Hessey was re-elected district secretary; although he expressed a wish to resign, and the other officers were also re-elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. Armstrong; auditor, Mr. Crocker; representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. Nye and Armstrong.

Meetings for 1927 were decided on as follows: February, Pirbright; May, Farnborough; August, Egham; November (annual), Hawley.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DISTRICT AT BRAINTREE.**

One of the most successful meetings of the Northern District was held on Saturday, November 20th, at Braintree, at the fine old Parish Church dating from the year 1199. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, ringers assembled from the following parishes: Earls Colne, Maldon, Greenstead Green, Rayne, Dunmow, Gt. Bentley, Prittlewell, Halstead, Sible Hedingham, Feering, Kelvedon, Witham, Chelmsford, Croydon, Gt. Bardfield, Black Notley, Bocking and Braintree.

The usual ringers' service was held, at which a suitable address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. P. Bassett Kerry, Rural Dean.

At the close of the service a company of 58 adjourned to the School Hall, where a bountiful tea awaited them, kindly supplied by the generosity of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association. The annual business meeting was afterwards held, presided over by the District Master, Mr. F. Claydon, who was supported by the Vicar, the Master of the Association, Mr. W. J. Nevard (Master of the North-Eastern District), Messrs. W. Elliott, W. Keeble, L. W. Wiffen, J. Flouty, and the district secretary, Mr. Ludgater, churchwarden, and the secretary of the Church Council.

The secretary gave his usual report of the work of the district during the past year, which showed that 25 peals had been rung—19 on tower bells and 6 on handbells—in the following methods: London Surprise 10, Bob Major 6, Superlative 3, Double Norwich 1, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples 1, and 3 composed of various Minor methods. Twenty-three of these peals were conducted by Mr. W. Keeble, one by W. Arnold (his first peal as conductor), and one by G. Williams, of Southampton. Congratulations were offered to the Dunmow band for their success in having their heavy ring of bells rebung and completing the octave, to Mr. H. Redgwell in connection with the progress made at Rayne, and particularly to Basil Redgwell in connection with the various peals of Major he had taken part in, and his ringing a peal of Bob Major upon the handbells double handed. The numerical and financial position of the district was laid before the meeting.

Mr. Howard gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Braintree, and the secretary was heartily thanked for his report.

Thanks were accorded to the District Master and Secretary for their services during the past year, and they were unanimously re-elected for the year 1927.

One new member was elected and two probationary members were advanced to the position of ringing members. The Vicar was elected an hon. member, and the election of four members previous to starting for peals was endorsed.

Witham was selected as the place for the first meeting in the new year.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for holding the service, and for his instructive address, also to the organist and choir for their kind assistance, which was adopted, and the Vicar suitably replied stating he was pleased to have the meeting at Braintree.

A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Mr. Howard for his generosity in providing the tea, and, in reply, he expressed his pleasure that 58 had braved the pouring rain from 18 parishes to be present.

This concluded the meeting, after which courses of Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells, and the tower bells were kept going to the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

**A DISCUSSION ON STRIKING.**

After the meeting, Mr. L. W. Wiffen opened a discussion upon 'Striking,' which was taken up by several present. Mr. Wiffen said: We often read in 'The Ringing World' long articles and discussions dealing with various subjects, such as names of methods, method construction, Simpson tuning, etc. Has it ever occurred to you that we seldom see anything dealing with the subject of striking? I don't remember ever having read an article dealing with it. I have often wondered that some of our eminent ringers have not given us some of their ideas on this very important question.

I have discussed it with a few, and one or two are of the opinion that it is a difficult matter to deal with on paper. It may be, perhaps, but there is no reason why we should not realise and keep before us the fact that striking is of the greatest importance in change ringing.

In the first place, the beginner should learn to handle his bell well, otherwise he will always be greatly handicapped in striking, and he should also be able to hear his own bell wherever it is striking. Sometimes it has been said that striking has been sacrificed for method, but if the ringer learns to strike well in the first place he will always be a good striker, whatever the method. It is also a fact, as many know, that it is easier to ring and strike your bell when the striking is good

than when the time is broken by careless striking, because when pains are taken a good beat is gradually worked up, and it is possible to ring almost automatically and with little effort.

The pause at hand-stroke is, of course, known and observed by most, but there are some who do not take sufficient care with this most important detail.

There is another small point which improves striking; it is this, the last blow behind at the back-stroke should be a little bit on the slow side, not much, but just enough to get the proper finish. It sounds much better than when the last blow is 'clippy.' Then there is the question of helping the tenor man. In regard to this there are two groups, one which helps the tenor man and the other which doesn't. Of course, this applies more especially to heavy peals than light ones. The help that can be given to the tenor man, especially if a peal is being attempted, is very much appreciated by him. For instance, supposing the tenor is dodging in 1-2 up, as in Double Norwich, the bell that is dodging with it can be just a little bit quicker at hand-stroke—not enough to omit the pause—then the tenor can get his blow in better at back-stroke.

This applies to any position when tenor is dodging up. It is rather annoying when the bell in front is slow and then finishes up by giving the tenor a clip, when he should be well over it.

Little things like these are a great help. This can be realised better by ringing the tenor if you haven't already done so.

**CANADIAN PREMIER AT CROYDON.**

The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, C.M.G., Prime Minister of Canada, visited the Croydon Bell Foundry, on Thursday of last week, to witness the casting of one of the biggest bells of the great carillon of 53 (which will be the largest in the world) now in course of construction for the Victory Tower of the new Canadian Houses of Parliament, Ottawa. There was a distinguished company to meet the Canadian Premier, who inspected the works with great interest, and saw the bells of the carillon already completed. When the large bell was cast, Mr. Mackenzie King threw a Canadian one-cent piece and a half-penny into the molten metal. His stay at the foundry lasted about two hours, and under the guidance of Mr. Cyril Johnston, the head of the firm, the Canadian Prime Minister saw a great deal that was of interest to him.

**FUNERAL OF WELL-KNOWN EXETER RINGER.**

The funeral of the late Mr. James Moss (whose death was reported in our last issue) took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at St. Thomas' Cemetery, Exeter. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. M. Hare (Rector of St. Edmund's), the principal mourners being the widow, two sons, and daughter. The president of the Devon Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell), hon. treasurer (Mr. T. G. Bartlett), and general secretary (Mr. T. Laver), were in attendance, also Mr. E. Shepherd, chairman of the Exeter Branch, Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, an old friend, and the following representatives of Exeter towers: Mr. W. Drake (St. Sidwell's), Mr. E. W. Biffin (St. Thomas'), Mr. F. G. Coles (Alphington), Mr. J. Ridler (Thorverton), Mr. W. Lethbridge (St. David's), Mr. F. J. Davey (Cathedral), Mr. F. O. Couch (Dean and Clapton), and Mr. W. Acreman (for Rev. H. Lanyon Owen). The handbells were rung by the graveside at the conclusion of the ceremony, and in the evening a knell on the Cathedral bells by fellow-members of the Cathedral band. At St. Thomas' Church, also, in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, by: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, R. J. Davey 3, J. Hosgood 4, T. J. Stokes 5, W. Howe 6, W. Brewer 7, and W. J. H. Bailey 8. Floral tributes were sent from the Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, and St. Thomas' bands.

**OFF TO VANCOUVER.****PRESENTATION AT PULBOROUGH.**

On Sunday evening the Rector, Rev. E. I. Frost, and the bell riggers met in the belfry of Pulborough Parish Church for the purpose of saying 'Good-bye' and making a presentation to Mr. Geoff. Carter, one of the ringers, who is shortly leaving for Vancouver.

In making the presentation, the Rector thanked Mr. Carter for the useful work he had done in the belfry, and wished him prosperity in his new sphere.—Mr. P. H. Doick, on behalf of the ringers, said how sorry they were to lose such a promising member of their company, and hoped to hear of Mr. Carter's ringing activities in distant Vancouver.

Mr. Carter thanked the Rector and his ringer colleagues for their kind thoughts and good wishes, and said he would always have happy memories of his associations with brother ringers at Pulborough.

Various touches were then rung by R. Pink, C. A. Greenfield, H. C. Greenfield, S. Greenfield, S. Picton, P. H. Doick, H. J. Doick, G. Carter and J. Beacher. The conducting was shared by Messrs. G. Carter and A. C. Greenfield.

**A FALSE PEAL.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Owing to a misprint, the peal of Double Norwich rung at Well on Saturday, November 6th, is false. With sincere apologies to the band, Yours truly,

A. HARMAN.

It was resolved to bring forward at the next meeting of the Central Committee the advisability of allowing district secretaries' travelling expenses to meetings.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mrs. Crocker, to the Vicar for the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

During the afternoon touches in the standard methods were rung at the Parish Church.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**WILLENHALL.**—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service at St Giles Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. Evans 1, S. H. Colby 2, L. Trubshaw 3, I. Evans 4, B. H. Pountney 5, C. Wallater 6, J. T. Davis (conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for A. Evans and first quarter-peal as conductor. All are members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and of the local band.

**HOUNSLOW.**—On Sunday, November 7th, for Armistice Day service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 50 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, F. G. Goddard 2, S. Stilwell 3, C. J. Tricker, jun. (first quarter-peal of Triples inside) 4, J. Kent 5, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 6, J. Milner 7, C. Gash 8.

**PLYMOUTH.**—On Sunday, November 7th, at Emmanuel Church, for evening service, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: \*J. O. Pook 1, J. E. Lilley 2, W. Rundle 3, \*H. J. Beer 4, \*W. A. Wannacott 5, W. Richards 6, W. G. Hiscott 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. \* First quarter-peal in the method.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday evening, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 54 mins.: W. E. Oakley 1, E. P. Palmer 2, E. Jones 3, H. Long (first-quarter) 4, R. W. R. Picton (conductor) 5, R. G. Bell 6, E. M. Elliott 7, G. Seaman 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled. The ringer of the third recently celebrated his 76th birthday.

**ERITH, KENT.**—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: F. J. Cullum, sen., 1, E. J. Hott 2, S. A. Stagg 3, R. A. Cullum 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Mortan 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. F. Bennett, for many years a member of the Church Council, who was interred on the previous Friday.

**HORNSEY.**—On Mayor's Sunday, November 7th, for morning service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. W. Bice 1, E. G. Hibble 2, E. A. Hull 3, J. G. Nash 4, R. Lister 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: R. Lister 1, E. G. Hibble 2, E. A. Hull 3, T. G. Deal 4, J. G. Nash (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, C. H. Ross 6.

**WORSLEY.**—On Sunday, October 17th, for harvest festival, at St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: S. James 1, W. Jones 2, J. Howarth 3, S. Harrison 4, D. Clark 5, F. Grundy (conductor) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Burton 8.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, October 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, for Matins, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method for the ringer of the treble, and first 720 in the method inside for the ringer of the 2nd.—For Matins on Sunday, October 24th, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor in 20 mins.: J. Titt 1, R. Park 2, W. N. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 840 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, W. H. Porter 2, W. N. Park 3, F. W. Lupson 4, R. Park (conductor) 5, G. W. Park 6.

## DEATH OF MR. W. KINGDON, BISHOP AUCKLAND

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. Kingdon, of Bishop Auckland, which took place on November 10th, after a short illness. An honorary member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, he commenced to learn change ringing in 1894 in Holy Trinity belfry, Darlington, and was a faithful and conscientious ringer and sidesman at this church until he removed to Bishop Auckland, where he joined the belfry of St. Andrew's, and also filled other offices in this church, including those of sidesman and churchwarden.

He gave up active ringing in 1922, but retained honorary membership of his old belfry of Holy Trinity, Darlington, and of the Durham and Newcastle Association until the time of his death.

Several ringers of Holy Trinity attended the funeral on Saturday, November 13th, and a wreath was sent by the president and members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Andrew's, Auckland, by the local band, assisted by ringers from St. John's, Shildon, and St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity, Darlington. Mr. Kingdon had rung in peals of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. The deepest sympathy goes out to his widow and only daughter.

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## CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which I first called, I took from Troyte's book on change ringing. This book had been handed to me by my uncle, who had never made any use of it, and never got beyond ringing the tenor behind. Taylor's composition at that time appealed to me on account of its being so easy to learn. I will give just two or three remarks upon how I made myself self-confident in calling it.

As already explained, the observation bell (the 6th) is only called in two positions, 'Middle' and 'Wrong,' throughout. The 'Before' (the only other lead available for the sixth when there is a call at every 'middle' and 'Wrong') is always a plain lead. This, I learnt later, makes up what is called the three-lead-course plan.

The next thing was to find my guide for calling the first single in each division. This also presented itself very simply, as it will be seen that the 5th is called 'Before' with a single (that is double 3rd's) in the first two divisions, and 'In' (2nd's place) with a single in the last two divisions.

The other singles are somewhat mechanical, as they come at each division end with '6-7 at home'; 5, 6, 7 coming home each part end, and a 'Bob,' instead of 'Single,' being called half-way and end.

At Shilton Parish Church, near Coventry, on Sunday, November 21st, for evensong, 360 of Plain Bob Doubles: W. Malabone 1, G. Stanley 2, R. Parker 3, C. G. Bates (conductor) 4, C. Parker 5, C. Aldridge 6. Longest length of Doubles by all except the conductor.

At Twickenham, Surrey, Parish Church, on Tuesday, November 16th, 240 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by E. Morris (first attempt as conductor), and 240 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by W. F. Ellingham, with 7-6-8 covering: Miss K. Bradford 1, D. Hill Brown 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, E. Morris 5, F. Riggall 6, J. Lovill 7, H. Moy 8.—Also two plain courses of Stedman Doubles, with G. Bradford ringing the treble. These touches were rung in honour of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York, who officially opened York House, the new town hall at Twickenham.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 30th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at King's Arms Hotel. P.R.H.A. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (by kind invitation of the Vicar). —B. J. Snow, 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' (City), Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30, also Redcliffe (12) from 2.30 to 4, St. Nicholas' (10) and Temple (8) from 4 to 5. Tea at 5. Service at 6, followed by a whist drive and dance in the Parish Hall.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27th, at Eckington. Bells open from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited to attend.—A. Knights, Dis. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Hon. Sec.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — An evening meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be sent to me as early as possible.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 27th, from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John-the-Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested. — James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. All intending to be present kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford. — Saturday, Nov. 27th. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea (Old Free School), 5.30 p.m. Cheap trains from London, etc.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Creaton on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts Branch will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27th, at St. Neots. Service at St. Neots Church 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5, followed by the usual business meeting.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton, Cambridge.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, Nov. 30th, at 8. Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 6th and the 20th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 28th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting at the Grange at 5.30. All are welcome.—E. W. Day, Dis. Sec., 58, King's Road, Hitchin.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. W. Chapman, 6, West Parade, Rothwell, Leeds. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The sixth annual social of the above branch will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Tickets: Adults 2s. 6d. each; children under 12 half-price. Will those who intend going please apply for tickets, and state the number they require, as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Nov. 30th, to Mr. Harold Southworth, 54, Railway Road, Chorley?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Dalston (8 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, for which a charge of 1s. will be made. Business at 5.30. Ringing 6-7.30. Will all who require tea please advise me by Nov. 30th. A grand concert will afterwards be given in the Lecture Hall. Members are welcome to attend; admission 6d. and 1s.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, conducted by Rev. Lieut.-Col. F. J. Cheverton (Vicar). A tea will be provided. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting at Heavitree, Exeter, on Dec. 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea, free to members, at Church Institute. Meeting to follow.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting for this division will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. G. Green, Bell Street, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 1st?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea will be provided by the local company at 9d. per head if not less than 20 send in their names by Thursday, Dec. 2nd, to Mr. A. Mitchell, 76, Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate, Rotherham.—F. Clark and C. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 4th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m. Everybody welcome. — Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-under-Needwood, on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m., and tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m. Trains from Burton, also buses from New Street, Burton; return fare 6d. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Dec. 1st. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Will all who intend to be present kindly advise Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 1st?—T. Hurd, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Ringers are invited to the Vicarage for tea. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—Fakenham District.—A branch meeting will be held at Fakenham Church on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 2 o'clock till 8. Short service by Rector. Ringers heartily invited.—R. W. Cooke, Dis. Sec., Hempton, Fakenham.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells of Holy Trinity (8) ready at 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Christ Church bells (8) also available afternoon and evening.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**S. NICOLAS' CHURCH, GUILDFORD.**—The dedication and reopening of the peal of ten bells will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5th, at 11 a.m. The bells will be available for ringing for a short time at the end of the service, also from 2.30 to 4, and from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Hazelden, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—N. Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mere on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. F. E. Trotman (Vicar). Tea 5 (members 6d. each). Business meeting to follow, to elect chairman and secretary. Towers available: Mere (8), Gillingham (8), Bourton (6), Zeals (6) and Stourton (6). Will any ringers who wish to attend the tea please let me know by Dec. 7th at the very latest?—Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at St. Peter's, Tiverton. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. Intending visitors please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 7th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Guild). Business meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ossett on Saturday, Dec. 11th, and not the 4th Dec., as arranged.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Clifton Restaurant, Regent Street, at 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 8th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (Parish Church, 10) available from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m., and (All Saints', 8) from 2 p.m. onward. Service in All Saints' at 4 p.m. Tea in Mr. B. Moody's Café, Horsefair, at 5 p.m. See circular for further particulars.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. A. W. Groves, hon. sec. of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association, is now Amherst, Ham Road N., Broadwater, Worthing.

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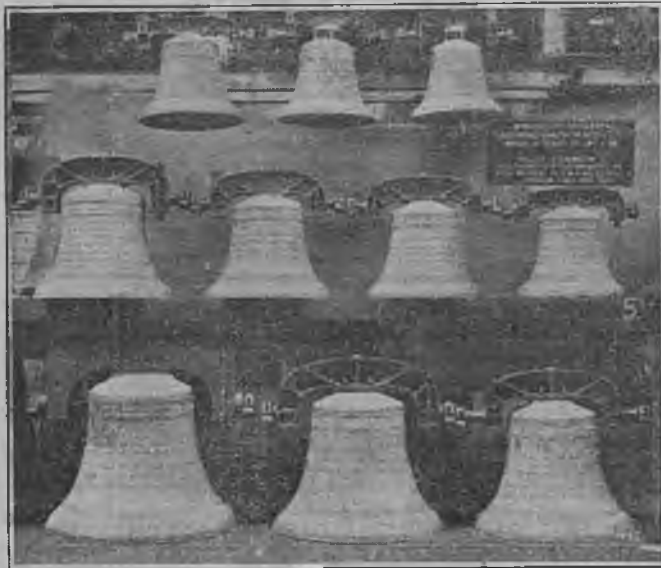
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Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by THOMAS WILSON.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Caters for all the band.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Alderton 1, F. Ramplin 2, C. Ellis 3, G. Ramplin 4, G. Thompson (conductor) 5, J. Scarfe 6, A. Alderton 7, F. Watling (first quarter-peal) 8.—Also 672 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Alderton 1, C. Ramplin 2, A. Alderton 3, B. Elmer 4, G. Thompson (conductor) 5, J. Scarfe 6, C. Ellis 7, F. Watling 8. Rung on the election of Captain A. R. H. Peake as Mayor of the borough for the second year.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Royal peal, including William J. Nudds, Charles T. Coles, Albert W. Coles, George R. Pye, William H. Hewett, James E. Davis, James Bennett, James George, Walter Ayre, and William Pye.

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James George on his 73rd birthday.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 3/4 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Royal peal in Liverpool, including Ernest Jones, Edward Jenkins, John Wilkinson, Thomas Hammond, George R. Newton, William H. Pickett, James Martin, Claude I. Davies, Percival W. Cave, and Edward Counce.

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

This is the first peal of Surprise Royal by the association and in the county. Also the first peal of Surprise Royal by all the band with the exception of Messrs. Cave and Jenkins. It was a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. Hammond and W. Davies.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

Table listing names and positions for the Kent Treble Bob Royal peal, including Charles Coles, Jack Honey, Richard Runham, Mrs. Albert E. Lock, Edgar Humphrey, Frank Barrett, Albert E. Lock, William Stone, Gordon Caddwell, and Percy Dyke.

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK. \* First peal of Royal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Grandsire Caters peal, including John Goodman, Jr., Louis S. Griffiths, William Goodman, Herbert Sheppard, Samuel J. Hughes, William Bayliss, Samuel Baker, Benjamin Godgh, William S. Powell, and Gilbert Guest.

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN. \* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. W. Goodman, Mrs. H. Sheppard and Mr. J. George.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Kent Treble Bob Major peal, including Clarence Blackburn, Sidney Goodall, Tom Scott, Walter Knott, Jack Banks, Fred Hodgson, Ernest Britts, and Herbert Peel.

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by F. HODGSON.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Wm. Collins, who was interred at this church on September 21st.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Oxford Treble Bob Major peal, including W. McCleave, H. Wormwell, W. Robinson, F. Bentley, W. Stephenson, W. Hunter, R. Hartley, and H. Entwistle.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the above church.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Grandsire Triples peal, including Sidney James, James Howarth, Christopher Gudgeon, David Clark, Joseph H. Ridyard, Fred Grundy, Percy H. Derbyshire, and William Jones.

Conducted by FRED GRUNDY. \* First peal, and made a member of the association previous to starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War. The ringers of the treble and fourth hail from Swinton, the rest belong to the local company.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, November 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Table listing names and positions for the Grandsire Triples peal, including Miss Cissie Thorp, Samuel Wood, Benjamin Thorp, Albert Gorringe, James H. Raper, William Brammer, Walter N. Ashby, and Joseph E. Sykes.

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Kent Treble Bob Major peal, including Benjamin A. Knights, Alfred Blogg, Joseph Richardson, Harry France, John Booth, James W. Grounds, William Sharples, and John H. Gartside.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (1905). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHT

WIGSTON MAGNA.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5154 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including Walter Brewin, W. H. Humberstone, Alfred H. Carter, Albert Chamberlain, Ernest Jelly, Albert Ward, Frank Lloyd, and Joseph S. Carter.

Composed by the late JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOSEPH S. CARTER.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal. First of Major as conductor. First peal by all Wigston men at the church. This peal was rung to commemorate the establishment of the diocese of Leicester.

KENSINGTON.—In St. Mary Abbots' bellry, on Monday, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes from Holt's Original) on handbells: S. C. Reeve-Flaxman (first quarter-peal in hand) 1-2, W. E. Judd (conductor) 3-4, C. F. Winney 5-6, C. H. Dobbie 7-8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On November 19th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 55 mins.: E. G. Stiles 1, T. T. Hayward 2, K. G. Hoare 3, F. Loxton 4, E. Lush 5, S. Carter 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, H. H. Andrews 8. Arranged for Mr. K. G. Hoare, a student at the Theological College.

SPALDING, LINGS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ELLOB DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*WALTER STAPLES ... .. Treble	STEPHEN MADDISON ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 2	RICHARD SMITH... .. 6
JOHN T. BROWN ... .. 3	†CHARLES S. H. STILES ... .. 7
GEORGE W. SIMPSON ... .. 4	JOHN G. AMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. G. AMES.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on an inside bell. Rang at the second attempt in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith. The whole of the band are regular service ringers.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 6
JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 4	HAROLD WALKER... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ARTHUR WHITE ... .. Treble	PERCY LONG ... .. 5
*ARTHUR P. BRADING... .. 2	ALBERT D. CALLAWAY ... .. 6
A. RICHARD WARD ... .. 3	EDWARD HATCHER ... .. 7
HARRY BARTON ... .. 4	THOMAS W. KEMP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\* First peal with a bob bell. This was the quarterly district peal.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*J. DONKIN GOFTON ... .. Treble	†JAMES ROBERTSON ... .. 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 2	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 6
†WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS... .. 7
JAMES E. SCOTT... .. 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM L. GOFTON

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

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH J. PARKER'S COMPANION TO No. 8. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*E. MOREY ... .. Treble	F. CRUTTENDEN ... .. 5
F. PARSONS... .. 2	C. TYLER ... .. 6
C. A. BARNES ... .. 3	A. E. BAKER... .. 7
E. LISH ... .. 4	G. PAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. BAKER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN... .. Treble	GEORGE WHITING ... .. 5
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method by treble ringer, and first in method on inside bell by tenor man. It was also the first in the method on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HENRY HUTTON ... .. Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDCK... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEBBE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

First peal in the method by all except ringers of treble and tenor. The band wish to associate the name of Mr. J. A. Cole with this peal. He has been of great assistance to them while practising the method, always taking the vacant rope when short-handed.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES T. WARD ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 5
MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 2	*HARRY BAXTER ... .. 6
JOHN KING ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 7
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 4	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* 75th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

LLANDUDNO, CARNARVONSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in G

*THOMAS BARROW ... .. Treble	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ... .. 5
*ROBERT L. FAIRLIE ... .. 2	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. 6
*DAVID P. ROBERTS ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. PEGLER... .. 7
†EDMUND LODGE... .. 4	*THOMAS LOWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

\* First peal. † First peal with inside bell. A. W. Brighton is from London, D. P. Roberts from Norton-in-Hales, Salop. Mr. T. Barrow is 67 years old, and was congratulated at the close upon ringing his first peal.

BALDERSTONE, ROCHDALE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART (No. 2). Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. CRABTREE ... .. Treble	GEORGE STAFF ... .. 5
WALTER STAFF ... .. 2	JOHN H. C. MASSBY ... .. 6
JOHN FITTON... .. 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. 7
MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. CRABTREE.

Mr. J. Fitton's 50th peal.

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

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOS. WILSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 5
* EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 6
MISS CLAYTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 7
JOHN BROWN ... .. 4	FRED HINDLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. Ringers of 3rd and 4th are from Houghton, 2nd from Kendal, 7th from Ambleside, and rest from Blackburn.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY OVERTON ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 6
HAROLD EDWARDS ... .. 3	* J. WILLIAM EDGE ... .. 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

**EYE, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

HUBERT J. DAY ... .. Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 2	HARRY MOSS ... .. 6
ALPHRED J. BERRY ... .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 7
JAMES BETTS ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second. The above band reside in eight different parishes.

**CRANBROOK, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Dunstan,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

HARRY BAKER ... .. Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... .. 7
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 4	LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STERRER ... .. 6
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung on the eve of the 38th anniversary of Mr. Charman's first peal, which was in the same tower.

**GRAVESEND, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. George.

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	RICHARD SMITH ... .. 5
* PERCY GRAVES ... .. 2	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6
JOHN BURLES ... .. 3	EDWARD J. BRER ... .. 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 4	EDWARD HADLOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung on the eve of Advent. A birthday peal for Percy Graves and Richard Smith.

**PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

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

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
FRED PRICE ... .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

First peal of Erin Triples by all the band, on the bells and by the Guild. 100th peal as conductor for the Guild.

**GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

E. W. TIPLER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

* FREDERICK G. CLARKE ... Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	† PERCY W. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal on more than six bells, and first peal in the method and first attempt. † Elected a member before starting. This is the 50th peal the brothers L. H. and W. P. Whitehead have rung together.

**BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MAJOR AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,**

**6152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. BELTON ... .. 5
THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6
CHARLES R. BELTON ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 7
FRED COTTON ... .. 4	GEORGE P. GARNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This is the author's No. 3, and contains 2,572 and 2,580 changes respectively of each method. It is now rung for the first time. First 'spliced' peal on the bells and by all except 4th and 6th ringers. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. W. Bonser, a venerable churchwoman, for her 92nd birthday.

**BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILFRED BOOTH ... .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 5
HAROLD HOBDEN ... .. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 7
ALBERT HOBDEN ... .. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

First peal on the bells since they were rehung in an iron frame and with ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The 'go,' etc., leaves nothing to be desired.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**ISLIP, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, November 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Being 720 Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Single Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS JERVIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HAYO ... .. 4
FRANK KIRK ... .. 2	JAMES B. HUDSON ... .. 5
GEORGE BLANLEY ... .. 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. C. LOVEDAY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Great War, two of whom were ringing members of this church.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven 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
FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 2	THOMAS TOWNSON ... .. 5
FREDERICK COWARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. Canon Irving, for 17 years Vicar of Hawkshead and an honorary life member of the above association.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

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

THOMAS HARPIN ... .. Treble	HARRY TYSOE ... .. 4
CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... .. 2	HERBERT A. WAGSTAFF ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

This was Miss Evelyn Steel's 100th peal for Bedfordshire Association.

MARSTON BICCOTT, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

8 WILLIAM SHUTE ... .. Treble	* FRED A. COWARD ... .. 4
* EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Minor.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM CATCHPOLE ... Treble	EDWARD J. BARTON ... .. 4
* PHILIP N. BARTON ... .. 2	EDWARD HOWES ... .. 5
HAROLD BARTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal away from treble. First peal by an entirely local band. First peal as conductor. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers.

BLETSOE, BEDS.  
THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	HENRY STAPLETON ... .. 4
WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3	ALFRED ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Colledge Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD THOMAS ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... .. 4
DAVID HORNE ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* HARRY J. STONER ... .. Treble	ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... .. 4
ERNEST E. STONER ... .. 2	CHARLES HOLMAN ... .. 5
ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 3	ALBERT E. T. GASSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. T. GASSON.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Streeter, J. Garson and the ringer of the 5th. F. Streeter and J. Gasson are both old members of the local band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

HAROLD G. SMITH ... .. Treble	CHARLES MASON ... .. 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	* JESSE BAYLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the eve of Advent. A. Crawley's 25th peal this year.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Court Bob and Colledge Single. Tenor 14 cwt.

* FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
WILLIAM NISBLET ... .. 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Minor.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL BELLS

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I use your columns to send out an appeal to all members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and especially to the non-resident life members? The repairs to the south-west tower of Lincoln Cathedral are now proceeding, and the time is approaching when it will be possible to hang the four new bells. At present, including promises of ten pounds, we are still ten pounds short of the money we need. A few of our non-resident members have sent subscriptions amounting to about two pounds. Our resident members have subscribed very well, and I write to ask our non-resident life members to help us finish the fund, so that the bells may be cast in the very near future, ready to go into the tower as soon as it is ready for them.

H. LAW JAMES,  
Master, L.D.G.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTEIGN DISTRICT.

The autumn quarterly meeting of the Presteign District was held at Kington on Saturday, November 20th, when 20 members attended from Kington, Knighton, Lyonshall, Staunton-on-Arrow and Old Radnor. The Guild form of service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Maurice Berkley, M.A. Mrs. Berkley presided at the organ. Tea was provided at the Vicarage, and was kindly given by the Vicar and Mrs. Berkley.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The secretary reported that combined practice was held at Eardisland on Saturday, September 25th, when eleven members attended from six towers, Grandshire, Colledge Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles being rung. Owing to bad weather, at the practice at Presteign on Saturday, October 9th, only four members attended, and no ringing was done. It was decided to hold combined practice at Lyonshall on Thursday, December 2nd, and at Pembroke on Saturday, December 11th, and the annual meeting at Eardisland some time in January.

Certificates of membership were presented to Robert Fletcher, of Lyonshall, and George King, of Kington. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Mrs. Berkley for providing tea and taking the service.

The tower was again visited, and ringing kept up till 9 p.m. in the following methods: Grandshire and Plain Bob, Doubles and Bob Minor, including 720 changes of Bob Minor conducted by Mr. F. Evans, of Kington.

THE EXTENSION OF SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Shortly after we rang the peal of Superlative Surprise Royal last June I published the facts connected with the extension of Superlative from the Major to any even number of bells.

Since that time, Mr. George Baker has been trying to explain away the facts by a theory of reciprocal relationship between the bells.

Now, everyone knows that if a theory comes into conflict with actual facts there must be one fallacy at least in the theory, and I have been following Mr. Baker carefully, looking for the fallacy, and at last, in his article published in 'The Ringing World' on November 5th, the fallacies come to light.

He writes: 'In all even-bell primary principles there exists what I call reciprocal relationship of the opposite pairs of bells, and on eight bells these are 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, and 4-5.'

But this statement is not true.

We need not trouble about Superlative; the plain hunting course on six bells is quite sufficient to show the fallacy.

One and six are a pair, and when they have got into each other's places, we do not get 654321, but 645231. 2 must change with 3 and 4 with 5. Complete the rows and fold it, then 132546 falls on 123456, 315216 on 214365, etc., and in every case 2 falls on 3, and 4 on 5; therefore if 1 and 6 are reciprocal, 2 and 3 are, and so are 4 and 5.

On 8 bells, 1 and 8, 2 and 3, 4 and 5, and 6 and 7 are reciprocal.

On 10 bells, 1 and 10, 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 6 and 7, and 8 and 9 are reciprocal.

On 12 bells, 1 and 12, 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 6 and 7, 8 and 9, and 10 and 11 are reciprocal.

And this is true of all double methods.

Mr. Baker then proceeds to prove that Superlative Royal is impossible, but his proof depends first on the fake assumption that 4 and 7 are reciprocal, which they are not, and, secondly, that 4 must make 3rd and 4th to begin with. Let 4 make these places and the method will not come; the inference is not that Superlative Royal is impossible, but that you must not make 4th's place.

Mr. Baker then produces what he calls Superlative Maximus, and begins by 4 and 9 making places, but 4 and 9 are not reciprocal; 4 and 5 are, and the Maximus, although quite interesting, is not Superlative.—Yours truly,

F. LAW JAMES.

123456  
214365  
241635  
426153  
462513  
645231

654321  
53412  
536142  
351624  
315264  
132546

BROADCASTING BOW BELLS.

One of the best broadcasts of bells to which the public has listened 'came over' from Bow on Sunday evening, when two courses of Stedman Triples were rung. For the first time interested ringers heard the complete touch, for there was no superimposed announcement. The bells were heard from the preliminary rounds, and, although the 'fading out' process began in the last two sixes, the final round was heard before the bells were completely switched off.

Mrs. Imrie May, writing in the current issue of 'The Radio Times,' says: 'Living here in Debreczen, Hungary, we have a nine-valve set, and with frame aerial and loud-speaker we can get all the English stations. I am British born and married to a Hungarian, and I cannot tell you how my heart beats at the sound of Bow Bells. It's such a homely sound. My husband, who speaks English very well, delights in the English programmes. My little daughter, two and a half years old, listens to the Children's Hour. Thanks to broadcasting, I have a link with the Old Country the value of which I cannot express in words.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We should all like to hear more change ringing by good hands on good bells, but is it not true that to the outsider change ringing is very monotonous? A little goes a very long way, and that is probably what the B.B.C. considers; seven and a half minutes people like: a quarter of an hour would bring by post a deluge of complaints.

They really serve us quite well. Rarely a week passes without bells being heard from some station or other. Some transmissions are better than others. Bow bells probably come over as well as any. The transmission of Simpson-tuned bells seems to cause difficulty; both Manchester and York bells were drowned in the hum of the heavy bells. About a fortnight ago a brief but very fine transmission of bells from Rochester was heard via Daventry. For tone, this was the finest I have heard, and if they were Simpson-tuned bells, the engineers must have got over the humming difficulty.

The fact is, the public like tune ringing, and the B.B.C. must give them what they like. As a suggestion, have we a band of tune ringers on the handbells? It is quite likely that such a band could be able to get a quarter of an hour and ring well-known hymn tunes before a studio service. They could arrange to finish off with, say, a course of Stedman Caters double-handed for the benefit of listening ringers. If the tune ringers couldn't do this, they could bring some ringers who could do so with them.—Yours faithfully,

E. CORNER.

Hanley.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, Kent, underwent a serious operation last Wednesday week in St. Peter's Hospital, Covent Garden, London. The report on Monday was that he was as comfortable as could be expected. His many friends all over the country will wish him a speedy recovery.

An interesting event on Sunday is the reopening of the restored ring of ten at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recast four of the bells, including the trebles and tenor, retuned the remainder, and rehung the whole. The work on the bells was part of a general restoration scheme at the church which has cost about a thousand pounds.

The College Youths rang their first peal of Stedman Triples in December 4th, 1803, at St. Mary Abbeots', Kensington. On an old board in the tower it is recorded: 'The whole peal of Tripples on Stedman's Principle, as composed by Mr. Thomas Edwards, was completely rung in this tower on Sunday, December 4th, 1803, in 2 hours and 50 mins., by the following College Youths: Willm. Paris treble, Willm. Brooke 2, Jon. Langly 3, Willm. Jones 4, Jno. Stratford 5, Chas. Barber 6, Edwn. Bartell 7, Riehd. Eddes tenor. Called by W. Barber.'

The 6th of December is the anniversary of that other peal of Stedman Triples, that at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, in the year 1731, which formed such an interesting feature in the Norwich dispute of that year, as recently described in our columns by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

On December 8th, 1746, a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Hurvictsham, Kent. Next Wednesday is also the anniversary of the 11,111 Stedman Caters, then the longest in the method on record, rung at Fulham in the year 1883. Although this was 43 years ago, half the band are still with us: F. B. Dawe, J. W. Rowbotham, C. F. Winney, E. Gibbs and Walter Prime.

A record that stood for nearly 80 years was made at Painswick in December 9th, 1833, when 10,224 Treble Bob Maximus was rung. It was not beaten until, in 1911, a peal of 12,240 was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne.

'Please permit me to say,' writes Mr. F. Maude, 'that the Yorkshire Association have the honour of Mr. T. Groombridge's name on their list.' That is the worst of having to write about ringers who belong to so many associations. One is apt to forget a few.

The closing date of the competition for the set of 16 handbells, which was formerly the property of the late Mr. Isaac G. Shade, is December 15th, but there is still time for any ringers who desire to take part to forward their contributions to the fund which is being raised for the benefit of Miss Shade, the sister of the deceased veteran.

Those who require only single tickets will benefit the fund further if, when sending, they will enclose a 1/4d. stamp for postage. Bauds can help substantially by taking a book of tickets. There are ten in each book, and each entitles the holder to take part in the competition on contributing 1s. to the fund. Tickets undisposed of must be returned to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' 63, Commercial Road, Woking, to whom also all contributions should be sent.

## RINGING AFTER EUCHARIST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reading the interesting account given in your columns of the Guildford District meeting, I took note of the Ringing Master's recommendation to ring for the Holy Eucharist when Matins follows very shortly after it. As this is a matter affecting the country at large, let me supplement his sound advice with the suggestion that the ringers should make a practice of attending the sung Eucharist and ringing again for the short space between the two services. Our English Communion services reach a triumphant climax with the Gloria in Excelsis just before the Blessing, and a brief touch on the bells makes a fine conclusion to the great act of thanksgiving. This is done, amongst other towers, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and it is a thrilling experience to come out from that wonderful 'People's Communion' with its fervent congregational singing and to hear the twelve bells rolling out their majestic music overhead.—Yours truly,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

## MR. JAMES GEORGE'S NEW RECORD

Mr. James George, 'of England,' fittingly celebrated his 73rd birthday on Saturday, when he made more history by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Clement Danes'. He is, we believe, the oldest man to ring a peal of 'Cambridge Ten', for the last peal in the method, which the late Mr. I. G. Shade rang, was when he was slightly less than this age, his last being at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 18th, 1924.

Mr. George wishes, through these columns, to thank his many friends for their congratulations and good wishes for his 73rd birthday; they are too numerous to reply to separately.

## AN INCUMBENT'S FEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can any brother ringer who knows inform me whether an incumbent can charge 3s. 6d. for his own pocket over and above the ringer's fee for ringing for a wedding?—Yours truly, J. L. Harris, High Street, Haling, Kent.



**LONG PEAL ATTEMPT AGAIN FAILS.**

The attempt for the long peal of London Surprise Major at Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday, happened to fall on a day when the band was 'off colour,' and it was lost through a rather silly mistake after 3 hrs. 15 mins. ringing. The ringing, although good, was not up to the standard of the previous attempt.

After seeing 'Joe' comfortable in his Austin and ready for his long run to the west, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung, with Mr. Walter Chairman taking the vacant rope. It was most gratifying to the company when the Vicar, who met them on coming from the tower, said, 'When will you come again? Keep on until you do ring it.'

**CITY CHURCHES SAVED.****PARLIAMENT REJECTS MEASURE.**

After a spirited debate last Thursday night, the 'Union of Benefices and Disposal of Churches (Metropolis) Measure' was rejected by the House of Commons by 151 votes to 27. By this result, the city churches, which were threatened with demolition, have been saved, for the time being at any rate, and it has been due largely to the awakened interest in the churches shown by the City of London itself. Ringers will be gratified, in that it means, also, the saving of some famous rings of bells from possible destruction.

Commenting on the rejection of the measure, the 'Sunday Times' said it was due not only to religious and æsthetic grounds, but even more to the constitutional aspect of the question. 'The City of London is very properly most jealous of its rights and liberties, and it was by no means satisfied that the proposal afforded reasonable safeguards in a matter affecting not one religious body only, but the whole citizenship of the City. The City churches were built, after the Great Fire, not out of ecclesiastical funds, but with money publicly supplied, and they are, therefore, in a sense the property of the whole City, and not of any section or denomination. The City Corporation determined to oppose the claims of the Church to be able to demolish such buildings as it chose and devote the proceeds from the sale of sites exclusively to its own purpose.'

'The victory,' added the 'Sunday Times,' 'means that respite has been won, but not that the position of the churches is permanently secure. On the contrary, it is still very much in jeopardy. The diocesan authorities retain the power, granted them under the Act of 1860, to pull down churches in the City; since the passage of the Act they have utilised their power on no fewer than twenty-one occasions, and there is nothing at law to prevent their using it on as many occasions again. It is time that that power were restricted in so far as it endangers buildings of artistic and historic value; the public at large, and not merely the inhabitants of the parish concerned, have a moral right to be consulted. The matter can be quite easily and satisfactorily settled by amending the Ancient Monuments Act so that churches of other than strictly ecclesiastical value can be scheduled for protection under it. We do not doubt the sincerity of those who wish to demolish certain churches, but we do gravely question the propriety of their claim to act in the matter without considering extra-denominational opinion. The City churches must be made quite safe.'

**DEDICATION OF LANCASHIRE BELLS.****A NEW RING OF EIGHT AT CHURCHKIRK.**

On Saturday, November 20th, the recast augmented peal at St. James' Church, Churchkirk, Lancs, was dedicated by the Rev. R. Newman, M.A., Rural Dean, and Rector of Churchkirk. A very interesting and instructive address was given by Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association, to the large congregation present.

Tea, which was served in the schools, was attended by ringers and the members of the congregation, and during this meal a telegram of congratulation to the Churchkirk ringers on the augmentation was received from Mr. John Bentley, of Haylake. Over sixty ringers were present, and all were unanimous in praising both the tone and 'go' of the bells, which reflect the utmost credit upon the founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The event coincided with the jubilee of the installation of the original six, and this grand old tower, which can be traced back authentically to the year 1268, and was in existence before that, now contains a peal worthy of its traditions.

In addition to the Blackburn Branch members, who were well represented, many visitors were present, including the president, Canon Elsee; the vice-president, Mr. J. Rollerson; the general secretary, Mr. W. H. Shaker; the ringing secretary, Mr. A. Tomlinson; and a promising youngster from Pendleton, the secretary of the Fylde Branch, Mr. C. Sharple, and Mr. R. Parkinson, of Durham, a former conductor at Churchkirk. Other towers represented were: Houghton and Penwortham, Leyland, Helmsshore, whilst Mr. J. Fidler represented the founders. An interesting visitor was Mr. H. Hayes, who was one of the original band who rang at the previous dedication in 1876. He is well over 70; his height is 'four feet nothing,' and, perched in a precarious position, he rang the treble to a touch of Bob Minor, and right well, too.

Touches in many methods were rung, and the bells were kept busy till 9 p.m., the people in the district quite enjoying the ringing after nearly four years' silence.

An apology was received from the secretary of the Blackburn Branch, Mr. J. Watson, who was unable to attend through illness.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****LOWER BEEDING BELLS RESTORED.**

A very pleasant and successful meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at Lower Beeding (Plummer's Plain), near Horsham, on Saturday, November 20th, at the special invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. G. D. Cooper) and members of the Lower Beeding Branch. The bells were originally a complete octave of Belgian origin, but owing to the trebles being so light, and consequently difficult to ring, only the back six had been used in recent years, although peals had been rung on the eight, including a peal of Superlative which is recorded on a tablet in the ringing chamber. Chain was fixed to the clappers of the trebles, which were rung on the wrong side of the bells, but a slight bump on the stay, which only great experience with them could avoid, would throw the clappers right again, and they could not be heard by the ringer. All this has now been altered by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in whose hands the work of restoration was placed. The two trebles, the fifth and tenor have been recast and metal added, and the whole of the bells rehung, and the Vicar and local ringers can now be congratulated on possessing a ringable peal of bells.

Some forty-five ringers had notified their intention to be present at the meeting, but the weather was most unfavourable, and when the secretary arrived shortly after three o'clock some anxiety was felt as to the success of the gathering, especially as it meant a cross-country journey for most, the nearest railway station being several miles distant. But at 4 p.m. passed the number increased, and, later, when a count could be made, forty-five were found to be present, representing the following branches: Bolney, Billingshurst, Brighton (St. Peter's), Cuckfield, Fittleworth, Henfield, Horsham, Ickingfield, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Shipley, Slinfold, Warnham, West Grinstead, also Messrs. Cyril F. Johnston (Croydon), J. H. Shepherd (Swinford), and H. B. Wells, non-resident members.

The service was particularly bright and hearty, and the Vicar's address, which included an account of the bells and their origin, was greatly appreciated. Best thanks are also due to the lady who presided at the organ.

Tea had been provided in a very liberal manner, and for a time everyone seemed to be fully occupied. After cigarettes were lighted, two prominent members of the company began to talk, strike notes, tap notes, dominant notes, harmonics merging into each other and making it difficult to the ear for the purpose of striking. So it went on. In the end—to the writer of these notes—they both appeared to agree to differ.

The Vicar considered the talk very interesting. Later, when one of the disputants was about to leave for Croydon, and the other for Brighton, they seemed to be on very friendly terms.

The ringing during the day did not reach a very high standard. The bells are somewhat odd struck, and the trebles turn very quickly. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are in no way to blame for this; but it is, none the less, a cause of difficulty to any but experienced ringers.

Mr. G. Walder, of Bolney, intended to be present, but was prevented from doing so through the illness of his daughter. He was present when the original peal was opened forty years ago.

**CANON SIMPSON'S CRITICISMS ACTED ON—FORTY YEARS AFTER.**

The following notes have been contributed by the present Vicar, the Rev. G. D. Cooper, M.A.:

The bells of Lower Beeding were presented to the church in 1886 by members of the Hubbard family, thanks to the interest and efforts of Miss Louisa Hubbard, and in memory of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hubbard, of Leonardslée.

They have an interesting history. When in the early 'eighties,' Miss Hubbard first thought of providing bells for her Parish Church, her great wish was that the bells should be as good as possible. With this aim in view, and possibly under the advice of the Rector of Slaugham of those days, she went to Belgium, and there fell in love with the tones of the old Belgian bells and the wonderful carillons of the Lowlands.

In due course, nine bells were bought for Lower Beeding from Severin van Aerschodt, of Louvain, and Messrs. Gillett and Bland, of Croydon, were called in to provide a carillon, and clock, and ringing fittings for eight bells.

But Miss Hubbard had made one mistake. The Belgian bells of 1886 were not like their predecessors of three centuries earlier; and the Lower Beeding bells (especially number five) had a trick of humming painful discords. Added to this, the nine bells (one fixed) were only intended to be carillon bells, and the treble and number two were too light for ringing.

In the summer of this year—just forty years after their erection—these bells and their carillon were examined in detail by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. When the defective tone and harmonics (long ago noted by Canon Simpson, of Fittleworth) were demonstrated, the Church Council decided that four bells should be recast, the remainder tuned, and the carillon put in order.

So, at last, Miss Hubbard's wish to provide really beautiful bells has been accomplished. A full peal of eight bells, with greatly improved tone, will welcome in 1927, when the time comes; and, day by day now, the carillon is ringing out its tunes, at twelve and six o'clock, to cheer one of the most widespread of our Sussex villages.

The total weight of the eight ringing bells is now 38½ cwt., the tenor being 10½ cwt., note 'G,' in addition to which is the chiming bell between Nos. 4 and 5, for lutes.

## DIVISION OF WINCHESTER DIOCESE.

### BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT AND THE DIVISION OF THE GUILD.

The Basingstoke District, on Saturday, November 20th, considered the question of the Winchester Diocesan Guild's status owing to the impending division of the diocese. It was pointed out that the district had already recorded a resolution in favour of division.

However, it was resolved that the district should support the proposal for the Winchester and Portsmouth Dioceses to remain affiliated whilst the Guildford Diocese should form a new Guild, and this was carried, only a small portion of the meeting recording their votes.

A correspondent writes: 'Respecting the vote taken on Saturday at our district meeting at Basingstoke on the question of the division of the Guild, I think many members were influenced chiefly by the decisions reached at the Guildford and Portsmouth District meetings, and therefore did not record their vote at all.'

With the members in the new dioceses, after referring the matter to their Bishops when they are appointed, will rest the ultimate decision, and I personally think that no pressure should be exercised by members living in the Winchester Diocese, and who will, of course, remain in the Winchester Guild to restrain, or even advise, those in the proposed new dioceses from carrying out their obvious duty as loyal churchmen and especially as loyal church workers. It is, of course, always open to all the present members to remain members of the old Guild, but the diocese is always regarded as the unit of church life, and ringers should regard it as a privilege to work under the individual control of their own Bishop. After all, the real useful work of Guilds is done in the districts, and it does not seem to matter much, except for veneration for an older name, under which Guild a ringer carries on.'

### REV. C. D. P. DAVIES RESIGNS DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke District of the above Guild was held on Saturday, November 20th, at Basingstoke. A record number was present, the members numbering between 50 and 60, and including visitors from Aldershot, Eastleigh, Winchester and Mortimer (Berks). Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. Divine service was held in St. Michael's Church, followed by tea in the Church Cottage, where the annual meeting took place.

The chief item, which naturally caused a feeling of sadness, was the resignation of the highly esteemed and efficient secretary of the district, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who, after nine years of useful work, is shortly retiring from the parish of Deane and removing from the district.

A hearty vote of thanks and gratitude was accorded to him. To fill his place, Mr. Davies had induced the Rev. H. T. Adams, Rector of Silchester (whose band of ringers joined the Guild during the past year) to consent to allow his name to be put before the meeting, and he was duly elected with acclamation.

Following the precedent of electing a new Master each year, the retiring Master (Mr. W. Hupt, Oakley) proposed Mr. C. Osler (Bramley), and he was elected. Mr. J. Chesterman (Basingstoke) was elected representative on the Central Committee, and Mr. F. Wilson was re-elected auditor.

Meetings during the coming year are to be held at Odiham (spring), Andover (summer), and St. Mary Bourne (autumn). Twelve new probationers were proposed, including the whole band at St. Mary Bourne.

### ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT DESIRE UNITED GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Isle of Wight District was held at Carisbrooke on Saturday last, when there was a record attendance, thirty-eight members being present, and all affiliated towers were represented. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Footman) and the Guild's form was used, Dr. J. B. Williamson presiding at the organ. The company, including the president, the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes (Freshwater), the Rev. J. C. Orr (Whitwell), and the Rev. H. C. Stokes (Brading), were then entertained to a sumptuous tea at the Waverley Hotel by the Vicar.

At the meeting that followed, the president occupied the chair during the first portion of the business, and expressed his pleasure at meeting so many of the members.

The balance sheet showed receipts £8 6s. 8d., expenditure £3 5s. 5d. (including instruction at Brading), £4 15s. to be forwarded to the general treasurer, leaving a balance in hand of 3s. 5d.—This was considered satisfactory and adopted, together with the hon. secretary's report for the year.

The Rev. H. S. Footman was elected president for the ensuing year, and other officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. H. Barton District Ringing Master and representative on the Central Committee, Mr. B. J. Snow district secretary, and Mr. H. A. Phillips district auditor. Messrs. E. Fleming (Brading), H. Dowden (Ryde) and A. Drake (Carisbrooke) were proposed as full members, and K. Downer (Freshwater), G. Muddell and J. Cooper (Byde) and H. Dawney (Godshill) as probationary members, and all were duly elected. Major C. W. Vincent, of Ryde, was elected an honorary member.

It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at Newport on November 26th, 1927, and the spring quarterly meeting at Freshwater on February 26th, 1927, also a by-practice meeting at Arretton the last Saturday in January, subject to arrangements.

Arising from the matter re the division of the Diocese, Mr. W.

Upton, of Newport, proposed that on the division of the diocese, the members of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers are desirous of the Guild continuing on as hitherto.—This was seconded by Mr. E. Hatcher, of Ryde, and supported by the ex-president, and on being put to the vote was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the ex-president and the officers, also to the new president for his kind hospitality in entertaining the members to tea.

This concluded a most successful meeting, and further ringing then took place on Carisbrooke's grand peal.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

### PROPOSED RINGING COMPETITION.

The sixth meeting of the year was held at Tuxford on Saturday, November 20th. A large attendance of ringers had been expected, but owing to the usual rainy November Saturday and other causes there was only a moderate attendance, and many who had promised to attend were unable to do so. There was a good supply of buses, and the L.N.E.R. Co. conceded single fares for the double journey, and to give the ringers 1½ hours longer ringing allowed the 8.21 express train ex Newark to stop at Tuxford station for the Northern District ringers. However, the 22 stalwarts who braved the elements got good value for their sacrifice. The new peal of six bells in the key of G, tenor 12 cwt., was kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers from 2 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., and was kept in motion the whole time except for a brief interval for tea and the business meeting, and some good ringing was executed, both with handstroke and closed leads. Ringers were present from Sutton-on-Trent (7), Barlborough (3), East Markham (2), Gamston (2), Worksop (2), South Anston (1), Ordsall (1), North Wheatley (2), Newark (2), and Mr. J. H. Smith, the leader of the local band, who made every arrangement for the welcome and comfort of all. The methods rung for the probationers were Plain Bob Minor and Doubles, also Grandsire Doubles. Afterwards, Kent, Oxford, Killamarsch, Violet, Duke of York, Treble Bob and St. Clement's Minor were rung. Tea was served in the schoolroom, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by the Vicar (Rev. Walter Smith), who gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. It was, he said, their first visit to Tuxford since the restoration of the bells, and he was very favourably impressed with the good ringing done that afternoon. He would very much have liked to have the full octave. There was plenty of room for them, and frames had been put in the tower for them. He hoped the day would soon come when someone would come forward with the additional bells to make them complete. He noticed a number of ladies present, who, he was told, had taken seriously to learning the intricacies of the art, and it was always a good sign of progress when the ladies of the church took seriously to any branch of church work. He also noticed from the yearly report that the society was progressing numerically and financially. That was another good sign. He wished the association every success for the future, and 'Godspeed' in their work. When he was at Cambridge he took a great delight in the sound of bells, and always had done, but he had never learned to ring them.

The next meeting will be held at West Retford early in the new year, and will be advertised in due course in 'The Ringing World.'

The following new members were duly enrolled: Archdeacon Hacking, of Newark, and Rev. Bell Hawes, Vicar of Sutton-on-Trent, as vice-presidents, and Mr. B. Thompson, of East Retford, as performing member.

A discussion took place with reference to the new cup or shield to be given by Mr. A. B. Crawford, of Rampton, son of the late Mr. Charles Crawford, of East Markham, and a member of the association. The cup or shield is to be called the Crawford Cup, to perpetuate the memory of the donor's father, and a competition is to take place annually, the cup being held for twelve months by the ringers for the best ringing.

The discussion was adjourned to be dealt with by the committee and, later, the annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding over tea and meeting, for use of the schoolroom and bells, also to the caterer for providing tea, and to Mr. J. H. Smith for having everything in 'apple-pie' order for the visitors.

The Vicar suitably replied, and the meeting terminated. Ringing was then further indulged in until 8.30 p.m.

## BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

A quarter-peal of Minor, in which four of the band are quite young ringers, was rung at Penistone on Thursday, November 25th, when 1,440 changes of Bob Minor were brought round in 55 mins., the two 720's having different callings: H. Roebuck 1, F. Barraclough 2, W. Wooler 3, A. Champion 4, H. Sykes 5, L. Wilkinson (conductor) 6. All the ringers except those of the 3rd and tenor are under 18.

At Church Stretton, Shropshire, on Tuesday, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Williams 1, R. J. Shenton 2, W. J. Beniams (conductor) 3, W. Powell 4, R. Sands 5, W. T. Boughey 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 4th and 5th.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## GEORGE NEWSON'S NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In his early days Newson usually rang at the light end, afterwards he usually called from the tenor, and, although never a very strong man, developed into a first-class tenor ringer. In 1894 he got together a band to attempt the extent of Double Norwich with the tenors together, 13,440. The band started for the peal on Easter Monday, March 26th, and rang 13,072 changes in eight hours and fifteen minutes, when the treble rope broke—a most unfortunate and disappointing ending when so near home. Curiously enough, on the same day another long peal attempt failed by a mechanical defect. This was at Wolverhampton, where 17,000 of Grandsire Caters were attempted under the conductorship of Mr. John Carter. 7,362 changes were rung in four hours and thirty-nine minutes, when the tenor clapper broke.

The Cumberland band, though disappointed, did not mean to accept defeat, and a few weeks later the same men, standing in the same order, successfully accomplished the peal at St. Edward's Church, Romford. The finished peal took only one minute longer than the unsuccessful attempt, which is accounted for by the difference in the weights of the tenors, Brentwood being a couple of a hundredweight heavier than Romford. 'Romford, Essex. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, on Wednesday, April 18th, 1894, in eight hours and sixteen minutes, at the Church of St. Edward, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13,440 changes. Tenor 17½ cwt. Benjamin Foskett 1, Edwin Barnett 2, Henry Dains 3, George Smith 4, Charles Wilkins 5, Albert Pittam 6, Arthur Jacob 7, George Newson tenor. Composed and conducted by George Newson.'

This was the longest length at the time rung in the method. It was beaten by a 15,000 rung at Erith, conducted by Mr. W. Pye. This was superseded by 17,000 at Kidlington, though there are some doubts as to the correctness of that peal. And the Kidlington peal was beaten in number of changes, though not in length of time, by 17,104 rung at St. Thomas', Wigston, by the Midland Counties Association on December 27th, 1904, in 10 hours 35 minutes. Composed and conducted by Mr. William Willson. This remains the record for the method.

Another interesting peal of Newson's was the first true peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung in London. This was at St. Ann's, Highgate. The history of Cambridge Surprise is an interesting one. It was composed as a six-bell method in the latter years of the seventeenth century by, if I remember rightly, Fabian Stedman, and was deservedly popular among the old ringers. Annable extended it to Major, but wrongly. He omitted fifth's and eighth's when the treble is dodging in 3-4, and, of course, produced an incorrect lead end. The correct extension, however, was shortly after discovered, and Cambridge Major was extensively practised in London during the eighteenth century. Two peals were rung, one by the London Youths, and one by the College Youths; though, as it happened, the bands were composed of exactly the same men, except for the treble ringer, and standing at the same ropes. Both peals, unfortunately, were false.

In the early nineteenth century peals, also false, were rung in Yorkshire, and later the method was practised at Norwich, though no peal was rung. From Hubbard's early editions we learn that it was highly thought of, and

it is interesting to notice that he compares it favourably with Imperial, because it has Bob Major lead ends and the other has not.

Then, partly because of the difficulty of getting a true peal, and chiefly because of the general decline of ringing in the higher methods during the latter part of the nineteenth century, the method fell into disuse. When the revival came the experts who praised Superlative as 'par excellence, the perfect method,' despised Cambridge as a crude, ill-constructed affair. To Sir Arthur Heywood, Cambridge was 'radically bad,' and the 'Glossary' is scarcely more complimentary. So it was that Superlative was the Surprise Method which was first extensively practised, and peals of Cambridge were rung more as curiosities than anything else.

Then, a few years before the war, opinion changed. The fact that Cambridge will extend perfectly to any even number and the rediscovery of Cambridge Royal gave the method great popularity, and now it is rung as much as all the other Surprise Methods put together.

In George Newson's time the headquarters of the Cumberland Youths was, as now, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and there they had a very proficient twelve-bell band. They were not a very attractive lot, and one would hardly apply the title 'Church Workers' to them, but they could ring Stedman Cinques. Perhaps their most unamiable characteristic was a selfish exclusiveness. They had twelve good men to ring, and they never encouraged any young ringers. The immediate day was sufficient for them, the future could take care of itself, and so, when Newson and some of the others died, there were no others to take their places, and the Cumberland Society in a few years, from being among the very best in the country, fell into a very low state, from which much time and no little hard work has gradually once again raised it.

George Newson died in 1896, and was buried in Hampstead Cemetery. A stone was erected by the subscriptions of ringers.

## ICKLETON BELL RESTORATION.

A TENDER ACCEPTED.

The Parochial Church Council of Ickleton, Cambs, held a meeting on Thursday evening of last week, when it was decided to accept the estimate of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the work of restoring the bells, which, it will be remembered, were silenced a short time ago by the breaking of the tenor gudgeon pin. It was then found that the accident was due to the dilapidated condition of the old oak frame, which was actually endangering the tower. The belfry is, therefore, to be cleared and a new iron frame installed. The tenor bell is to be recast and the other five tuned.

One subscriber to the fund having made it a condition of his gift that the tower shall be examined by an architect and his sanction to the work obtained, the Council are not placing the order until the architect has visited the tower. He will be met by a small committee (of which Mr. P. Webb, one of the ringers, is one).

Mr. Webb is anxious that when the work is carried out an H frame for eight bells shall be erected, as he feels confident that it would not be long before two trebles could be obtained to complete the octave. At present there is reluctance on the part of the village folk to depart from the six to which they have always been accustomed, but a little outside influence might convert them to the advantages of eight bells.

The following donations towards the estimated cost of £400 have been received from outside sources, and further contributions will be gladly welcomed by Mr. Webb: Whittle-le-Wood ringers 10s., Chatteris ringers 5s., Rev. R. Copeman £1, A Friend 2s. 6d. Mr. Webb's address is Ickleton, Cambridgeshire.

## COINCIDENCE.

By a curious coincidence the peal of Guildford Surprise Major rung at Guildford and recorded this week fell on the same date as that on which the first peal in the method was rung in 1913 at Holy Trinity, viz., November 23rd. The same composition was rung and the same time occupied in ringing it.

With the exception of the composition, all the rest is absolute chance, and even the ringers were unaware of it until they had finished. There have been no other peals in the method on these bells except the first one of all, which is not recorded as it turned out false.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The 49th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Newcastle on October 30th. The service was held in Newcastle Cathedral, conducted by the Vicar of Newnastle (Canon Newcom), assisted by the president (the Rev. A. W. Lister, Rector of St. Stephen's, South Shields), and Canon Stephenson (Rector of Gateshead). A very interesting and instructive address was given by the Rev. R. E. Holmes, Vicar of Tynemouth, who based his remarks on the 19th Psalm, and said the clergy and the bell-ringers were fellow-ministers, each in his own way telling of the glory of God, for the bells called God's people to God's house to hear the Word of God. When the church bells sounded over hill and dale, their message was, 'May Jesus Christ be praised.'

The president (the Rev. A. W. Lister) presided at the annual dinner and meeting, held at the Crown Hotel. The hon. treasurer, Mr. G. S. Taylor, presented the financial report, which showed that a debit balance of £3 17s. 10d. had been transformed into a credit balance of £13 7s. 3d.

The hon. secretary, Mr. E. Ferry, presented the annual report, which showed that North Shields took first place for Sunday service ringing, followed by St. Ignatius', Sunderland, for the 8, 10, and 12 bell towers, Newcastle Cathedral being third. In the six-bell towers, Holy Trinity, Darlington, took first place for the fifth year in succession. The first peal of Doubles by the association was rung at St. Peter's, Jarrow, on September 22nd, and on Sunday, October 24th, the bells of Durham Cathedral were rung in changes for the afternoon service. This is believed to be the first time these bells have been rung in changes for a Sunday service, and the ringing was done by the local band with the assistance of their instructor. There is great hope of better things here in the future, with the entire support and encouragement of the Dean and Chapter.

The sad note in the report related to the loss the association had sustained in the death of one hon. active member, three active and three life members, namely, Major R. C. Hudson, who met his untimely death whilst muffling the bells at Bishopwearmouth Church preparatory to the memorial service for Queen Alexandra. The magnificent character of the deceased and the terrible calamity are too fresh in the memory of all to need detailing here. Then came the death of Mr. Norman C. Fleck, of Gosforth, Mr. A. F. Hillier, and Mr. R. Richards, of Newcastle Cathedral, life members, Mr. W. T. Robson, of Liverpool, one time hon. secretary of the association, and a fellow ringer with Major Hudson at Bishopwearmouth before going to West Hartlepool and thence to Liverpool, Mr. Geo. Hill, of Penistone, and Mr. J. G. Shade.

The points gained for Sunday service ringing were as follows: For the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers, North Shields 1,165,844 points, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, 833,443, Newcastle Cathedral 690,735, Gosforth 526,376, St. John's, Darlington, 422,404, Shildon 326, Tanfield 383,13, Gateshead 208,12, Jesmond 195,45, Consett 186,81, St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, 182,06, Chester-le-Street 173,772, Bishopwearmouth 48,9; six-bell towers, Holy Trinity, Darlington, 1,454,828, Benfieldside 683,464, Hurworth-on-Tees 582,464, Newton Hall 463,56, Winton 168,48, Newburn 119. Twenty-seven peals were rung during the year (including the first peal on Carlisle Cathedral bells), 69 members having taken part in the peals, twelve members had rung their first peal during the year, and there were nine conductors. Four towers have joined the association during the year.

Canon Stephenson presented the certificates to the winning towers for the best Sunday service ringing during the year.

The following were elected officers: President, Mr. C. L. Routledge; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Clark (Southern District), F. Sheraton (Western), J. S. Goffon (Northern); hon. secretary, E. Ferry; hon. treasurer, G. S. Taylor; hon. editorial secretary, Arthur Payne; hon. auditor, A. M. Hall; district secretary, W. Story (Northern Division of the Northern District), A. Deas (Newcastle Division), G. S. Taylor (Eastern), T. Titt (Southern), H. Tyson (Western), C. Squire (West Tyne). It was stated in the report that the association is celebrating its jubilee this year, and the whole-hearted support of every member was asked for to make it the success aimed at.

### DEATH OF THE REV. H. T. W. EYRE.

#### FORMER SECRETARY OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

We regret to announce the death of Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, in his 79th year, the sad event taking place at The Temples, Witham, on Wednesday, November 24th. The deceased was apparently in his usual health when he retired to bed on the previous evening, but had a seizure and passed away soon after midnight.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre was for forty years Vicar of Gt. Totham, from which living he retired in 1916. While there, he was instrumental in restoring the church and adding the ring of six bells.

For upwards of 30 years he was honorary secretary of the Essex Association, and up to the time of his death took a keen interest in its welfare. He was present at the last annual meeting at Chelmsford Cathedral on Whit Monday.

The funeral took place on Saturday. The church was crowded with his old parishioners and friends to pay their last respect to a faithful parish priest. The service was choral, and the whole of the neighbouring clergy were present and robed. The opening sentences were recited by the Vicar (Rev. A. B. Herbert), Rev. G. A. Cambell (Vicar

of Witham) read the lesson, and Canon G. T. Brunwin-Hales (Rector of St. Mary-at-the-Walls, Colchester) recited the committal prayer. Among those present were: Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. P. Timson (district secretary S.E. Division), Messrs. L. W. Wiffen and C. H. Howard (Braintree), J. D. Buckingham (Goldhanger), F. Chalk (Hoybridge), W. H. Chalk (Langford), A. Evers (Witham). Among the many floral tributes were a cross from the Essex Association and a wreath from the Totham choir and ringers. Immediately after the burial, 720 Bob Minor was rung deeply muffled on the bells which Mr. Eyre loved so well: S. Rusben (Totham) 1, C. H. Howard (Braintree) 2, P. C. Sayer (Totham) 3, J. D. Buckingham (Goldhanger) 4, L. W. Wiffen (Braintree) 5, T. Hammond (Totham) 6.

At Witham, on Saturday, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of deep respect, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 720 Double Court Minor were rung: W. S. Butler 1, W. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, A. Evers 4, W. Butler 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor and 216 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: V. Glass 1, W. Butler 2, W. Mellin 3, A. Evers 4, W. S. Butler 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, also 216 Bob Minor: W. Butler (conductor) 1, W. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, A. Evers 4, E. Bright 5, W. S. Butler 6.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION TO FORMER BRISTOL BRANCH SECRETARY.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at St. Thomas' (City), Bristol, on Saturday last, when no less than 22 towers were represented, and visitors were present from Bath, Burnham-on-Sea, Clevedon, Devizes, Weston-super-Mare and Newport (Mon). The bells of St. Mary Redcliffe (12), Temple (8), St. Philip's (8), and St. Thomas' were available during the afternoon. Redcliffe and Temple were the great attraction, and at the former several ringers had their first pull on twelve bells. The interest at Temple is its leaning tower, which is nearly five feet out of plumb.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, where 70 ringers and friends sat down, including the Vicar (the Rev. M. Patterson) and the churchwardens, Messrs. G. E. Ford and W. H. Paul.

The short business meeting which followed was presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould).

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to all concerned for the arrangements.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a thoughtful address from the chancel.

Following the service an adjournment was again made to the Parish Hall, where in the presence of about 100 ringers and friends, several coming in from the surrounding districts for the occasion, the chairman presented Mr. Percy C. Williams with a handsome eight-day striking clock, suitably inscribed on a brass plate. The gift had been subscribed to by members of the branch in recognition of Mr. Williams' great services as honorary secretary of the Bristol Branch for five years. The chairman, in making the presentation, spoke of the excellent work Mr. Williams had performed during his term of office. He had given them a great deal of his time and energy, especially in connection with the monthly meetings.

Mrs. Williams was not forgotten, as it was well known that she had done her share in the work, and she was presented with a large box of chocolates.

Mr. Williams was taken by surprise, and was almost too full for words. In thanking the members most sincerely, he wanted to know how they kept the secret.

The rest of the evening was spent in harmony. A whist drive and dance had been organised by the Bristol United Guilds, and it proved that some of the ringers (not forgetting the old hands) could enjoy a dance as well as a ring on the bells.

#### GLOUCESTER BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at St. Laurence's Church, Barnwood, on Saturday, November 20th, when 30 members from various towers attended, including visitors from Stroud and a lady ringer from Cheshire.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. H. V. Paton), who is chairman of the branch. He extended a hearty welcome to the members, and gave a very helpful address on the ringers' vocation. Following the service, the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea had been provided through the kind generosity of the Rev. and Mrs. Paton.

After tea, the Vicar took the chair for the business meeting, at which the hon. secretary presented his report. This showed that nine meetings had been held during the year, with an attendance of 198 members, and an average of 22 per meeting. The report was considered very satisfactory and adopted.

The Rev. F. H. V. Paton was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, Mr. W. H. Harris, secretary, and Mr. T. Baldwin as representative on Management Committee.

The Chairman and Mr. Harris thanked the members for the confidence placed in them by re-electing them, and said they would serve the branch to the best of their ability.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. and Mrs. Paton for their kindness in providing tea, and to Mr. J. Waite for his assistance.

The next meeting is to be held at St. Mary De Lode, it being left for the secretary to arrange a date.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, November 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,259 changes) in 49 mins.: E. Hancox (conductor) 1, Miss D. G. Feltham 2, T. Stephenson (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, F. W. Elliott 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, H. W. Kirtton 7, J. E. Marks 8, J. H. R. Freeborn 9, W. Honor 10.

**TOTTENHAM.**—On November 28th, at All Hallows' Church, for evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344): S. W. Crabb 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, H. Ellis 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. A. Button 7, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 8.

**LEYTONSTONE.**—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday, November 28th, for morning service, 720 London Surprise Minor in 24 mins.: G. Dawson 1, R. Maynard, jun. (first attempt in the method) 2, A. Prior 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, C. D. Smith 6.

**NOTICE.**

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready early. Tea and business meeting in Parochial Hall 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price but application must be made to Mr. W. Robinson, 49, Bowman Street, Agbrigg, Wakefield. All members affected by the coal dispute will be the the guests of the Sandal company.—C. D. Potter, Secretary.

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**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting at the Grange at 5.30. All are welcome.—E. W. Day, Dis. Sec., 58, King's Road, Hitchin.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. W. Chapman, 6, West Parade, Rothwell, Leeds. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The sixth annual social of the above branch will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Tickets: Adults 2s. 6d. each; children under 12 half-price.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Dalston (8 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, for which a charge of 1s. will be made. Business at 5.30. Ringing 6-7.30. A grand concert will afterwards be given in the Lecture Hall. Members are welcome to attend; admission 6d. and 1s.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, conducted by Rev. Lieut.-Col. F. J. Cheverton (Vicar). A tea will be provided. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting at Heavitree, Exeter, on Dec. 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea, free to members, at Church Institute. Meeting to follow.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting for this division will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30.—F. Clark and C. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 4th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood, on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m., and tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m. Trains from Burton, also buses from New Street, Burton; return fare 6d. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Ringers are invited to the Vicarage for tea. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—Fakenham District.—A branch meeting will be held at Fakenham Church on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 2 o'clock till 8. Short service by Rector. Ringers heartily invited.—R. W. Cooke, Dis. Sec., Hempton, Fakenham.

**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 financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd. \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 16th (at 8 p.m.), and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (Parish Church, 10) available from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m., and (All Saints', 8) from 2 p.m. onward. Service in All Saints' at 4 p.m. Tea in Mr. B. Moody's Café, Horsefair, at 5 p.m. See circular for further particulars.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at St. Peter's, Tiverton. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. Intending visitors please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 7th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Vale of White Horse Branch.—The re-dedication of the bells at All Saints' Church, Faringdon, will take place on Thursday, December 9th, at 2.30 p.m.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—N. Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mere on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. F. E. Trotman (Vicar). Tea 5 (members 6d. each). Business meeting to follow, to elect chairman and secretary. Towers available: Mere (8), Gillingham (8), Bourton (6), Zeals (6) and Stourton (6). Will any ringers who wish to attend the tea please let me know by Dec. 7th at the very latest?—Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Guild). Business meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ossett on Saturday, Dec. 11th, and not the 4th Dec., as arranged.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Clifton Restaurant, Regent Street, at 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 8th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Chester Street, off Oxford Road, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells ready 3.15. A tea will be provided at a small charge at 5.30 prompt. Meeting after tea. Will those coming please inform me not later than Thursday, Dec. 9th? A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—Aylsham District.—A meeting will be held at Salle on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 3 p.m.; also Reepham at 6 p.m., and the six bell ringers in the district are earnestly requested to attend. If meeting is a success monthly meetings will follow.—W. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec., Reepham.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Dec. 11th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5 o'clock, addressed by the Vicar. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant, Fore Street, at 5.30 (1s.). Business meeting after. All members and ringing friends are invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Full details next week.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Co-operative Café. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Nowell, The Green, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, by Thursday, Dec. 9th? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Dec. 18th, and not on Dec. 4th, as previously announced. Bells available at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all who intend to be present kindly advise Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent?—T. Hurd, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (10) available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Dec. 15th?—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

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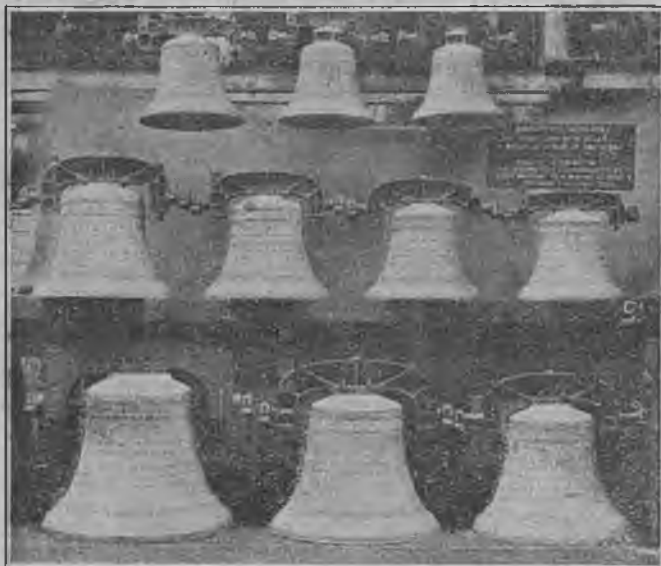
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### CAN EXPERTS FIND THE TRUTH?

Our article last week, suggesting that a committee of experts might consider the question of method extension and lay down the tests which shall be applied in future for deciding the validity of claims, has brought from the Rev. H. Law James the rejoinder that such a committee would be impossible, because what is wanted is truth, and a committee could only offer a compromise. Here, however, we must join issue with the Master of the Lincoln Guild. If there is truth to be found, why cannot a committee of experts find it? If the protagonists of any one view cannot trust a judicial body to investigate their claims, for fear it may be said that truth does not lie in that direction, we can understand there may be objection to submitting arguments to an impartial tribunal, but where men are certain of their ground there ought to be no hesitation in accepting the decision of a committee who could get down to the fundamental facts. There is no need for compromise in a thing like this, any more than there was when the committee set out to define 'legitimate' methods, and, if 'truth' exists, let us have it defined.

In certain directions, however, many practical ringers have serious doubts whether any of the disputants are strictly right, and there is much in the contention that in regard to some methods, at all events, true extensions are not possible. A great deal of light will be thrown upon the matter, we think, by the remarks which will be found in 'Notes by the Way' in this and subsequent issues, and when the ordinary reader has perused these notes he may be able to place his own value upon the discussions to which the Exercise is from time to time treated. Mr. Trollope is here dealing with method extension from a detached point of view, and reviews all the factors that have a bearing on this involved problem. It is an explanation which will elucidate for the uninitiated some of the knotty points which need to be unravelled if a complete understanding of the subject is to be gained.

But the more the experts oppose an investigation of the question, the more will the average ringer be inclined to the belief that the 'authorities' are by no means sure of their ground. After all, the Exercise, as we pointed out last week, although not particularly interested in the arguments, which many cannot follow, is at least entitled to know where we stand in these matters, and to be told, if that be the truth, that there is no correct solution to these problems. Surely there is enough knowledge in the Exercise to settle a matter of this kind, or to tell us that it is incapable of settlement; to say, for instance, whether the Baker view or the James view of the ex-

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tension of Superlative is right, or whether both are wrong. It is of no use to say that the matter is of no importance to the Exercise. Before anyone thought of ringing Superlative Maximus it may have been unimportant, but now that a method which purports to be an extension of the Major is actually being practised, this question becomes one of definite importance. And as time goes on other bands will want to practise extensions of other methods; why not, therefore, endeavour to clear the ground and tell us, at least, what tests must be satisfied in method extension?

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The ringers of the 3rd and 4th were elected members previous to starting. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the cordial reception he gave them, and the local ringers for having everything ready.

**PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM FISHER... .. Treble	JOHN PERRY ... .. 5
ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 7
JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 4	*SOLOMON PARKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\* First attempt for a peal, and obliged by ringing the tenor at a few minutes' notice, he being one of the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of England, on his 73rd anniversary.

**ERITH, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

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

GEORGE CULLUM... .. Treble	FREDRICK A. COLEY ... .. 5
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 2	JIM HORRELL ... .. 6
GEORGE W. HARRIS ... .. 3	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 7
CYRIL BRETT SMITH ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by R. BRETT SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Brett Smith. Also to Mr. Thomas Phillips.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, November 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JAMES FLEETY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 5
LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 6
*HORACE COOPER ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal in the method. The band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. L. Wiseman at the conclusion of the peal, for which they desire to tender their thanks. The band represented eight towers, viz.: Earls Colne, Sible Hedingham, Gt. Yeldham, Feering, Gt. Bentley, Braintree, Greenstead Green and Colchester.

**CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, November 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,*

**A PEAL OF PRINCE ALBERT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

SAMUEL WHEATLEY ... .. Treble	EDWIN HUDSON ... .. 5
WALTER POPPLEWELL ... .. 2	PERCY WHEATLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM STANHOPE ... .. 3	SIDNEY KEIGHLEY... .. 7
*WILLIAM E. SCRIMSHAW ... .. 4	WILFRID LEE ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by W. POPPLEWELL.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. S. Keighley, and to celebrate his completion of 21 years as a member of the association. This peal was rung on Sunday, after two unsuccessful attempts on Saturday.

**ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, November 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK E. STONE... .. Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5
GWYN I. LEWIS... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH... .. 6
*G. WILLIAM HOLLIS ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
WALTER NURTON ... .. 4	JOHN WEATHERSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

\* First peal of Triples with a bob bell. Ringer of 2nd halls from Cadoxton, Neath, of the 5th from Bridgend, the rest are local.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, December 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. in E

SAN TAYLOR... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHAMPION ... .. 5
ALBERT MANKTELOW ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT... .. 7
Wm. E. PITMAN, Mus. Bac. 4	CHARLES BELSEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

Rung as a welcome to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and also as a birthday compliment to Canon Fred J. O. Helmore, the much respected hon. secretary of the Kent County Association.

**FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, December 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHARLES S. H. STILES ... .. Treble	*JOHN G. AMES ... .. 5
*MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	JOHN CURRY ... .. 6
GEORGE LADD ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 7
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Curry.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, December 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE E. WRIGHT... .. 5	...Treble	*STANLEY R. SMITH ... .. 5
FREDERICK ROBSON ... .. 2		*THOMAS H. CHAMPION ... .. 6
*SIDNEY BREEZE... .. 3		JOHN LOWERY ... .. 7
THOMAS W. DOBSON... .. 4		ERNEST BURNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. BURNETT.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 2nd, and by an entirely local band.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS LAW ... .. 5	...Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 5
ERNEST SIBLEY ... .. 2		JACK DOVE ... .. 6
FRANK ROLLINGS... .. 3		WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 7
DAVID VINCENT ... .. 4		FRED HOPPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

Rung after meeting one short for Caters. This is the 100th peal by Charles W. Bird, who hails from Kettering.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 5	...Treble	ARTHUR BRAMISH ... .. 5
*MISS EVA LEWIS ... .. 2		THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 6
MISS GLADYS DODDS ... .. 3		DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... .. 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 4		†ALFRED KING ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by D. H. ARGYLE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. The tenor man deserves great credit for the way he handled his bell throughout.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM L. CUTTIDGE ... .. 5	...Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5
*MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... .. 2		ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3		GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4		CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

\* First peal of London away from the treble.

KINGS NORTON (-CUM-GAULBY), LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

FRED BLOOD... .. 5	...Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 5
ALBERT COPPOCK... .. 2		FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3		FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 4		PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

Specially arranged and rung to commemorate the 150th anniversary year of the first peal on these bells by the Sherwood Youths, on May 28th, 1776. Only one other peal has been rung on these eight bells, viz., June 4th, 1816, by the Leicester Scholars.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CLARENDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... .. 5	...Treble	TOM WILDE ... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2		WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 3		JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... .. 7
HARRY LANGLEY... .. 4		JOHN W. HARTLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by E. JENKINS.  
Arranged for the conductor, and his first 'touch' in the method.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN J. MAWEY... .. 5	...Treble	JAMES T. WARD ... .. 5
HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 2		CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 6
*JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 3		GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 7
†JOHN KING ... .. 4		ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.  
\* First in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 5	...Treble	PERCY JERVIS ... .. 5
*ERNEST T. MALLENDER ... .. 2		WILLIAM T. PALMER ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... .. 3		BENJAMIN GREATorex ... .. 7
JOHN P. TARTON ... .. 4		A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5	...Treble	*CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 5
*JAMES G. DUNHAM ... .. 2		BEN JARMAN ... .. 6
JOHN MAYLAN ... .. 3		ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... .. 7
*RICHARD E. RICHARDSON... .. 4		P. S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

\* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt.

BIRLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM MANKTELOW ... .. 5	...Treble	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2		GEORGE POUND ... .. 6
HARRY BAKER ... .. 3		LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 4		THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Holt's Original has now been called from each bell in the octave, by the conductor.

DEVIZES.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 9th (Mayor's Day), 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: J. Ottaway 1, G. Swift 2, S. Sutton 3, G. England 4, W. A. Swift 5, F. Green (conductor) 6.

TACKLEY, OXON.—On Wednesday evening, November 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor: J. Honour 1, J. Cleaver 2, E. F. Honour 3, G. Bullock 4, W. H. Cleaver 5, W. Judge (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,*

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILUS... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 5
*REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 6
GEORGE PELLINGER... .. 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGELEY. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* 50th peal. Rung on the 17th anniversary of the opening of these bells after augmentation to the octave.

**MERE, WILTS.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

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

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

*WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. Treble	REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 5
FRANCIS S. WILSON ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. 6
*FRED A. COWARD ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
*EDW. G. L. COWARD... .. 4	†WILLIAM KEATS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. 3, 4 and tenor rung by local ringers. The above was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Wm. Clements and Miss Violet Woodcock, who were married in Wincanton on this date.

**MANCHESTER.**

**THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**

*On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEANSGATE,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

SAMUEL WOOD ... .. Treble	SYDNEY MARSHALL ... .. 5
JAMES CARTER ... .. 2	FRED ALTHORP ... .. 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 3	CHARLES HOLLIER ... .. 7
ALBERT GORRINGE ... .. 4	BENJAMIN THORP... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung for the birthday of the Rev. Herbert Edmunds, Rector of St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, who attained the age of 72.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

**BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Monday, November 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

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

Consisting of six six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury and April Day, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND ... .. Treble	THOMAS CRANE ... .. 3
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 2	ARTHUR H. TOOK... .. 4

JOHN PONCHARD (aged 78)... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, who has been connected with this tower over 60 years. The ringer of the treble is 71, and of the 3rd 75 years. These bells are a very old peal, the three largest being cast by Henry Jordan, of London (who died in 1468), and the two trebles by William Brend, of Norwich, in 1621.

**TEYNHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, November 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

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

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, and Collage Single, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

VERNON PAGE ... .. Treble	CHARLES TOMBER ... .. 4
ALFRED BAKER ... .. 2	EDWARD HODGES... .. 5
EDWARD W. TOMBER ... .. 3	WILLIAM NYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

V. Page was elected a member before starting.

**WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

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

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and six 720's of Kent, each called differently.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Treble	FRED GINN ... .. 4
ARTHUR WM. T. GINN ... .. 2	FRED THREBON ... .. 5
BERRY WAYMAN ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The band thank the Vicar (the Rev. Atkinson) for the use of bells, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Sharpe for kindly entertaining them at the conclusion of peal.

**DARLINGTON.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

*On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JAMES T. TITT ... .. Treble	FRANK W. LUPSON ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. PORTER ... .. 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 5
NORMAN PARK... .. 3	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all the band, on the bells, and by this association.

**SHARNBROOK, BEDS.**

**THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

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

Being 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 4
WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 2	WILLIAM STOCK .. .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

**NUNNEY, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JIM RALPH... .. Treble	FRED A. COWARD ... .. 4
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... .. 2	REGINALD F. BECK ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHUTE ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

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

**EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

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

Being 42 six-scores, 16 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HEADLEY B. VALE ... .. Treble	*RICHARD G. COOKE ... .. 4
*GEORGE E. PROBERT .. .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
*THOMAS G. COOKE ... .. 3	*THOMAS COOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, December 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Beverley, Durham, York, Cambridge, Wells and London.

CHARLES JENNINGS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 4
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 2	EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 3	ROBERT HOWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day. Owing to a service, it was not possible to make the attempt until December 1st.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT RUSHTON ... .. Treble	JAMES F. HYETT ... .. 4
WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT... .. 2	JOSEPH W. RUSHTON ... .. 5
ALFRED R. BILLINGS ... .. 3	HAROLD H. W. KINSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. RUSHTON.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

With ten different callings.

THOMAS WISE ... .. Treble	JAMES MARR ... .. 4
ARTHUR MARLOW... .. 2	THOMAS LAW ... .. 5
ARTHUR ROBINSON ... .. 3	*ERNEST LAWSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

\* First peal, first attempt. Rung after meeting short for Minor, also as a birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of 2nd.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HENRY CAVIGAN ... .. Treble	JOHN BAILEY ... .. 4
PERCY H. TATE ... .. 2	JOHN FLOWER ... .. 5
GEORGE FREEBRY ... .. 3	ALFRED MOULD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBRY.

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

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE F. ADLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE HIGGS ... .. 4
*HARRY BARBER ... .. 2	*WILLIAM HALT ... .. 5
WILKINS MASSEY ... .. 3	ROEBEN COLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ADLEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the patronal festival. The ringers of the 2nd and 5th belong to Esher and East Molesey respectively; the rest are local.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;**

FRED HODGSON ... .. 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM BARTON... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7-8
H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 9-10	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

This composition is No. 56 in the Central Council's Collection. First handbell peal of Caters by all except the conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT 4, CRANMER ROAD.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16 in B.

Rev. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Caths.) 5-6
E. G. BENSON (St. Caths.)... 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted S. H. WOOD.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Eight-and-a-Half Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE.

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

Tenor size 16 in B.

E. G. BENSON (St. Caths.) 1-2	*F. E. HAYNES (St. Caths.) 5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Caths.)... 3-4	*S. H. WOOD (Magd.)... 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal of Kent.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**

FRED HODGSON ... .. 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM BARTON... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7-8
H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 9-10	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

This peal is No. 34 of the Central Council Collection.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6065 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 12 in F.

FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
*HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 3-4	ALFRED BARNES ... .. 7-8
HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 9-10	

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness: H. T. JONES.

\* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' First peal of Caters as conductor.

**DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to Mr. W. H. Barber's contention that the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' and the one under my name are the same, having called both, I really must beg to differ. Mr. Washbrook's peal, which was first called at Southgate on September 24th, 1896, has three successive blocks with singles at 2. The other has three successive blocks with the singles at 14, so that the whole cycle of both is different. Again, why did not Mr. Washbrook claim it when he saw it? But if Mr. Barber, or anyone for that matter, prefers to call them the same under Mr. Washbrook's name, I have no real or personal interest, for there are no royalties, and life is too short for argument. But my feelings on the matter are similar to the astronomer who was compelled to recant his view of the world revolving round the sun. When I have called the one we will call 'Dexter,' it has always been published as a variation of Thurstans'.—It is much easier to call or conduct than either Mr. Washbrook's or the original. This was my only excuse in stringing the blocks together in this form with singles, for both variations are mongrels. I am much obliged to Mr. Barber for wishing to call my attention to the same.—Yours truly,  
F. H. DEXTER.

50, Stuart Street, Leicester.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I say that I pointed out the matter of the above to the secretary of the M.C.C. early in the present year? The composition was rung at Barwell on November 9th, 1912, conducted by F. H. Dexter, as Washbrook's variation; at Leicester, on August 16th, 1919, same conductor, as Dexter's variation; and again at Nottingham on June 1st, 1926, conducted by A. F. Bailey, as Washbrook's, and the figures are again given. There is no such variation as Dexter's.

W. A. CAVE.

**MR. R. BROWN'S 50 PEALS.**

A peal of London Surprise at North Stonham, Hants, on Saturday, completed Mr. R. Brown's 50 peals as follows: Grandsire Triples 6, Stedman Triples 6, Bob Major 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich Major 9, Superlative Surprise Major 6, Cambridge Surprise Major 10, London Surprise Major 5; total 50.

**MR. J. FLEUTY'S 100 PEALS.**

Minor 14, Bob Major 7, Oxford Treble Bob Major 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 8, Double Norwich 8, Grandsire Triples 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 11, Superlative Surprise 22, London Surprise 22; total 100.

**GUILDFORD'S IMPROVED RING OF TEN.**

A great improvement has been effected in the ring of ten bells at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford. The bells have been in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have recast the front four and the tenor and tuned the other five, and the church now has a much more dignified and sweet-toned peal. The tenor—22½ cwt.—is a little heavier than its predecessor, and vastly superior in quality. The old fittings as well as the old frame has been utilised, and the bell hangers have made such a complete success of this part of the job that the 'go' is perfect.

The rededication of the bells took place on Sunday at the morning service, when, from the chancel, the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler) recited the dedicatory prayers, and the 'St. Clement's Bell Hymn,' written by Mrs. Bickford and set to music by her husband, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Daves, was sung by the congregation, kneeling. Then the bells were heard, rung by the local band in rounds for a few minutes before the service was resumed.

After the service and during the afternoon, the bells were open, and a number of visitors joined in the ringing, among them Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, who was present at the dedication of the two trebles when the bells were first made into a ring of ten, about forty years ago. Mr. Pryce Taylor represented the founders.

**A SILENT HANTS PEAL.****A SUGGESTION TO THE WINCHESTER GUILD.**

On Thursday week, the Wickham (Hants) ringers paid a visit to St. Andrew's Church, Owslebury, and rang three 720's of Minor, being 720 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Single and 720 College Single: W. Heming 1, H. J. Smith 2, H. W. Merrett 3, Rev. E. H. Duke 4, G. E. Chappell 5, H. Bennett (conductor) 6.

After the ringing, the visitors were entertained to light refreshments at the Rectory, by the Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Briggs, who expressed their appreciation of hearing the bells once more.—The ringers thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and for so kindly providing refreshments, and hoped their visit would be of some interest, and would rouse some of the locals to start ringing, as it would appear the bells are never rung, not even for Sunday services.

This is a good case, writes our correspondent, for the district representatives of the Guild to take up, as the bells are a nice ring of six and in good going order. The Guild is always anxious that bells should be erected and restored when in bad condition, and it should be part of their duty to see what can be done to keep them on the move, especially for Sunday services. Will officials and members of the Guild please take note?

**'BIG PETER' AT LOUGHBOROUGH.**

'Big Peter,' the famous big bell of York Minster, weighing 103 tons and inferior in size only to 'Great Paul' and 'Big Ben,' was removed last week from York Minster and taken by road to Loughborough, where it will be recast at a cost of nearly £1,500. So large was the bell that the stone pillar between the large double doors at the west end of the Minster had to be removed before the bell could be got outside the building. The bell is 1ft. thick, with a clapper weighing 3 cwt. This bell has never been 'rung' in the accepted sense of the word, because it was too unwieldy. It was stated in the 'Times' that the bell defied the efforts of 40 men pulling on ropes over a pulley to swing it into action, and in order that it could be rung at noon-day and midnight, on New Year's Eve, a special hammer with which it could be struck had to be erected. When the bell is rehung, the weight will have a different distribution, and the installation of ball bearings is expected to enable 'Big Peter' to be swung into action for the first time since it was hung over 70 years ago.

One of the objects in recasting the bell is to get it into tune with the new ring of twelve.

**DEATH OF THE VICAR OF CHATTERIS.**

We regret to record the death of the Rev. H. F. Bagshaw, Vicar of Chatteris for 25 years. Beloved by all, his death called forth a remarkable demonstration, both of the affectionate regard which his parishioners had for him, and of the high esteem in which he was held by the townspeople generally.

Amongst his church workers, no branch loved him more than the ringers. Although not a ringer himself, he knew what good ringing was, and was always ready with a word of praise when due.

After the funeral on Saturday, November 5th, the bells were rung half-muffled, and on the following Sunday.

From all quarters have come expressions of appreciation, and one of the finest is that of the Free Church Council, who say: 'We loved him, not only for his work's sake, but also for the graciousness and sweetness of his Christian character, and we have very happy memories of his unflinching courtesy and brotherly spirit shown to us all.'

On Saturday, a 720 Plain Bob half-muffled was rung: E. Mattock (first 720) 1, W. Seekings (first 720 as conductor) 2, A. Barker 3, A. Mattock 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams 6.—On Sunday, November 7th, a 720 Plain Bob half-muffled in 27 mins. for morning service: E. Mattock 1, W. Seekings (conductor) 2, A. Barker 3, A. Mattock 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob half-muffled in 27 mins.: E. Mattock 1, A. Mattock 2, A. Barker 3, W. Seekings (conductor) 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

An outstanding performance for a youth in those early days of ringing was achieved by Robert Porter, who at 17 years of age called '5,040 Holt's Grandsire Trebles' at Kingston-on-Thames on December 10th, 1787.

A peal of 'Real Double Caters' was rung at St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, on December 10th, 1770. It was a 5,165, composed and conducted by George Gross, and the figures are recorded in 'The Clavis.'

A peal of Grandsire Triples, 'which was done in three hours and eleven minutes to the satisfaction of all the lovers of that science,' was rung at St. Mary's Tower, Ipswich, on December 12th, 1735. The tenor was rung by James Kirridge, aged 61 years.

On December 12th, 1735, 7,392 Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

A hundred and ninety-one years ago next Wednesday a peal of 8,008 Grandsire Cinques was rung by the College Youths at St. Saviour's, Southwark.

The same day is the anniversary of a peal of 5,886 Stedman Cinques, rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, where there are now but eight bells, the old peal of twelve having been destroyed by fire.

The first peal in South Africa was rung at Woodstock on December 15th, 1904.

A peal at St. Peter's, Smithills, Bolton, has been sent without the name of the conductor. Will our correspondent, who did not enclose his address, please supply the necessary information?

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Llandudno on November 27th was rung for the North Wales Association, and that at Balcombe, Sussex, on the same date, for the Sussex County Association. The latter was the first peal by the ringers of treble and 3rd.

Those who have counterfoils of tickets for the competition for the late Mr. J. G. Shade's set of handbells are reminded that they must be returned to 'The Ringing World' Office, 63, Commercial Road, Woking, by Wednesday next. Tickets undisposed of and cash should be returned by the same date.

There are still a few tickets available for any who would like to help and who can comply with above conditions. The competition will be decided on Saturday, the 18th inst., and the result announced in the following issue of 'The Ringing World.'

The number of changes in the peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Radcliffe, on Saturday, November 20th, should have been published as 5,056, not 5,088 as sent.

## STRIKING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I quite concur in your valuable article upon 'Good Striking,' a thing which I have always impressed upon beginners. Mr. Wiffen's observations are also to the point, but, of course, his 'ral-en-tando' at back stroke must not be too obvious. In reference to his remark as to not having read anything upon training the ear in these pages, may I refer him to my previous article upon 'Bell Tones and How to Observe Them'?—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG.

## BROADCASTING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When I wrote you in regard to the broadcasting of Bow bells, I did so with the object of inducing others to add their protest, and not with the idea of starting a controversy among ourselves, but the letter in your issue of last week from Mr. E. Corner can hardly pass unchallenged, for I doubt if even the B.B.C. would care to father such an epistle. The question of public dislike is one which 'outsiders' are quite capable of voicing without our assistance (as they did in the recent controversy over jazz v. classical music, etc.), and my experience of the uninitiated is that they do appreciate a short touch (I am not aware of any request for a quarter-hour touch) when well struck, and that the only section of the ringing fraternity which needs to apologise for ringing is that to which your recent leader on striking was addressed. This has been proved to me by remarks from non-ringers (many of whom pity my insanity in 'pulling my inside out and getting blisters for nothing') on the 'fine ringing' transmitted from Bow last Sunday week, and it is up to those who ring for broadcasting to give the public something worth listening to, as has been done at Bow, and appreciation will quickly take the place of the criticisms which arise from some quarters.

As to tune ringing, I have heard no enthusiasm over the solo from St. Martin's, and as far as handbells are concerned, we can find tuning-ringing companies at two a penny, and plenty amongst them to ring a course of Stedman Caters, but I do not think they would educate the public to appreciate the 'music of the bells' if they had an interrupted quarter of an hour every Sunday as well as a band of strikers would at Bow, with a bob course of Stedman Triples or three leads of Bristol once a month.

I might also mention, for Mr. E. Corner's benefit, that Rochester are Simpson-tuned bells.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.



### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY PROPOSAL TO FORM DISTRICTS.

In conjunction with the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, a joint meeting was held at Rawmarsh where the late Mr. Sam Thomas devoted so much patience and time in teaching a new band of ringers. Upwards of 40 members assembled from Doncaster, Dore, Eastwood, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Killamarsh, Norton, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints', St. Marie's, Worksop and Wortley, supported by local members. The peal of eight, in excellent going order, were sent into changes at 3 p.m., many methods being rung and several learners taking advantage of the opportunity to have a pull with their more experienced brethren.

A short service was held in the church, where the Rector gave a very interesting address, which was followed by a well prepared tea in the Parish Room, after which a smart course of Grandsire Caters opened the business meeting.

The Rector, the Rev. F. C. Scovell, kindly presided, and was congratulated by Mr. Craven upon his recent appointment as Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral. Nine new ringing members were elected and also one honorary member in the Rector, who paid the welcome subscription of 10s.

The Secretary reported that owing to the large area which the society covers some towers were visited only once in three years, a position which was far from satisfactory from the point of view of collecting subscriptions and giving the necessary assistance to struggling bands. It was therefore proposed, subject to ratification at the annual meeting at Ranmoor next March, to form two branches or sections of the society to hold meetings on the same day in different areas, so that practically all the towers affiliated could be visited during the course of the year, and joint meetings held as occasions warranted. The funds of the society are still to remain under the control of the general committee.

It is hoped that members will study this proposed reorganisation, so that discussion at the annual meeting will be brief but helpful.

The usual, but none the less necessary, vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and local company for their hospitality, and a move was then made to the tower, where the bells were taken full advantage of until 8.30 p.m.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION'S JOINT MEETING.

The policy of holding a quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Rawmarsh on Saturday, December 4th, was watched with some anxiety, but all doubts were set at rest by an attendance of about 40. Members were present from Sheffield (the Cathedral, St. Marie's, All Saints', Ranmoor and Handsworth), Ecclesfield, Conisborough, Doncaster, Arksey, Wortley, Dore, Rotherham Parish Church and Eastwood, Killamarsh and the local company. The bells were kept very busy up to 4.30, when a short service was held, conducted by Canon Scovell, whose remarks were followed with great interest. A splendid tea was provided by the local company in the Parish Room, which was very much enjoyed.

At the business meeting Canon Scovell was voted to the chair, and opportunity was taken to congratulate the Rector on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

Two new members (A. Hall and J. McClusky), both of Arksey, were elected members of the association.

An invitation to hold the annual meeting of the division was given by Handsworth, and this was accepted, the date being March 19th, 1927.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his presence and the use of the bells, the organist, and to the local company, and these were duly acknowledged.

#### WESTERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Rothwell on Saturday last. About forty members were present from Armley, Bramley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Far Headingley (St. Chad's), Horbury, Keighley, Leeds Parish Church, Queensbury and the local company. Tea was served in the schools, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. C. C. Marshall being in the chair.

One new member was elected. No invitations having been received for the annual meeting in March, it was decided to leave it in the hands of the committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and church-wardens for the use of the bells, also to the local company and the ladies for the arrangements made.—The Vicar and Mr. Strangeways responded, and the meeting terminated.—Ringing was further indulged in until 9 p.m.

### TWO BELLS AT THE TIME.

At Little Munden, Herts, for divine service on Sunday week, 720 Bob Minor was rung with Mr. W. H. Lawrence ringing two bells: W. H. Lawrence 1-2, S. Carter (conductor) 3, W. Williams 4, A. Phillips 5, G. H. Carter 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MAJOR R. C. HUDSON.

#### LECTERN DEDICATED AT BISHOPWEARMOUTH.

Simply, but with deep reverence, the lectern presented to Bishopwearmouth Parish Church (St. Michael and All Angels'), Sunderland, in memory of the late Major Robert Challis Hudson, who was killed in the belfry while muffling the bells for Queen Alexandra's funeral, was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday morning, November 28th, before a fully representative congregation. Miss Susan Hudson represented the family, Mr. Thos. Hudson and Miss Hudson being absent through illness. Representatives of every parish organisation, with their leaders, were present, and also the president, secretary and about 40 members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers. During the war Major Hudson served with the R.A.S.C., and officers and men from the Newcastle headquarters were present. Before the lessons were read, the 'Last Post' was sounded by buglers and drummers from the 7th Durham Light Infantry.

On behalf of Major Hudson's family and friends, Lt.-Col. A. Dent, R.A.S.C., then unveiled the lectern, and offered it to the Rector and wardens in possession for ever.

The Rev. Prebendary Wynne Wilson dedicated the memorial, and the buglers sounded the 'Reveille.' The Rector afterwards gave a deeply touching and appropriate address, and the congregation dispersed after inspecting the memorial to the sounds of a touch on the bells by a mixed band of members of the association.

The Rector, after briefly sketching the history of the foundation of the church 1,200 years ago, went on to refer to the new lectern. It was fitting, he said, that St. Michael bearing the flaming sword should support the Book which contained the Word of God. Round the base of the lectern were bells. They were introduced here primarily because of the life-long interest which Robert Hudson took in bell ringing and of the services which he rendered to that craft. Bells were the heralds of joy, the call to worship in Christian churches, and the Gospel was good tidings of great joy. They rejoiced when the friends of Robert Hudson desired to perpetuate his memory that they should have chosen to follow up the dedication of the beautiful holy table, in which he was so interested, by the provision of an equally beautiful resting-place for the Holy Bible. They were met there, friends and relatives, and comrades of his, because they wished to show that the loss of his earthly presence was remembered. Robert Hudson had, through his constant study of the word of God, become inspired with the ideal of Christ, whom he served. Major Hudson set a great example by placing the service that he could render to Christ and to His Church above all sectional differences. He saw something greater in religion than the insistence on his own point of view. Truly it could be said of him that he was 'our servant for Jesus' sake.' The secret of his influence was in his simple faith. The figure of St. Michael was not unfitting to commemorate his life. Like St. Michael, he fought a good fight against all that is evil. Of him, whose tragic death they remembered that day, they believed that he had entered upon the fullness of life, rejoicing in wider service for the Master, and enlisted still under the banner of St. Michael in the work which overcomes the power of evil in the great cosmic struggle to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the sons of God.

### DEVON GUILD.

#### STRENGTH OF EXETER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Heavitree, Exeter, following a hearty service in the Parish Church, and tea at the Church Institute. There were about 110 present, amongst whom was Sir Robert Newman, M.P., Member for the City, who replied in a witty speech on behalf of the hon. members present.

The chairman, Mr. E. Shepherd, was re-elected, appreciation of his services being shown by prolonged applause. Mr. T. J. Stokes was elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Miss G. Duvey assistant. A good balance in hand was reported, and it was also stated that the membership was well maintained. The meeting stood in silence in memory of Rev. W. S. Gurney and Mr. James Moss, who have died during the year. The Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), the eight-bell rings at Heavitree, St. David's, and St. Thomas' and six at St. Petrock's were rung by the members.

### PRINCE ALBERT TREBLE BOB.

Many ringers will ask, when they peruse the report this week of a peal of Prince Albert Treble Bob, rung at Calverley, Yorks, what method is this?

It is a variation of Kent, the slow work in front being cut up when the treble is behind.

28674513  
82765431  
87256413  
78524631  
75842361  
57183216  
54758261  
45372816  
43527186  
34251768  
34527186

The first lead-end is 16482755, and hobs are made as in Kent.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

The last quarterly meeting of the year was held at the Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday, November 27th, but the attendance was rather sparse, due, no doubt, in part to the inclement weather, and in part to the reputation of the bells.

The Guild's presiding Ringing Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., took the chair at the business meeting, and, formal matters having been disposed of, the Secretary reported that he had booked the Connaught Room, at the Imperial Hotel, for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner for February 19th next, this being the nearest available date to Henry Johnson's birthday, viz., February 28th.

The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, as usual, on a date to be arranged in January.

Mr. Alderman Pritchett reminded the meeting that that day, November 27th, was the 73rd birthday of Mr. James George, and the secretary was instructed to write him congratulating him on the event.

The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and early evening, the chief results being numerous tender places on the hands of certain members present.

**DEATH OF A LINCOLN RINGER.**  
**THE LATE MR. C. W. P. CLIFTON'S ALL-ROUND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

The many friends of the late Mr. Charles W. P. Clifton, of 120, Scorer Street, Lincoln, in various parts of the country will regret to hear that he succumbed after an unsuccessful operation on Sunday, November 28th, at the age of sixty-two. Three years ago he had a serious illness, chiefly rheumatism and gout, and although he made a wonderful improvement it is now apparent that he never completely recovered from that attack.

Migrating 40 years ago from Tinwell, near Stamford, where he spent his early days, he attached himself to St. Peter-at-Archies' tower, where at that time change ringing was at a very low ebb. During some part of the 19 years' membership there, he, with the help of other enthusiasts, saw the standard of ringing raised from 'Churchyard Bob' to London Surprise. During his connection with this tower the bells were overhauled at considerable cost, and under his careful supervision as steeplekeeper were for many years kept in excellent condition. He was away from Lincoln for about two years, and upon his return joined the Cathedral company, where the highest methods were being practised. Whilst a member of the Cathedral he saw the installation of the fine peal of eight, which now hang in the tower, and the ringing for the 10.50 service introduced instead of chiming.

He was very enthusiastic in the proposal to augment these bells to twelve, which is likely to be an accomplished fact in the near future, and with his usual tact was successful in collecting a considerable sum towards the cost. With the exception of a short break, he was for about 18 years a member of the Cathedral company. In peals, he was usually found at the heavy end, and in all he had rung 58 with various Guilds and Associations, from Minor to Maximus.

Apart from his change ringing activities, his loss will be felt by the Diocesan Guild. Always a regular attendant at the various meetings, he was of great help in the various discussions. It was at these meetings when his practical knowledge of bells and bell hanging was found of great use, and on many occasions his skill as a debater was noticeable when any knotty point was being discussed.

Outside his trade as a printer, the late Mr. Clifton was no mean citizen. A member of the Typographical Society, the members at their meeting showed their respect by observing five minutes' silence on Tuesday evening. As a Buffalo, he was a strong supporter of the Order, and had held all the offices of his lodge and possessed several medals. An ardent Liberal in politics, he was a director of the Liberal Club and chairman in 1905-6. In the latter part of his life he became attached to St. Peter-at-Gowts' Church, and although he refused the office of churchwarden, he was a member of the Parochial Church Council.

Amongst his many pursuits, he was for many years a keen angler, and two of his intimate ringing friends, one now in Yorkshire and the other in Ireland, will no doubt recall the various expeditions among the Lincolnshire rivers. Possessing a good voice, his services as a vocalist were often demanded, and very rarely refused. In his younger days he was no mean swimmer, and at times his ability as a short-distance sprinter was shown.

The funeral service on Dec. 2nd at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Church was largely attended, the church being practically full. Many of the mourners followed to the graveside, and there were numerous beautiful floral tributes. In the evening the six bells of St. Peter-at-Gowts and the eight at Washingborough were rung half-muffled. At both towers some of the members of the Cathedral took part in the ringing, through the kindness of the members attached to those towers.

At Gainsborough (Lincs), on Thursday, December 2nd, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: Miss P. G. Baker 1, C. A. Hewitt 2, J. T. Bartram 3, F. P. W. Butler (conductor) 4, J. Dixon 5, C. H. Baker 6, R. Dawson 7, E. Halingwater 8.

This is the first quarter-peal in the method by Miss Baker, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. C. W. P. Clifton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT AND CENTRAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

The annual meeting of the North-Western District of the Essex Association was held at Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday. Touches in various methods having been rung on the bells of St. Michael's Parish Church, the members attended a special evening service. This was conducted by the Rev. Canon H. T. Lane, Vicar, with Mr. A. R. Brazier at the organ. After the service, tea was served in St. Michael's Parish Room, followed by the business meeting.

Mr. H. Dew, District Master, presided, and twenty-one members were present from Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden, Hailow, Potter Street, Barley, Stansted and Leytonstone, the rather small attendance being due to the foggy state of the weather, which prevented members travelling from some parts of the district.

Mr. H. Dew, on being re-elected District Master, said he was glad the proposal was 'for another year' only, as he did not believe in one man retaining the chair too long. All members should aspire to take the chair in their turn, and he thought everybody should fulfil the office. He thanked them for his re-election, and would do whatever he could for the district.

The hon. secretary, Mr. C. Beeston, was also re-elected, and in thanking the members he said he endorsed the chairman's remarks. If anyone would take over the secretaryship he would be pleased to give up the position, and he would give a new secretary every assistance in his power. The Chairman remarked that the office of secretary was not a very thankful one, and all the officials should have the support of the members.

Mr. Pitsoe said he had been asked by Mr. C. H. Howard, the Master of the Association, to express his regret at not being able to be present. It was owing to the funeral taking place that day of the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, late Vicar of Great Totham, who was for many years general secretary of the association, when all the work was done by the general secretary before the association was divided into five districts. Mr. Howard was representing the association at the funeral, and was also sending a wreath in its name. The chairman said they regretted the cause of Mr. Howard's absence, and Mr. Dench suggested that a vote of sympathy be sent to Mr. Eyre's family. Mr. Pitsoe said he had already done so, and the meeting thereupon endorsed his action.

The Chairman brought forward the question of the general meeting of the association being held continuously on Whit Monday, a day on which he and possibly others could not get to it. He suggested that it might be held alternately on Whit Monday and the Saturday prior to Whit Monday. Mr. Pitsoe said that had been tried and had failed.

The Chairman said, that being so, he would withdraw his suggestion. He then remarked that he thought the representatives on the Central Council should be elected at a general meeting every three years, each of the five districts to elect a representative in rotation, four to be elected as now. He thought if such a resolution were sent from that branch to the association it would carry more weight than if it came from an individual member.

Mr. Dench said the delegates paid their own expenses, and the association was fortunate in getting representatives voluntarily. He thought they had better leave well alone.

Mr. Pitsoe said it was, of course, open to the meeting to nominate a representative, but the Chairman said they might leave the question open to the next meeting, and in the meantime turn it over in their minds.

Newport and Saffron Walden were suggested for the next meeting, and eventually, on the proposition of Mr. J. Prior, seconded by Mr. Wacey, Newport was selected.

A new member from Harlow having been elected, Mr. Pitsoe proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Lane for lending the bells and for his address, the organist, and the steeplekeeper, Mr. Springham, which was carried.

The Chairman thanked the representative of the 'Herts Mercury' for attending the meeting, as he had done for many years, and the meeting closed.

**A JUBILEE PEAL.**

The jubilee peal of the Lanes Association, at Blackburn, was arranged some weeks ago, and by a strange coincidence the name of the new Bishop (Dr. P. M. Herbert, Suffragan Bishop of Kingston-on-Thames) was gazetted the same morning. The four dioceses covered by the Association—Carlisle, Blackburn, Liverpool and Manchester—were represented in the peal. It was Mr. Barnes' birthday, and the usual compliments were given to him. The band's best thanks are extended to Canon Sinker for the use of the bells, Mr. W. E. Wilson for having all ready, Mr. A. Tomlinson, 'the scribe,' for getting the band together, and Canon Elsee for refreshments after the peal.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.**—On Wednesday, December 1st, 720 each of College Single, Plain Bob, and Oxford Bob, in 1 hr. 18 mins.: A. Brinklow 1, A. V. Good 2, W. Hughes 3, W. Shepherd 4, H. Gates 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6. Longest touch in three methods by ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor. Rung after an attempt for a peal in the same three methods in honour of the birthday of the conductor.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.  
EXTENSION OF METHODS.  
BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.**

In writing these notes I have made it a general rule not to introduce any references to the higher problems of composition. To a select few these problems are of extreme interest, but they are of necessity beyond the majority of ringers, and it is for the average ringer, and especially for the younger generation, that I have been trying to write. The leading article of last Friday, however, has tempted me to break my rule, and to say something about the Extension of Methods. I propose to give a short extract from a book I wrote a few years ago. The book is called 'The Science of Change Ringing,' and is an attempt to explain the fundamental nature of change ringing and the scientific laws on which it is based. It is, I believe, by far the best thing I have ever done or am likely to do in connection with ringing. Owing to its length, the number of diagrams necessary, and the fact that its appeal is to a very limited number of readers, it will never be printed. It remains in manuscript for circulation among the select few who are likely to appreciate it.

Here is the extract which I may say, lest anyone should be afraid to read any further, is one of the least technical and most easily understood in the whole book: 'Of all the outstanding problems of the science of change ringing none has aroused greater interest than that of extension. The Exercise has made up its mind definitely as to what are the correct extensions of many of the methods in general use, but the correct ten and twelve bell variations of such methods as London and Bristol Surprise Major, and, indeed, whether such variations are possible, are still an open question. Double Norwich and Superlative Major have traditional extensions, but they are not accepted as correct by all. Many men, most of them of ability and knowledge, have set themselves to supply these extensions, but it is remarkable and significant that though each man backs his version with copious argument, the results are almost always different. And as they all work on pretty much the same lines, we shall not be far wrong if we come to the conclusion that the problem of extension as a whole has not properly been understood. Ringers found no difficulty in getting the correct extension of the early simple methods. Given Plain Bob Minor, Plain Bob Major, Royal and Maximus are quite obvious. So, too, are Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques. Grandsire, Oxford, Kent and Stedman extend equally easily. No detailed arguments are necessary to show that these extensions are correct; they pass the only really vital test—the experience of the ringer in the tower.'

In addition to the above, there are a few other methods, the correct extensions of which are not in dispute. These are Original, Duffield, Forward, Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise, and the whole serve as models of what a correct extension should be. Men do recognise this, but unfortunately directly you come to methods outside this group, you have no longer any obvious and unmistakable extensions, even in cases where the construction of the method is quite simple and obvious. Double Court Minor is almost as simple in construction as Plain Bob Minor, and quite as simple as Kent Treble Bob Minor. In early days it was one of the most popular of six-bell methods. Naturally, ringers tried to extend it to eight bells, but almost every band

which rang Court Bob Major rang a different version. Peals were rung in at least three quite distinct methods, and each was rung simply as Court Bob Major. Two of these methods became popular, and the Exercise avoided confusion by treating them not as extensions, but as fresh and distinct methods, and calling them after the places where they were first practised — Norwich Court Bob and London Court Bob.

Interest in extension seems then to have died out. The Exercise had quite as many methods as it had any practical use for, and the general opinion grew up that outside the group of methods I have mentioned there can be no such thing as real extension. This was probably the opinion of the Exercise for a hundred and fifty years, down to the end of nineteenth century. (See Sir Arthur Heywood's 'Duffield'.)

Two notable exceptions there were. The one really original contribution that Shipway made to the science of ringing was to show the relationship between different variations of a method. He gave the single, double and reverse variations of most of the methods then in use. He showed how any even bell method on the Plain Principle can be turned into an odd bell method by adding a Bell-in-the-Hunt, and in the cases of Double Oxford and Superlative he attempted a true extension of the methods to 8, 10 and 12 bells. Unlike other men, his work was not experimental. He worked on a general principle, and his conclusions are thoroughly sound.

In the North a band discovered that an apparently complex method like Cambridge will extend as readily as Plain Bob or Kent. Whether as the result of experiment, or of logical deduction, there is no means of knowing. Neither of these cases had any effect on the general opinion of the Exercise. The figures of the Cambridge Royal were not published in any ringing book, and were virtually lost, and the Exercise did not grasp or understand Shipway's investigations.

This was the state of opinion in the closing years of the nineteenth century, when the advance of practical ringing revived a keen interest in method construction. New methods were produced on all hands, and the question of extension became again a live one. Even then it was felt that composers showed more zeal than knowledge, and the real idea at the bottom of the appointment by the Central Council of the Method Committee was an attempt to devise some means of curbing their exuberance.

#### INTERCHANGE OF VISITS.

On Saturday evening, November 27th, for the first time within memory of the inhabitants and probably the first time in the history of the church, a band of change ringers visited the Church of the Holy Cross, Slapton, Bucks, and rang the bells. This visit was the result of a visit paid by the Slapton ringers to the belfry of All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, on Tuesday, November 23rd, when an invitation was given to visit Slapton. The visitors to Slapton included ringers from All Saints' Church and St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, and 90 minutes were spent in change ringing. Among the methods practised were Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Doubles and Bob Singles.

The Church of the Holy Cross has a peal of five bells, and their record is as follows: Treble, cast by C. and G. Mears, of London, 1852; 2nd and 3rd, by G. Chandler, Drayton Parslow, 1681; 4th, by G. Chandler, Drayton Parslow, 1715; tenor, by G. Chandler, Drayton Parslow, 1703. In 1889 all the bells were ringing and the third and tenor bells recast.

#### 'SPLICED' METHODS.

At East Crompton, Lanes, on Tuesday, November 30th, 720 spliced Oxford, Sandal, Kingston, and London Scholars' Pleasure: C. Thorpe 1, S. Wateham 2, W. Oates 3, H. Oates 4, C. Howarth 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. First 720 in four methods by all the band.

**SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article last Friday you ask for a committee to consider method extension, but you are asking for an impossibility; a committee would only produce a compromise, and what we want is the truth.

The question is a scientific one, and has to be settled in a scientific manner—that is, not by abstract thought or any theory, but actual demonstration of facts.

Why does Mr. George Baker differ from me? Because he has fixed his attention on one very important fact and never seen the other. He is like a man in a wood whose attention has been called to one very fine tree and has got so close to it that he can see that one tree alone.

If you wish to extend a method you must first of all take nothing for granted, but examine it thoroughly and find out all the facts, and you must then take all the facts into account when you try to extend. We will now look at Mr. Baker's tree and a few others alongside of it.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	I.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	II.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	III.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	IV.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	V.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	VI.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	VII.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	VIII.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	IX.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	X.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	XI.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	XII.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	XIII.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	XIV.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	XV.
..4..5..	2..3....	...6..7	.1....8	XVI.

Mr. Baker's 2-3 6-7 1-8  
4-5 reciprocal. reciprocal. reciprocal. not reciprocal.

Compare row I. with XVI., 4. with XV., etc. Now compare 2 in the 2nd diagram with 7 in the 3rd.

This disposes once for all of Mr. Baker's theory, which is built upon the first diagram without regarding the other three, and I think that I have demonstrated the facts in such a simple manner that anyone can follow them.

I have dealt at some length with this matter because it is of practical importance. There is no doubt in anyone's mind about the extension of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise. In addition to these, London Surprise, Superlative Surprise and Bristol Surprise are in pretty general practice, and we may fairly claim to-day that we have nine standard methods instead of only four. London and Bristol will not extend beyond Major, but Superlative will; the Royal has been rung, but the Maximus has not, and it would be a thousand pities for our Ipswich friends to waste their time in ringing a peal which would not be Superlative when it was rung. Moreover, the method Mr. Baker calls Superlative Maximus is not fit to ring; fancy ringing 5,280 changes on twelve bells when 11-12 only come home 60 times in the peal. If it was Superlative, it would be worth ringing one peal for the sake of doing so, but as Superlative Maximus exists and brings up 11-12 fourteen times in the course instead of only six, and is really good Maximus music, to ring a bad method instead of the good one would be a ridiculous fiasco.

Finally, many ringers object to the extension of Double Norwich to Royal and Maximus because the knowledge of the Major does not lead on to the higher numbers; but the well-known rule of Superlative Major, work with the treble, odd place last, etc., applies equally to Royal and Maximus.—Yours truly,

H. LAW JAMES.

**A 'BACK BENCHER' SEEKS EXPLANATION.**

Dear Sir,—As a 'back bencher' I am rather loath to touch upon this argumentative matter, but after the Rev. Law James' letter in 'The Ringing World' of December 3rd, I am somewhat unconvinced.

In the plain hunting course on six bells, the Rev. H. L. James, in considering a horizontal cross-section between the sixth and seventh rows, agrees that 1 and 6 are reciprocal. Then, by considering a section between the eighth and ninth rows, why are not 2 and 5 reciprocal? Similarly, it seems apparent that 3 and 4 are reciprocal.

It is surely a question of the direction in which the sectional line is drawn—horizontally or vertically. Even then the matter is not settled. If the hunting course named above be folded horizontally between the sixth and seventh rows, then agreed 2 falls on 3, and 4 on 5; but (and this is not justified) 1 does not fall on 6. Now, if the changes be folded vertically between the third and fourth figures in each row, 1 will fall on 6, 2 on 5, and 3 will coincide with 4.

From the second way of viewing the question, the reciprocation is quite regular. I have no doubt that Mr. Baker is undisturbed, as I take it that this is his basis of argument.

Please note that I do not wish to be taken as being judicial, but rather as seeking explanation on a very simple, but fundamental, point.—Yours truly,

J. F. DUFFIELD.

Norwich.

**RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIP.**

Dear Sir,—In my article of Nov. 5th last, when I pointed out that in twelve out of sixteen rows of the first half-lead of Superlative Major Reciprocal Relationship is unbroken, I thought and hoped that I had given a sufficient clue as to what Reciprocal Relationship is; evidently it was not so, hence the Rev. H. L. James' letter in today's issue.

Let me illustrate once more by giving 'Leek' Major and what I call a Reciprocal Extension to Royal of that Principle, but not the same method.

I hope before anyone writes again on this subject they will try and find out from the following examples what Reciprocal Relationship consists of, and when I point out that Reciprocal Relationship is unbroken in the Plain Courses of Major and Royal, everyone will surely begin to understand my meaning.

**'LEEK' MAJOR.**

12345678

- 21436587
- 12463578
- 21645387
- 26154837
- 62518473
- 26581437
- 62854173
- 68245713
- 36427531
- 68472513

It will be seen that 4-5 are the only place-making bells in the first division, and the other pairs, 1-8, 2-7, and 3-6, are doing work exactly opposite to each other, just as much as 4-5, the only place-making bells.

**RECIPROCAL EXTENSION OF 'LEEK' MAJOR TO ROYAL.**

1234567890

- 2143658709
- 1246385790
- 2164837509
- 2618473059
- 6281740395
- 2618743059
- 6281470395
- 6824107935
- 6842019735
- 6840291735

In the above Royal it will be seen that 4-7 are the only place-making bells, and the other pairs, 1-0, 2-9, 3-8, and 5-6, are doing work exactly opposite to each other.

This is what I mean by Reciprocal Relationship, and it is a characteristic of the Primary and Treble Bob Principles from Singles to Infinity.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton, December 3rd.

**ARCHBISHOP'S THANKS TO RINGERS.  
RAINHAM VISITED BY THE PRIMATE.**

In common with other churches throughout the land at St. Andrew's tide, special intercessions for missionary work were offered at Rainham (Kent) Church throughout Tuesday, more especially by members of the Silent Fellowship of the Church, a movement started by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. R. Ball) some two or three years ago, and taken up all over the country. The Archbishop of Canterbury has evinced great interest in the Fellowship from its commencement, and on Wednesday afternoon he visited Rainham Parish Church to address the members. A short service was held in the church, special prayers being offered, and the Archbishop, who was accompanied by his chaplain, the Rev. F. D. V. Narborough, and Mrs. Davidson, expressed himself as being very gratified at what Rainham was doing for missionary work.

In honour of the visit of his Grace, and also as a birthday compliment to the genial secretary of the Kent County Association (Canon F. J. O. Helmore), a peal was rung (reported elsewhere). As the peal was still in progress when the Archbishop departed from Rainham (and the ringers were locked in), a special message of thanks was conveyed to the belfry by the Vicar immediately ringing ceased. His Grace thanked the ringers for their thoughtfulness, and congratulated them on the ringing that he had heard, and also congratulated Rainham on having such a fine ring of bells.

The hand wish to thank Messrs. Spice (Tunstall), Taylor (Lynsted) and Pitman (Canterbury) for making up the band at short notice owing to three local members not being available.

**THE BELLS OF KING'S NORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE SHERWOOD YOUTHS MAKE HISTORY.**

As reported elsewhere, a peal of Stedman Triples was successfully rung on the bells at the tiny village of Norton-cum-Gaulby, Leicestershire (called King's Norton from the fact that King William I. held these estates during his reign). It is situated 'miles from nowhere,' right off the beaten track, and can only be approached by a long walk across country or by special bus. The Nottingham quintette chose the latter method from Leicester, where they were joined by a trio of 'Leicester Scholars.' The village boasts of a population of some 50 souls altogether, but, nevertheless, is fortunate enough to possess a fine church and peal of eight bells with an interesting history.

Squire Fortrey, of Gaulby, rebuilt the church there, and placed in it, in 1741, a peal of six bells. He did the same at King's Norton, hanging a peal of ten, since reduced to eight owing to the strain on the tower. In 1738 he gave two trebles to St. Margaret's, Leicester, making them ten, and in 1771 gave a treble to Houghton-on-the-Hill, making them five. His name is also mentioned in connection with bells in other churches of the district, and in 1753, when John Holt published his 'broad-sheet' of peals, this Wm. Fortrey is there shown as a subscriber for four copies.

The first peal on the King's Norton bells was by the Society of Sherwood Youths as follows: 'On May 28th, 1776, J. Holt's peal of Grandsize Triples at Norton-by-Gaulby, the seat of William Fortrey, Esq., in 3 hours 31 minutes: James Wilkinson treble, Richard Peat 2, Robert Metheringham 3, William Bradley 4, Richard Sharrah 5, Francis Draper 6, William D. Crofts 7, John Mason tenor. Conducted by W. D. Crofts.'

Then, after a lapse of forty years, we read in the 'Leicester Chronicle' of June 8th, 1816: 'Ringing: Tuesday last, being his Majesty's birthday, the Leicester Scholars met at Norton in this county, by particular desire of the Norton and Gaulby Scholars, to strike off the musical peal of eight bells of that place. They rang a true and complete peal of 5,040 Grandsize Triples, which was brought round in a masterly style in 3 hours 20 minutes by the following persons, viz.: Jonathan Haywood treble; John Clarke 2; Thomas Clarke 3; James Gill 4; George Harris 5; Lawrence Stains 6; William Reeves 7; William Wood, tenor. The peal was called by Wm. Reeves. After it had been rang, the Leicester, Norton and Gaulby Scholars partook of an excellent dinner, and the day was completed by ringing several courses of Grandsize Caters on the handbells.'

The bells are still in their original two-storey frame (the three trebles being about ten feet above the others), but of recent years Mr. F. G. Rimington, of Manchester, has spent a lot of time and money on them, having had stays and sliders added, new beams placed under the floor, and wheel guides, and other improvements carried out by which alone it was possible to ring a peal on them.

On February 5th, 1921, and again on March 19th, 1921, attempts were made by several Leicester and Manchester ringers to get a peal, but after 1 hour and 2 hours respectively they had to be abandoned owing to the heavy 'go' of 7th and tenor. Since then various improvements have been made, and the local enthusiasts have been busy ringing them. They now go much better, and so, this year being the 150th anniversary year of the first peal on the bells by their ancestors, the Sherwood Youths determined to attempt a peal with the result shown.

Some of the 'facetious' remarks about, and by, the band on this memorable occasion are worth recording. The treble's presence was made felt by the Youths' 'hon. secretary' in his own inimitable style, while the 'Master' rang the 2nd and 'called ye bobs' in strong 'basso' voice. The 'gen. hon. secretary, M.C.A.' rang the 3rd in a determined mood, meaning to get the peal at his 3rd attempt on these bells, and thus add another Leicestershire tower to his already long list. 'Tich' had evidently heard beforehand that the 4th was best of the lot, as, before anyone had a chance, he was doctoring its bearings with a special concoction of his own. The 5th ringer, in spite of his 'bald patch,' was made a 'Youth' before starting, took off his boots and stood on some brown paper—some said it was because his feet swelled, others otherwise. The 6th man didn't say much, but set his stall out as though he meant business, especially with his 'otile.' The 7th (the worst goer of the lot) was sent along splendidly by Fred W., of the famous Bailey Brothers, of Leiston, Suffolk. Last, but not least, the tenor man, who had been training on pork pies, devouring two in the bus—one for each arm—put his hell exactly in its correct place throughout, then went and had more pork pies.

Immediately the peal finished, the belfry was besieged by the local men from Norton, Gaulby, Billesdon and other places, showering their congratulations on a splendid performance. Tea was kindly provided by the local residents, after which followed handbell ringing and the usual votes of thanks to all concerned for making this peal a possibility, and, needless to say, all went home very pleased with themselves.

**RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.**

At Cohn St. Aldwys, Glos., at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Friday, December 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsize Triples, taken from J. J. Parker's twelve part, in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, W. C. Cuss 2, G. J. Winter 3, H. Gassor 4, H. Accock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, A. King 7, E. Telling 8. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's silver wedding.

**NOTICES.**

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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 financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 23rd, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 16th (at 8 p.m.), and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (Parish Church, 10) available from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m., and (All Saints', 8) from 2 p.m. onward. Service in All Saints' at 4 p.m. Tea in Mr. B. Moody's Café, Horsefair, at 5 p.m. See circular for further particulars.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at St. Peter's, Tiverton. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—N. Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mere on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. F. E. Trotman (Vicar). Tea 5 (members 6d. each). Business meeting to follow, to elect chairman and secretary. Towers available: Mere (8), Gillingham (8), Bourton (6), Zeals (6) and Stourton (6).—Rev. R. E. P. Gorrington, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Guild). Business meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Clifton Restaurant, Regent Street, at 5.15.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Dec. 11th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5 o'clock, addressed by the Vicar. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant, Fore Street, at 5.30 (1s.). Business meeting after. All members and ringing friends are invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Chester Street, off Oxford Road, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells ready 3.15. A tea will be provided at a small charge at 5.30 prompt. Meeting after tea. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—Aylsham District.—A meeting will be held at Salle on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 3 p.m.; also Reepham at 6 p.m., and the six bell ringers in the district are earnestly requested to attend. If meeting is a success monthly meetings will follow.—W. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec., Reepham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Co-operative Café. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The proposed meeting at Sandal has had to be abandoned, owing to serious illness near the tower. The meeting is to be held at Horbury, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Other particulars as stated previously. Members may have arrangements made for tea by applying to Mr. George Hunt, Northgate, Horbury, Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Address by Rector (Rev. C. Egerton Williams). Tea at the Church House 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (10) available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Dec. 15th?—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brislington on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) at 4.30, followed by meeting. Service at 6. Will those intending to be present kindly notify by the 15th inst.?—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**KING'S NORTON PARISH CHURCH.**—The two new treble bells given by the Ringing Master, F. B. Yates, Esq., will be dedicated during the morning service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 19th, by the very Rev. Dr. Moore-Ede, Dean of Worcester. Ringing on the peal of ten is arranged for Saturday, January 1st, from 3 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m. The Ringing Master is kindly providing

a meat tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited. Those intending to be present at the tea *must* please notify me not later than December 27th.—W. E. Moore, 175, Northfield Road, King's Norton, Birmingham.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM,** Established 1672.—The Fifth Crofts Memorial Dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 29th, 1927, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 4/- each, can now be obtained from the Committee or F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**—On Sunday afternoon, December 5th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Ely to dedicate the new vestry, 720 London Surprise: C. Jennings 1, Miss K. Willers (conductor) 2, A. E. Austin 3, F. E. Haynes 4, W. A. Tack 5, E. H. Finch 8.

**ACTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on December 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Lankester 1, Miss P. Moss (conductor) 2, Robt. Pardon 3, M. Stacey 4, H. Wincote 5, A. Fulwell 6, J. W. Kelley 7, E. W. Coulson 8. This was Miss Moss's first in this method as conductor, and she was congratulated by the band.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, December 5th, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: R. H. Stevens 1, S. Baker (Chariton) 2, J. Eagles 3, C. Turner 4, R. Birch (Hythe) 5, C. R. Millway (conductor) 6, H. J. Saunders 7, C. Hardeman 8.

**EXETER.**—At St. David's, on Sunday, December 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., for evening service and a birthday compliment to ringer of treble: Miss G. Arbury (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, Frank J. Davey 2, J. Arbury (conductor) 3, C. Carter 4, W. S. Lethbridge 5, A. T. Truman 6, W. Richardson 7, A. Webber 8.

**NOTICE.**

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports now ready. Ringers' service at the same Church on Sunday, December 19th, 3 p.m. Xmas Carols and Haydn's 'Surprise' on handbells by the Holy Trinity Ringers.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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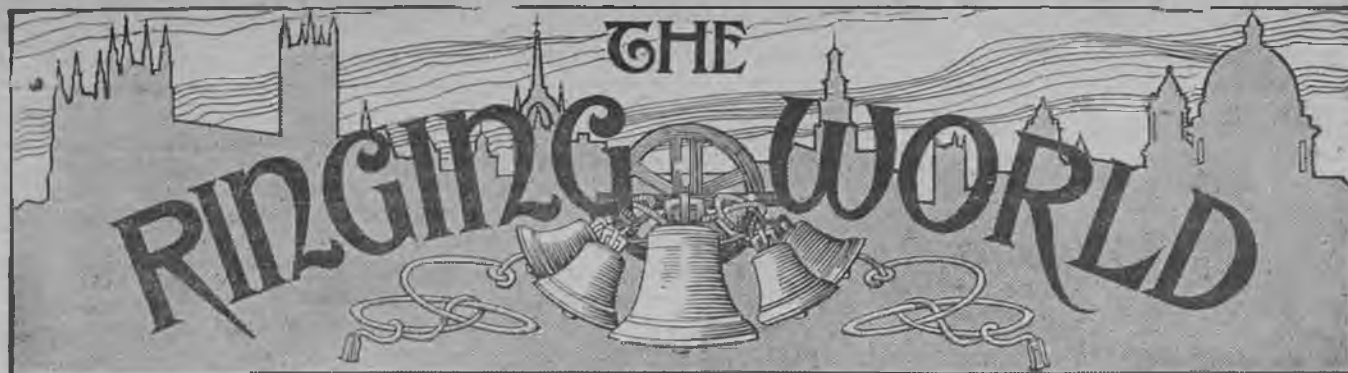
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One of the things which exists in the organisation of the Exercise, and which no one counts as curious, yet it is a little odd, is the fact that our large associations are divided almost evenly between those having diocesan and those having county status. They grew up side by side, nearly all of them within about the last fifty years, yet, having objects in common, they bear titles which to the outsider would appear to divide them into two distinct sections, the one associated with the Church, the other purely secular. The art of change ringing began originally, without a doubt, as a secular pursuit, and it has been due to the work of the associations over the last half century that it has become so largely recognised as a part of church work. Formerly bands of ringers cared little about the service ringing, and in many parishes the bells were rung only on those special occasions when payment was forthcoming for the services rendered, or when the ringers desired to practice or attempt a peal for their own amusement.

The steady plodding of the reformers has almost entirely altered the attitude of ringers towards the use of the bells, and in these days it is nearly, if not quite, universally recognised that the primary use of the bells is for the services of the Church. There is no doubt, too, that ringers, in the mass, are better Churchmen than their predecessors, and in their turn they desire and are entitled to be regarded as church officials. Why is it then, that more of our associations do not take diocesan titles? There are, of course, a variety of reasons. In some cases the territorial names cover an area which includes parts of more than one diocese; in others they cover only a part of a diocese, but there can be few instances, we think, where a county title is retained solely because there is any objection to a diocesan name.

Ringers give their services to the Church, and in return they are entitled to expect opportunities to practise their art and to ring peals, but whatever their opinions may be as to their 'dues,' it must not be forgotten that they depend upon the good will of the Church authorities to pursue their art. It seems, therefore, a matter of some importance that ringing associations should become linked as intimately as possible with the Church through a diocesan organisation, and the time may come when, to receive full recognition, ringers' societies will have to be diocesan in character. Not merely may this have to be so in name, but in actual practice the various associations will have to be more closely allied to the Church. Indeed, it does not need a great deal of vision to see that this might some day prove a source of strength to the societies and a protection to our art, if ever there should

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be an attempt made by legislation to suppress church bell ringing. The difficulty of any change over in names at present would be, in many cases, because diocesan and county boundaries are not coterminous, but we believe the time will come when ringing societies will see that it will be to the advantage of the Exercise to be organised on diocesan rather than territorial lines.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON ... .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... .. 2	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 8
THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... .. 9
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 10
HENRY G. MILES ... .. 5	JAMES BOLLOCK ... .. 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 6	WALTER PRIME ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5191 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN ... .. Treble	"JOHN H. BROTHELL ... .. 7
GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 2	HAYDON THORPE ... .. 8
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 3	"MAURICE E. WILSON ... .. 9
*EDWARD J. CAWSE ... .. 4	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 10
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 5	JOHN THORPE ... .. 11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

\* First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except the tenor man. It is 21 years since a peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung in this tower.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ERIN, STEDMAN AND GRANDSIRE CATER'S,  
5073 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... .. 6
HENRY RUMENS ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS... .. 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 4	FRED C. MAYNARD ... .. 9
WALTER STEED ... .. 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This peal contains 1,674 changes of Erin, 1,690 of Stedman, and 1,709 of Grandsire, and three Cater methods are now rung spliced for the first time.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Treble	HARRY OVERTON ... .. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. 8
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 9
†ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 5	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First touch of Surprise Royal.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. <i>Treble</i>	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE H. SHOKER ... .. 2	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 7
PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	*HORACE WHITEHEAD ... .. 8
GEORGE PIPER ... .. 4	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 9
JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 5	JAMES A. HART ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOE E. MELLOR ... .. <i>Treble</i>	*HENRY H. SMITH ... .. 5
JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 2	*DONALD SNOWBALL ... .. 6
WALTER N. ASBHY ... .. 3	CHARLES H. CRAVEN ... .. 7
*JACK TURNER ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by CHARLES H. CRAVEN

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FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 29, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 5
HENRY C. COLLIER ... .. 2	JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 6
CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	CECIL RADDOX ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 9). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Harry Fairclough, a former Master of the Guild, on his recent municipal success.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

G. Wightman was elected a life member previous to starting for the peal. 100th peal by J. Fleuty. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Burgess.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FREDERICK POULSON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	GRANVILLE C. BIXBY ... .. 5
PERCY GRIDLEY ... .. 2	ARTHUR MAXIM ... .. 6
THOMAS CHINERY ... .. 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR ... .. 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 4	SAMUEL EVANS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by S. EVANS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK E. DARBY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 5
JOHN A. COLZ ... .. 2	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 6
JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 7
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

The average age of the above ringers is 21½ years; it is therefore assumed to be the youngest band to ring a Surprise peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, SMITHILLS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES PIKE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	J. E. MARKLAND ... .. 5
ROBERT HOLDEN ... .. 2	ALBERT HEYWOOD ... .. 6
JAMES ORMROD ... .. 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 7
ALBERT PARKER ... .. 4	WILLIAM DEARDED ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRED BANKS. Conducted by W. PENNINGTON.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 5
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 2	LESLIE G. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. WHITING.

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

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK H. DAVEY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 5
ROBERT HARDY ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
MISS HELEN W. BILL ... .. 3	BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 7
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

The ringer of the treble was re-elected a member of the Guild previous to starting the peal. First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 3rd.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 5
MISS FRED A. ORR ... .. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
*BERNARD H. SWINSON ... .. 3	WALTER SMITH ... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN

\* First peal of Cambridge, and elected a member of the association previous to starting. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

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## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 2	CECIL NICE ... .. 6
CHARLES H. SORRIDGE ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
BERNARD WELLS... .. 4	GEORGE ELLIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

The conductor's 50th peal this year.

## LODDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

*STANLEY W. COPPING ... Treble	*ARTHUR CORBIN... .. 5
†FREDERICK A. FINCH... .. 2	*CHARLES S. SPURGEON ... 6
*ROBERT A. WARMAN... .. 3	HARRY W. BARRETT... .. 7
*HECTOR DENNISON ... .. 4	FRANK DAVEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method as conductor. This is the first time a Loddon band of ringers have ever rung a peal of Major.

## PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALAN R. PINK ... .. Treble	*HERBERT C. GREENFIELD 5
*SIDNEY C. GREENFIELD ... 2	PERCY H. DOICK ... .. 6
*STANLEY H. PICTON ... .. 3	A. CECIL GREENFIELD ... 7
CHARLES SMART, SEN. ... .. 4	PETER KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. C. GREENFIELD.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal attempted as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and sixth. P. Knight and C. Smart were elected members of the association previous to starting.

## ACTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY W. LIDBETTER (Central Committee and Auditor) ... Treble	
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE (Hon. Treasurer) ... .. 2	
ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY (Ringing Master) ... .. 3	
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER (Hon. Secretary) ... .. 4	
JAMES H. HUNNISSETT (Central Committee) ... .. 5	
CHARLES S. BIRD (Vice President) ... .. 6	
FRANK CORKE (Central Committee)... .. 7	
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW (Auditor) ... .. Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

All the above are officers of the South and West District.

## ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE NORTH  
STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY... Treble	ROBERT G. LEWIS ... .. 5
*CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 2	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 6
HARRY PARKER ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
THOMAS HURD ... .. 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by T. ROBINSON.

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Treble Bob Major as a conductor. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on the bells. C. H. Page's 60th peal and F. H. Crawley's 40th peal. H. Parker was elected a member of the North Stafford and A. W. Hall was elected a member of the Chester Guild before starting the peal.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 3	ROSSELL RICHES... .. 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE ... .. 4	WALTER BARRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 9, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK'S (No. 2).

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Treble	MAURICE WARD ... .. 5
MISS EDNA WEBSTER... .. 2	GEORGE WEST ... .. 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 7
LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 4	JAMES F. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

## EWELL, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 7
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	CHARLES E. REED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

## WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... Treble	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6
MISS PHYLIS M. MOSS ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
FRANK CORKE ... .. 4	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

50th Surprise peal by G. C. Mayne.

## ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. ]

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 6
HARRY MORGAN ... .. 3	THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4	†MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Triples, and first attempt. † First peal in the method. The average age of the band is 21 years. The conductor's 50th peal in the method for the M.C.A.

## MELKSHAM, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM BOLWELL ... .. 5
*ERNEST J. TRUMAN ... .. 2	*SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. 6
*EDWARD PERRY ... .. 3	SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 7
*WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 4	FRED LAMBETH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. HARDY. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

\* First in the method and first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 2	ARTHUR BRAINES ... .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBRY ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
*HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 4	E. HARRY STONELEY... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

\* First in the method. † 50th peal of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. First peal in the method on the bells, and rung on the 16th anniversary of their dedication.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

NORMAN THOMAS... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 6
JOHN KING ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 7
GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 4	JAMES T. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Perkins and J. T. Ward. The latter has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal of Superlative.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
CHARLES WATERMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. ADSLEY ... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

Specially arranged for Mr. C. Waterman on his 65th birthday and the 25th anniversary of his wedding. It was also the 39th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. W. Haigh.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*FRANK WOOSNAM ... .. Treble	WILLIAM CATHRALL ... .. 5
WILLIAM JONES... .. 2	THOMAS CATHRALL ... .. 6
SANDEL MEADOWS ... .. 3	*FRANK WINSTANLEY... .. 7
*JAMES E. C. SIMPSON ... 4	WILLIAM A. WOOSNAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM A. WOOSNAM.

\* First peal of Major and in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th are from Wrexham. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on attaining his majority.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*FREDERICK OSWICK ... .. Treble	RUSSELL W. CORZON ... .. 5
*CHARLES H. MOORE... .. 2	†B. E. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE 6
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 3	*NOLAN GOLDEN... .. 7
WALTER CHANDLER ... .. 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Major. The two tenors of this ring have just been relung, and all the bells reclappered.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—On Tuesday evening, Nov. 16th, at the Parish Church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Giblett 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, H. Saunders 3, G. Perkins 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6. First 720 in the method by all except the ringer of 2nd.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM S. SMITH ... .. Treble	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 5
JOHN BEAMS... .. 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPIET ... .. 6
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3	JOHN HOYLE... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. DEAN.

Each of the above ringers has rung over 100 peals for the Surrey Association, the totals being respectively 197, 129, 157, 119, 120, 123, 164 and 186.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ... .. Treble	SAM TAYLOR ... .. 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
WM. E. PITMAN, MRS. BAC. 4	LAURENCE HALES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

First peal in the method by all, and on the bells. Rung by request.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD HANBLING ... .. Treble	FREDK. J. SMITH ... .. 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
*LEONARD P. BAILEY... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method. A birthday peal for G. Wilson. The above peal is the fifth consecutive Surprise peal rung on these bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT ROBBINS ... .. Treble	EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	*HAROLD KENT ... .. 6
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 3	BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 7
CHARLES MASON ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING ... .. Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BEDDARD ... .. 7
CHARLES E. PERKINS... .. 4	JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

STOURTON, WILTS.—On November 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Ralph 1, W. C. Shute 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, E. J. Rowe 4, L. Perrett 5, F. A. Coward (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the ringer of 2nd. Also first 720 in the method for and by members of the recently formed North Dorset branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

YAXLEY, HUNTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Seven 720's, differently called. Tenor 20 cwt.  
 \*E. HALL ... .. Treble | \*H. BURTON ... .. 4  
 \*G. HALL ... .. 2 | \*H. BAKER ... .. 5  
 A. GOAKES ... .. 3 | W. O. RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by W. O. RICHARDSON.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal by an entirely local band at this church.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Colledge Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.  
 WILLIAM SHARP ... .. Treble | PEARL INSKIP ... .. 4  
 HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2 | WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 5  
 HERBERT ROBINSON ... .. 3 | HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, who was inducted the previous day by the Bishop of St. Albans.

CHEADLE, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Fifteen callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

\*ARTHUR PLANT ... .. Treble | JOHN CARLIDGE ... .. 4  
 JOHN BARKER ... .. 2 | ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 5  
 THOMAS HAWLEY ... .. 3 | \*THOMAS C. HALL ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by A. W. HALL.

\* First peal, and first in the method by all. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Dr. Usley, late R.C. Archbishop of Birmingham. All the band are Sunday service ringers at this church.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

With 10 different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.  
 J. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | W. T. BOUGHEY ... .. 4  
 J. HUGHES ... .. 2 | R. SANDS ... .. 5  
 WM. J. BENIAMS ... .. 3 | J. HEIRON ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by W. T. BOUGHEY.

First peal as conductor, and first peal by ringers of treble, 5th and tenor.

FRAMPTON-ON-SLVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  
 ERNEST HAWKINS ... .. Treble | HAROLD MILLS ... .. 4  
 REUBEN GUY ... .. 2 | RALPH HAZELL ... .. 5  
 THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3 | THOMAS MARTIN ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Seven 720's, called differently.

WILLIAM JONES ... .. Treble | ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4  
 THOMAS PRICH ... .. 2 | LESLIE BARRY ... .. 5  
 GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 3 | JOHN BALLINGER ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Comprising seven different 720's.

*ROWLAND ADAMS ... .. Treble	THOMAS LAW ... .. 4
ARTHUR MARLOW ... .. 2	THOMAS WISE ... .. 5
JAMES MARR ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal of Minor.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

IMPROVED ATTENDANCE AT FYLDE BRANCH MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Fylde branch was held at Holy Trinity, South Shore, on December 4th. Fourteen members were present, being a much larger number than usual at this six-bell tower. This was the third meeting of the winter season, and all three have been much better attended than in previous years, leading one to hope that perhaps, at last, the faithful few will reap a reward in increased membership and attendance after many years of patient plodding and struggle to keep alive the cause of change ringing in the district. Touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Woodbine were successfully brought round, also 240 Cambridge Surprise, being the first touch of Surprise at a meeting to be rung for many years, the ringers being: W. Burkes 1, A. Hague 2, C. Sharples (conductor) 3, E. Atkinson 4, J. Heckingbottom 5, W. Wilde 6.

The wardens kindly provided tea in the schoolroom. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Percy Dean) presided at the meeting, and said it gave him great pleasure to see more numbers present than usual, indicating an increased interest in the art of ringing. He was sorry only one of his own ringers was present. Four of the ringers were also members of the Sunday School football team, and were doing their duty in that respect.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Anne's-on-Sea in January, and a hope was expressed that Double Norwich would be thoroughly mastered by many present, and the first touch rung by the Fylde branch.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the wardens for so kindly providing such a splendid tea, and to the ladies who so ably attended to the distribution of the good things provided, brought a successful meeting to a close.

**PRESTON BRANCH SOCIAL.**

The sixth annual social of the Preston branch was held at Chorley on Saturday, December 4th. The proceedings commenced with ringing on the Parish Church bells during the afternoon, after which all adjourned to the Church Institute, where full justice was done to an excellent tea by nearly one hundred ringers and friends from Preston, Brindle, Penwortham, Whittle-le-Woods, Leyland Parish, and St. James', Eccleston, Coppull, Standish and Chorley.

Tea was followed by a short whist drive, and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing, interspersed with songs by Miss H. Rimmer and Mr. Holme, also handbell selections by Mr. J. Booth and Miss Booth, of Standish, the crowning item being 'The Blue Bells of Scotland,' given by special request.

The M.C.'s were Mr. H. Fisher and Mr. John Bowling.

During a short interval, Mr. James Bowling, the Institute secretary, in welcoming the ringers and friends to Chorley, said he hoped all present had enjoyed themselves, and hoped to see them on many other occasions. He also thanked them on behalf of the Institute committee for their generosity in allowing the proceeds of the social to be devoted to the special effort to clear the Institute from debt.—Mr. Wm. Nelson, of Leyland, expressed the feelings of those present by remarking how pleased they were to come to Chorley, and with the splendid manner in which they had been catered for and entertained. He had the greatest pleasure in thanking all those who had contributed to the success of the gathering.

The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. F. Rigby and Mr. H. Southworth.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM NEW ZEALAND**

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I through your columns express appreciation for the publication of Clarendon Surprise Major in your issue of September 10th; to the Norbury band who rang the first peal in the method; to Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, for pointing out that an earlier version of the method did not quite conform to symmetry of construction, and for suggesting, in effect, that if the second half of a treble lead was reversed to first half symmetry would result.

JAMES S. WILDE

9, Balmoral Street,  
Opoho, Dunedin, New Zealand,  
November 8th, 1926.

**THE NEW BELLS AT S. NICOLAS' CHURCH, GUILDFORD**

Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s work on the bells of S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, has given the greatest satisfaction, and it says much for the work which they carried out in the tower as long ago as 1880 that the frame which they then put in has been again utilised, and the 'go' of the bells is perfect.

The old peal of eight had a tenor of 12½ cwt., which Messrs. Taylor and Co. recast and made into an octave with tenor of 22½ cwt. These were hung in a new frame. Two trebles were added by the White-chapel Foundry in 1894 to make a ring of ten. The recast tenor is 22½ cwt. The following are the inscriptions on the re-cast bells:

Treble.—'A.M.O.C. Nos Societ Sts—Semper Nicholus in Altis. Recast by the ringers of this church, 1926. Taylor, Loughborough.'

2nd.—'Subvenial Ditna—Donantibus nas Katorias. Recast 1926. Taylor, Loughborough.'

3rd.—'J. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1879. Recast 1926. Taylor, Loughborough. Ora Pro Nobis. Beata Katherina.'

4th.—'J. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1879. Recast 1926. Taylor, Loughborough. Ora Pro Gertrude Dixon. Quae ex Vita Discessit. A.D. VI. I.D. September, MDCCCXXV. Sancta Maria Mater Dei. Ora Pro Nobis Peccatoribus Nunc et in Hora Mortis Nostrae.'

Tenor.—'J. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, MDCCCLXXIX. Pax. Recast June, 1926. Taylor, Loughborough. In loving memory of Anstice Margaret Smallpeice, daughter of Ferdinand and Mary Jane Smallpeice. Died in September, 1907. "Blessed be the Name of the Lord."'

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

A monthly meeting was held at Horbury on Saturday last. The meeting was not so numerously attended as is usually the case, but the attendance was sufficient to ring the bells and to make it of such social character as to please everyone concerned. The methods rung were Oxford, Kent and Violet Treble Bob Minor, Grandire Triples, Stedman Triples and Kent Major.

A business meeting was held in the tower with Mr. R. Thicketts in the chair. Apart from nominations of officials for 1927, the business was of a routine character.

Messrs. Moxon, Panthers and Potter are the suggested names for president, treasurer and secretary respectively, but other names are invited before the annual meeting to be held in Barnsley on Jan. 8th.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Hill (Vicar), the churchwardens and local company for the hearty welcome, and all possible attention freely given.

**A LOUGHBOROUGH OCTAVE IN LONDON.**

The new ring of bells placed in the tower at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, Wandsworth, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were dedicated by the Bishop of Southwark on Saturday, November 27th. There is, of course, an entirely new framework, and fittings of the latest type have been supplied. The sound of the bells inside the ringing chamber is practically ideal. In view of the fact that there is a hospital adjacent to the tower, every endeavour has been made to reduce the sound of the bells outside, but although these measures have been taken and satisfactorily carried out, it is doubtful whether permission to ring peals will ever be granted. On the day of the dedication, ringing was strictly limited.

There is an inscription only on the tenor bell, and this is as under: 'To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Thomas Francis Harley Parkinson, Lieut. Royal Navy, B. 1900 and D. 1923, and of Frances Ursula, his mother, B. 1872 and D. 1905, daughter of E. A. Harley, we eight are dedicated. 1926. Taylor, Loughborough.'

**DEATH OF MR. A. J. LE CLERCQ, FARNHAM**

Through the death of Mr. Alfred John Le Clercq, the Farnham (Surrey) band have lost one of their oldest ringers.

The deceased, who was 72 years of age, passed away at his residence, Weydon Hill, Farnham, on Wednesday, December 8th, following pneumonia, after only a week's illness, leaving a widow, one son and three daughters to mourn their loss.

Mr. Le Clercq was a native of Guernsey, but had resided in Farnham since boyhood. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and only retired from work in July last.

He joined the Farnham band of ringers in 1883, and had been a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild from that time. He was steeplekeeper at the Parish Church for a number of years, and was always a very regular Sunday service ringer, until he resigned the position of steeplekeeper about a year ago, owing to reasons of health.

The funeral took place at Farnham Cemetery on Saturday, December 11th, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends, the ringers being represented by Messrs. Prior, Clapshaw, Hasted, King and T. Upshall.

In the evening, as a last token of respect, with the bells muffled, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the local band, but this proved unsuccessful. Afterwards, 700 Grandire Triples was rung: H. Prior 1, J. Reed 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A 'spliced' peal in three Cater methods has now been rung for the first time, a composition including Erin, Stedman and Grandsire, by Mr. A. J. Pitman, having been brought round at Walthamstow.

A former attempt for this peal, in which Messrs. E. Barnett, senior and junior, took part, was lost after upwards of two hours' ringing, and the hard desire to associate these ringers with the peal, and to express their regret at the cause of their absence. They wish the former a speedy and complete recovery.

Mr. Tom Beadle, of Isleworth, late vice-president of the Middlesex County Association, has been confined to his bed for six weeks past, and his illness is likely to keep him there for some time yet. Mr. Beadle is 76 years of age, and he will be glad to see any of his ringing friends, especially those of his earlier days.

The peal of Bob Triples rung at Tunstall, Kent, on Saturday week, was rung at the third attempt, and it is requested that 'A.H.P.' will please note.

On December 17th, 1810, a peal of 3,448 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in 5 hrs. 1 min. at Richmond, Surrey. Among those who took part were William and John Platt. Their family had been connected for many years with ringing in this district, and Robert Platt had rung in a peal in the same tower in 1767.

The first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, on December 17th, 1888.

A peal of Bob Triples, composed and conducted by Benjamin Annable was rung at Southwark on December 18th, 1730.

Ninety years ago next Monday, on December 20th, 1836, John Cox conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters rung at Southwark. This was for the 'Junior College Society.'

We are pleased to be able to state that the latest report of Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., is that he is progressing as well as can be expected.

## CARILLONS' 'PEACEFUL PENETRATION.'

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Any ringer who read the article headed 'London's first carillon' in the 'Daily Chronicle' of December 10th might be excused for thinking that the 'peaceful penetration' of England by carillons had commenced. Mixed with unstinted praise of Belgian carilloneurs and correctly tuned bells, which, according to this article, can only be obtained in two places in England, are the following remarks worthy of note by change ringers:

'Expense is the only reason against erecting carillons in England.'

All over England there are bells which are silent because their supporting structure is too weak to admit of their being rung.' This is followed by a reference to the stationary carillon which does not 'strain the tower.' 'The speed with which the bells can be played, and the beautiful chords that can be sounded, amaze those who are accustomed to change ringing.'

Perhaps when English music lovers have been introduced to the beauties of the carillon they will see that carillons are erected in every town.'

I will comment on one only of these extracts, the first, 'Expense is the only reason against erecting carillons in England.' No other reason apparently being necessary to throw aside the centuries-old service of the change ringer, and this after bell restorations running into thousands of pounds have been carried out up and down the country.

Having heard three or four carillons, I am by no means against them, and recognise that the march of progress cannot be stayed, but I venture to draw attention to this article in the daily press because of the unfavourable comparisons drawn against change ringing. The first tune on the new Bond Street carillon should be Bach's 'Sleepers, awake,' for assuredly the time is upon us when the time-honoured service ringers will be displaced by the paid 'bell organist,' or, worst still, asked to stop ringing while the neighbouring tower 'sprinkles' the air with popular airs.—Yours faithfully,

'OUT-OF-COURSE.'

## TO ADVERTISE 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I frequently notice in the columns of 'The Ringing World' reports of ringing meetings where ringers are urged to give your valued paper more support by many more ringers than at present taking the paper regularly.

As a means to this end, may I bring to the notice of committees of our many ringing organisations what is done by the committee of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and that is, to place at your disposal gratis, as a small token of appreciation of the service of 'The Ringing World' to ringing in our area, a full-page advertisement in our annual report?

While I do not claim that all that can be desired results from this, it at least brings prominently to the notice of all our members that such a paper as 'The Ringing World' exists, and I believe that if this was done by all the ringing societies increased circulation of your paper would result in the long run.—Yours, etc.,

G. PULLINGER,

Hon. Sec., Winchester Diocesan Guild.

[The Suffolk Guild have also very kindly done the same thing in the past.—Ed. 'R.W.']



## A CROYDON FOUNDRY TRIUMPH. HUGE BELL FOR AMERICA.

The largest bell ever cast in England, and the tenth largest in the world, was shipped last week by the Croydon Foundry to America. This big bell is to be erected in Philadelphia at the great Wanamaker Store.

The net finished weight, after tuning, is 15 tons 11 cwt. The weight of the bell—before tuning—exceeded that of Great Paul at St. Paul's Cathedral. The total weight of bell, head-stock and clapper, is approximately 18 tons. The diameter of the bell is 114 in., and the height 7 ft. 9 in. The actual casting time was 10 minutes from the moment the pouring of the metal began until the mould was filled.

The ornamentation and inscription have been cast in bas-relief, and were designed by Mr. Walter Gilbert, who has been responsible for the sculpture at Liverpool Cathedral. The ornament running round the upper part of the bell represents 'wave sounds coming out of the belfry,' and a feature of the inscription is the reproduction of a facsimile signature of the late 'John Wanamaker,' whose son, Rodman, ordered the bell; whilst the wording is that of the motto evolved by the first owner of the famous store, and still in use by the Philadelphia House.

### THE FOUNDER'S BELL.

Let those who follow me continue  
To build with the plumb of Honor, the  
Level of Truth, and the Square of  
Integrity, Education, Courtesy and Mutuality.

John Wanamaker.

The actual tuning occupied three working weeks. The bellfounders undertook to make a bell weighing just over 15 tons, and to be tuned accurately to International Pitch—low D—and having its harmonics, viz., the hum-note (the octave below the strike-note), its nominal (the octave above the strike-note), its tierce (third) and quint (fifth)—all in correct time with the strike-note. This has been accomplished, and the bell is the largest in existence that has been tuned on these lines. It is lower in pitch than Great Paul by half a tone, and lower than Big Ben by a whole tone.

The bell left the bell-foundry by lorry on Tuesday evening last week and proceeded to London Docks during the night, in time to sail on Wednesday, on the 'Ascania,' for New York, whence it will be transported by road to Philadelphia. It was originally arranged to ship the bell on the 'Olympic,' but the engineers discovered that the hold of the ship could not take the bell.

It is intended to ring the bell on the roof of the Philadelphia Store, where it is to be installed at a height of 300 feet above ground level, for the first time at midnight, on December 31st, and it is hoped that this ceremony will be performed by a distinguished American.

A gigantic electrically-driven clock has been constructed to strike the hours on the bell, and accurate time will be broadcast once daily from the powerful station on the top floor of the store. It will be the largest bell in America.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting for the South-Eastern Division was held at Gt. Baddow on Saturday, December 4th. The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, and service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Douglas). Mr. C. H. Howard read the lesson, and Mr. Burton presided at the organ. The choir were also in attendance.

Ten was held in the Parish Room, 35 members sitting down, representing 11 towers, the Vicar and the two churchwardens being present.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Geo. Green was re-elected District Master and Mr. P. Timson district secretary.—Mr. Howard proposed votes of thanks to them for the work they had done in the past year.

Seven probationary members and seven ringing members were elected, and Widford was selected for the next meeting early in the new year.

Mr. Howard proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar for holding the meeting at Gt. Baddow, and to the organist and choir. He congratulated Dr. Spencer Phillips on ringing his first peal of Double Norwich the previous week at Dunmow, which proved that if young ringers wanted to get on they should get out after their ringing.—The Rev. Douglas said he was pleased to welcome the association to Gt. Baddow.

Mr. Howard, before the meeting closed, reported with regret the death of the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, who was for 25 years hon. secretary of the association, and had done some valuable work for them in its early days, and he (Mr. Howard) was pleased to see so many ringers present at the funeral. He asked the members to stand for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to the deceased gentleman, and this was done.

Touches were afterwards rung on handbells, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

### MR. C. W. BIRD'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 1, Bob Minor 3, Treble Bob Minor 1, Seven Minor Methods 14, Cambridge Minor 2, Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Major 2, Treble Bob Major 3, Stedman Triples 14, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 14, Superlative Surprise Major 16, Cambridge Surprise Major 6, London Surprise Major 3, Bob Royal 1, Treble Bob Royal 5, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Caters 7, Cambridge Surprise Royal 4, total 100. Rung in 31 towers in five counties and for four associations.

## DEVON GUILD.

### N.E. BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North-East Branch was held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, December 11th. There was a splendid attendance, about 70 ringers being present. Every tower in the branch was represented except Holcombe Rogus, and visitors came from Crislow, Chipstaple, Exeter, Exmouth, Minehead, Newton Abbot, Seaton Talfan and Thorverton, and included the Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Guild) from Holbeton and Mr. Laver (general secretary) from Exeter. Service was held in St. Peter's Church. The Rector, the Rev. E. Chapman, officiated, and gave the visitors a hearty welcome in the course of a short and helpful address.

During the business meeting the members heard with regret of the Rev. E. J. Barton's decision to resign the chairmanship of the branch, and passed a hearty vote of thanks to him (proposed by the Rev. F. Carter) for the interest he has shown for the N.E. Branch by acting as its chairman ever since the formation of the branch in 1920.

The Rev. G. E. F. Molineux consented to fill the vacancy, which is a cause for much satisfaction and a good augury for the progress of the Exercise in this branch. Miss M. Hanson was re-elected secretary, and Mr. J. Elsworth was re-elected Ringing Master.

The secretary's reports were read. In spite of a new associate band (nine members at Bradninch) having been enrolled during the year, the number of performing members has decreased, being 97, as against 98 in 1925. This was not considered satisfactory, but good progress was reported from Silverton and Calverleigh, while the Bradninch band will soon be able to claim some certificates. Quarterly meetings have been held through the year, with an average attendance of 47. Six certificates have been awarded during the year.

The financial statement was satisfactory, and showed a total balance of £23 17s. 3d.

The next meeting was fixed for April 23rd at Huntsham, subject to the approval of the Rector.

Mr. Powell spoke a few words of encouragement and advice. He praised the successful efforts of the past year, and urged the ringers to keep up their numbers by finding and training recruits, and to keep up their own interest by mastering new methods.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the church and tower, and to Mrs. C. Knowles and all her able helpers who were responsible for the tea.

Many ringers returned to the belfry after leaving the Church House, and touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Triples and Doubles were brought round.

Many thanks are due to the local band for helping to carry out all arrangements, especially in the Church House, and to Mr. Elsworth for his indefatigable efforts to give every ringer a pull—no light task, as, perhaps, only those who saw the congested condition of the belfry can fully realise.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday. Twenty-eight members attended from Battle, Brighton (St. Peter's), Brighton, St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, Blacklands, Rye and Salehurst. Mr. C. Payer was also present from Stone-in-Oxney, Kent. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and good practice was had in various methods until 5 p.m. An excellent tea was provided through the kindness of the members of the local tower, and this was followed by the business meeting, the chair being occupied by the Master of the Association (Mr. T. Thornton Rickman).

The place for the next meeting was discussed, and the members were asked to choose between St. Mary's, Eastbourne, and Hailsham. On being put to the meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, was chosen.

The Chairman then brought to the notice of the meeting that the association had sustained a loss through the death of one of their members, the late Mr. W. Coleman, the local secretary of the St. Mary's Branch, Eastbourne, and it was resolved that the local secretary should write a letter of condolence to the family.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding at the tea and meeting, and also to the incumbent for the use of the bells. He stated that he also wished to thank the members of the local Guild for providing the splendid tea, and in giving the members each a good welcome.—The Chairman responded, as also did Mr. Kennett for the local band.—This terminated the meeting.

The members returned to the tower and kept the bells going until 7 p.m., when they wended their way to Christ Church, Blacklands, where ringing was continued until 8.30 p.m.

### THE LATE MR. C. W. P. CLIFTON

At St. Peter-at-Gowt's Church, Lincoln, on December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, a ringer at the Cathedral and an honorary member of St. Peter-at-Gowt's company, whose death we recorded last week: R. Chester 1, S. J. Wolfe 2, R. H. Hurst 3, I. Vickers 4, W. Bettles 5, H. Lowman (conductor) 6. Ringers of 2nd and 4th belong to the Cathedral company.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## WHAT IS A METHOD?

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Why men should try and get extensions of popular methods is easily understood. There is a prestige belonging to a method like London Surprise which no new one can ever possess. Every one would admit that a peal of London Surprise Royal is an outstanding performance. A peal in the same method under another name would pass almost unnoticed.

But, in trying to produce these extensions, composers had little knowledge to guide them. They had the sample methods as models, but these did little more than show, apparently, that the extension of a complex method like London or Superlative or Bristol is a different thing altogether from the extension of Plain Bob or Stedman or Kent. Composers were therefore reduced to working by experiment. They took an eight-bell method, analysed it, found what they considered its important features, and then tried to reproduce them as neatly as possible on ten bells. Of course, they were prepared to justify their results by much argument. They could give abundant reasons for everything in their extensions. But it is quite fair, I think, to say that in all cases the figures were got first and the arguments afterwards.

The proof of a pudding is in the eating. Not only has the experimental method of working failed to show how methods as a whole extend, it has utterly failed to produce one undisputed extension of any one method. In the case of London each composer who has tried to extend the method has produced a different version, most of them have produced more than one, and each version has, in its turn, been given to us as the one and only correct London Surprise Royal.

The experimental method of working stands, then, condemned, and we must find out some general law based on the essential nature of ringing; or, failing that, we must come to the conclusion that outside the few methods I have mentioned there is no such thing at all as extension.

Inside the Method Committee one or two attempts were made to find such a law. The attempts failed because they were based on the assumption that places are the important things in Method Construction, and that all else depends on them. Thus, we argued, Plain Bob Minor is produced from the Plain Principle by moving inward an External Place. Plain Bob Triples is produced by adding two fresh places. Therefore, they are not the same method. But the general experience of the Exercise and the individual experience of all of us in the tower is that they *are* the same method, and the one a true extension of the other. Places are not the one essential thing in a method, and we must look elsewhere for the basis of our law.

In trying to settle the question of extension two questions must be answered at the outset.

1. What, exactly, is it that you are going to extend?
2. What, exactly, do you mean by extension?

1. What is a method? Probably no term in ringing is, for all practical purposes, less ambiguous or less liable to be misunderstood than the term 'method.' It hardly needs a definition. But when we come to a question like the one before us we must have something much more definite and exact than will serve "for all practical purposes." A method

is not a collection of symbols or figures. It is not an arrangement of places. It is not a collection of rows. It is not a particular relationship between a number of rows. It implies all these things, but essentially it is what its name states, a 'method of ringing changes.' It is so much work, so much hunting, dodging and place making. It is so much movement of the bells. You may express this in mathematical or philosophical terms, but for all purposes of the science, as well as the art of change ringing, a method is nothing else than so much movement. As I have proved elsewhere, ringing is essentially movement and movement, which must be cyclical in form.

Therefore, what you have to extend is not a group of figures; not an arrangement of places; not a collection of rows, but a series of cyclical movements. And it can hardly be denied that if you can do this you will have produced just what the practical ringer asks for.

2. What do you mean by extension? Most men answer something in this way. In extending a method they say you take it on one number and reproduce the same thing on a larger number. They assume that an extension differs from its original only in scale.

But this is what can never happen. You cannot treat two rows like 123456 and 12345678 as if they were two lines of different lengths. If you have two lines, AB and CD, of different lengths; and if on AB you erect any geometrical figure; you can project that figure on to CD. The figure on CD will be exactly similar to that on AB, except that it will be on a larger or smaller scale. But you cannot do a similar thing with two rows of unequal length. The reason is that a line is made up of an infinity of points, but a row is made up of a definite number of bells. Any line can be divided in any proportion, and, therefore, any two lines can be divided in the same proportion. But no two rows of unequal length can ever be divided in the same proportion. You cannot divide a row which has seven extreme bells in the same proportion you can a row containing five extreme bells. You could divide into two equal halves both a row containing eight bells and one containing ten bells; but since the half of one contains an even number of bells, and the half of the other an odd number of bells the division is not really proportionate.

In Stedman Doubles the 3-bell work occupies three-fifths of the whole space; in Stedman Triples it occupies three-sevenths; in Stedman Cinques three-elevenths. The result is that the work of the bells differs in many respects. In Doubles a bell runs straight through from back to front, and from front to back; it does not do so on any other number. Similarly, there are ways in which the work of Kent Major differs from that of Kent Minor. You can never get exactly the same thing on a higher number that you do on a smaller number. This is true of the simplest methods, and quite obvious of the more complex.

Some composers, recognising this, say that extension means getting the nearest possible result on a higher number. But that won't do. It is altogether too haphazard. What one man would consider the nearest possible another man would probably hotly dispute. If there is such a thing as extension at all there must be a definite mathematical relationship between the different variations. You must be able to say definitely and without qualification that such and such is an extension, and such and such is not.

**NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

Owing to Christmas falling in next week, the 'Ringing World' will be published one day earlier.

Correspondents are, therefore, reminded that all communications must reach this office by Monday next if they are to appear in the issue of December, 24th.

Conductors of peals rung on Boxing Day are requested to post the reports the same night, in order that they may appear in the succeeding issue.

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Take rounds on all numbers of bells to infinity:—123—1234—12345—123456—etc. What is the exact relationship between these rows? How does 1234 differ from 123? It is not by the addition of anything fresh. Of course, in writing out the figures which represent the rows you do add a new figure; and in the tower you add a fresh bell. But so far as a method is concerned, which is the added figure or bell? Not the treble, for the treble on one number is the equivalent of the treble on all numbers. Not the tenor, for the tenor on one number is the equivalent of the tenor on all numbers. Equally, every individual bell in the row 123456 is an equivalent of a bell in the row 12345.

The only relationship between the rows in this series is that of a mathematical progression, and it follows that if on these rows equivalent methods are constructed the relationship between them also will be a mathematical progression.

**WASHBROOK'S OR DEXTER'S?**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest remarks on the question of the ownership of 'Dexter's Variation,' for the benefit of your readers I append the calling of Mr. Washbrook's peal, which is not, in my opinion, a transposition of Thurstans' but a peal built up on Thurstans' foundation, and so constructed that it contains neither extras nor omits.

The 20 parts are arranged as follows:

	A.	A.	A.	
	B.	B.	B.	B. C.
	B.	B.	B.	C.
	B.	B.	B.	C.
	B.	B.	B.	
A. is	3.4	7.8		
	3.4.5.6	12.13		
	S. at 2			
B. is	Thurstans' standard calling.			
C. is	3.4	7.8		
	3.4.5.6	12.13		
	5.6	S. at 14		
	5.8			

Mr. Dexter has simply changed the blocks containing Singles, starting with the three C. blocks, and calling the A. blocks in place of C. later on, so I leave your readers to judge to whom the peal belongs.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

**LEARNT IN ONE LESSON.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I point out to Mr. Cave that he is a 'terminological inexactist'? There is such a peal as Dexter's Variation, one that has enabled at least half a dozen conductors to call Thurstans' and have no sleepless nights, and any fool who can ring Stedman can learn how with one lesson at Stuart Street.—Yours,

A. FLAT.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday evening, a meeting for combined practice on the 12 bells at Winchester Cathedral was held, when representatives were present from Portsmouth, Fareham, Southampton, North Stoneham, and the local band, the result being a good practice of Grandsire Cinques and two touches of Stedman Caters. Two or three of the band who took part had never pulled off on 12 before, but they made an excellent show for the first time, and it is hoped these practices will become more frequent, and that the local men will become interested in them.

**LEICESTER.**—On Friday, November 12th, on handbells, 1,344 Bob Major: W. P. Whitehead 1-2, E. R. Whitehead 3-4, H. Morgan 5-8, L. H. Whitehead 7-8.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

EAST DORSET AREA.

The annual meeting of the branch was held at Poole last Saturday, and was attended by about 40 members representing Bournemouth (St. John's and St. Peter's), Corfe Mullen, Dorchester, Poole, Ferndown, Swanage, West Moors, and Wimborne. Touches in the standard methods, including Double Norwich, were brought round before the service, at which the Rector (the Rev. C. Egerton-Williams) and the Rev. H. Ball officiated. A brief and earnest address was given by the Rector on 'Service.'

After tea, the business meeting was presided over in the Church Room by the Rev. C. Carew Cox (chairman of the branch), supported by the Rector and the Ringing Master (Mr. F. W. Townsend).

A telegram containing greetings and good wishes from the North Dorset Branch, assembled in annual meeting at Ware the same day, was read and warmly received, the chairman being instructed to convey the thanks of the members to the North Dorset Ringing Master.

Much regret was expressed at the absence of the branch secretary (Rev. C. A. Phillips) owing to illness. Sympathy also went out to Mr. W. Chester, who could not be present owing to bereavement.

The report on the year's work recorded a satisfactory carrying out of the programme of monthly practices, notwithstanding the difficulties caused by the general strike. Steady practice was going on, and two peals have been placed to the credit of the branch, viz., Kent Treble Bob at Poole and Stedman Caters at Wimborne.—The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £4 8s.

Both the report and balance sheet were unanimously agreed to.

The officers were all unanimously re-elected, and Messrs. Bennett, Bishop, Hart and Townsend were chosen to act as a sub-committee for drawing up a programme of monthly practice. Quarterly meetings were arranged for Cranborne, Sturminster Marshall and Swanage, with the annual next year at Wimborne.

Cordial thanks were given to the Rector for his welcome to the Guild and for his address at the service.

Members afterwards revisited the tower for further ringing.

**OFFERTORY GIVEN TO GUILD FUNDS.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held on December 4th, at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, and was largely attended. The Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. H. M. Clarke, B.D. Tea followed, to which about 40 sat down. A short business meeting then took place, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding.

The Chairman reported the death of Mr. Thomas Raddon, of Portner, one of the oldest members of the branch, and the company stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

The Chairman reported that the sum of £2 had been received from the Vicar and churchwardens of Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, and they were thanked for the same, and also for the use of the bells. Thanks were also accorded to the organist.

The Vicar, in reply, said he would convey the thanks to the Parochial Church Council, who, he said, were unanimous in giving the collection for the funds of the branch, and thought it was the way to express their thanks to the ringers by encouraging them in their work.

An apology was received from the Rev. Wyndham Noel, Vicar of Christ Church. The following towers were represented: Trowbridge, Bratton, Bishop Cannings, Melksham, Westbury, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Bath, Warminster, Rowde, Holt, Hilpertown, Camerton, Chippenham, Bathford and Bradford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity and Christ Church.

Ringings took place both in the afternoon and evening at Holy Trinity Church, and also at Christ Church. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, also some Cambridge Surprise Minor.

It was suggested that the annual meeting should be held at Devizes on Saturday, January 1st, 1927.

**FIFTY CONSECUTIVE SURPRISE PEALS.**

LEISTON'S RECORD.

A new record must have been set up at Leiston, Suffolk, where there has just been rung the 50th consecutive Surprise peal on the bells. No other method has been attempted since June 8th, 1922, when a peal of Stedman Triples was rung. It has therefore taken 44 years to complete this half-century. During this time there have been several visitors, some of whom have been successful and some not, but nothing else has been asked for but Surprise methods. The following methods have been rung: Superlative 2, Cambridge 6, New Cambridge 1, Bristol 12, Guildford 2, London 17, Suffolk 2, Lancashire 1, Edinburgh 1, Rochester 8; total 50. All the peals have been conducted by Mr. Charles F. Bailey.

**AN OLD CUSTOM.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—The old custom of ringing the church bells on three Monday mornings before Christmas is still carried on in some villages, yet no ringer I have asked can give me a satisfactory reply as to how it originated. They know it is an old custom and that's all. Can any reader enlighten me on the matter?—Yours truly,

T. WISE.

Northampton.

### METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The obvious retort for me to make to Rev. H. L. James would be: 'There are none so blind as those who won't see.'

Instead, let me point out to him, once more, that a method is the same when the round blocks are the same, plus the additional round blocks on the higher numbers.

I have a mass of material on hand waiting the time when I can afford to have it printed, and nothing more need be said except to point out as follows:

(1) When Mr. James has learned how to find the round blocks of a method or principle he will be able to prove for himself the fallacy of his present position.

(2) He will also be able to prove that Shipway's so-called Superlative Royal is not remotely related to Superlative Major.

(3) That the irregular extension of Royal is the same method as Superlative Major.

(4) That the real Maximus (Superlative) is a single method, because the extreme behind has to be left out to bring up a regular lead head.

(5) That, as a consequence, the nearest double reciprocating extension of Major to Maximus is the method discovered by the late Mr. Catchpole, by Mr. E. W. Wilde and several others.

(6) He (Mr. James) will also be able to prove that Bristol Surprise extends perfectly from Minor to Infinity.

(7) Finally, he will learn that arbitrary definitions are no good at all.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

### WRONG COMPARISONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As 'a common or garden variety' of ringer, and one who has followed the various articles in 'The Ringing World' with interest for some time, may I be allowed to pass a humble opinion on the Rev. H. Law James' statement re reciprocal relationship?

Here he gives us the plain hunting course on six bells, and shows which bells he considers to have reciprocal relationship. It is all very interesting, but I think it is also all very wrong.

He is comparing 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (rounds), which is a back-stroke, with 6, 4, 5, 3, 2, 1 (the 5th change), which is a hand-stroke, and also with 1, 3, 2, 5, 4, 6 (the 11th change), which is also a hand-stroke. This is a wrong comparison, as the 5th change does not complete a half-lead, nor does the 11th change complete a full lead or complete cycle. The comparison for relationship lies between the back-stroke when the treble leads, and the back-stroke when it lies behind.

I give again the figures of the plain hunting course as the Rev. H. Law James gave them.

The dividing line in the middle is just as he gave it, and is quite in the right place, but we must compare the first row in the first half with the first row in the second half, and not with the last row in the first half, as he does. The same with all the other rows: 2 with 8, 3 with 9, 4 with 10, 5 with 11, and 6 with 12.

If we do this we find that in each case one row is exactly the reverse of the one it is compared with, and that the relationship every time is between 1-6, 2-5, 3-4. We must compare a hand-stroke with a hand-stroke, and not with a back-stroke, or vice versa.

The Rev. H. Law James is drawing the wrong comparisons, and it is like telling us that a lead-head is a lead-end, and a lead-end is a lead-head. I don't say which of the two it is, but it certainly can't be both.

To say that 4 and 7 are not reciprocal in Superlative Royal is equivalent to saying that 4th's place is not reciprocal to 7th's place. The same thing applies to the Major. If 3rd's place in the method is comparable to 6th's place, and 4th's place to 5th's place, then it is quite obvious that as the method is just the same from the back as it is from the front, so must the reciprocal relationship lie between 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5, as stated by Mr. Baker.

That Mr. Baker is right, and has given us the correct extension to Superlative Maximus, although it has been produced before, is the opinion of

Hyde.

T. WILDE.

### THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is it not a fact that when the experts disagree as to the proper extension of a method, the practical ringer comes to the conclusion that the method will not properly extend, and all the arguments and theories in the world will not make it do so; and any extension that is claimed as the 'nearest' should not be allowed to use the name of the original? Take the case of 'Bristol' Surprise Major. The 'nearest' extension to Royal found by the author is that known as 'Clifton,' but I have no doubt that if he attempted to call it 'Bristol' the experts would again disagree.

The arguments are, no doubt, interesting to a few, but to the majority of your readers they are a big waste of space.

W. A. CAVE.

An article by the Rev. H. Law James, analysing his method of extending Superlative, will appear in our next issue.

### THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

#### A PLEASANT AFTERNOON AT ROWLEY.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at St. Giles', Rowley Regis, near Birmingham, on Saturday, December 4th, in beautiful autumn weather. The bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and good use was made of them.

The beautiful form of service used by the Guild at its meetings was conducted by the guild Vicar of Rowley, Lt.-Col. the Rev. F. J. Cheverton, who also gave an appropriate address on the use of the bells in the olden days, which was greatly appreciated. An adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a beautiful tea was in readiness, and upwards of forty members and friends sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair, and he was supported by Mr. H. Mason (vice-president), Mr. J. Goodman, jun. (Ringing Master), Mr. S. J. Hughes (treasurer), and the secretary.

The Chairman gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Rowley, and thanked them for the help that had been given to his ringers by some of the members.

The Secretary referred in very feeling terms to the loss the Guild had sustained through the death of one of their oldest members, namely, Mr. W. A. Pugh, of Stourbridge. Mr. Pugh was one of the oldest ringers in the district, and he (the secretary) said he felt sure he was voicing the feelings of the meeting when he said that their sympathy went out to the bereaved family.—Mr. Mason also spoke feelingly of their late friend and brother ringer, and referred to his unassuming manner and his readiness always to fill a gap in a band for a peal.—On the proposition of Mr. Mason, the secretary was asked to forward a letter of sympathy from the meeting to the deceased's family, the motion being received in silence by the members.

Mr. Mason then proposed that the secretary send a letter of congratulation to Mr. James George, 'of England,' upon his attaining his 73rd birthday.—The motion was received with loud applause, and the hope expressed that the redoubtable veteran might be spared for many years to come.

The arrangements for the quarterly peal were left in the hands of the Ringing Master. The next meeting, which is the annual one, will be held at Dudley.

One honorary and nine performing members were added to the roll. Other business of a routine character having been disposed of, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. S. J. Hughes, for his great kindness in granting permission to hold this meeting at Rowley, for conducting the service, for his eloquent address, and for the use of the tower and bells. The vote also included thanks to the donors of the tea and to the ladies for preparing and serving the meal; also to Mr. J. H. Barsley and his ringers for making the necessary arrangements, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a most happy and successful one.

The Vicar replied on behalf of all concerned, and briefly closed the meeting with prayer. Members then adjourned to the balfry, where the bells were kept merrily going in various methods, including Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire, until nearly nine o'clock.

The opinion was expressed on all sides that it was one of the best meetings that the Guild has had for some years.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH MEMBERSHIP.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks branch was held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, December 4th, when a representative gathering was present from the following towers: Bletchley, Beechampton, Penny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Shenley and the local tower. There were also visitors from the Peterborough and Towcester and District Associations. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m. A short service was held, the Guild form being used, and an address given by the Rev. W. Payne, Vicar of St. Mary's, Stony Stratford. After the service, the members were the guests at tea of the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Steer), whose hospitality was very much enjoyed.

After tea, the Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) announced that he had no special business to bring before the meeting, but he wished to inform them that, after rendering his statement of accounts and membership to the general Guild, he very reluctantly had to state that the branch was not so strong as the previous year, owing, of course, to the fact that several towers had not paid their subscriptions, and he feared the loss of them. He would, however, continue to try and keep them in union with the branch. He also stated how pleased they were to have the company that day of the Guild officers, Rev. C. W. O. Jonkyn, Mr. Wright, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. He would ask them to address the meeting.

This they did, giving sound advice, and appealing to the members to retain the younger ones as much as possible, and to try and create enthusiasm by getting more young members to join if possible. The same apathy was being experienced by other associations at the present time, and it was up to all to try and maintain a high standard of ringing.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. A. Steer for so kindly welcoming the branch to Stony Stratford, and this brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Further ringing was then indulged in, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**EASE GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, December 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins. for Confirmation service, and also to welcome the new Bishop of Lewes to East Grinstead: G. Lambert 1, N. E. Hope 2, T. Potter 3, W. Mills 4, G. Hewitt 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, December 12th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins. for morning service: R. Warnett (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, Miss G. Baker 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, J. H. Lucas 4, J. J. Pratt 5, W. Honor 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, F. Smith 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' on Sunday, December 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. W. Crabb 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. P. Roe 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, E. A. Hull 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. Ellis 8.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—For morning service on Sunday, Dec. 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Lewis 1, H. C. Chandler 2, C. S. Bird 3, H. A. Fulwell 4, C. I. Edwards 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollis (conductor) 7, W. Godfrey 8.

**DALSTON.**—At St. Mark's Church, on Sunday, December 12th, for evensong, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. F. Deal 1, W. H. Hewitt 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, J. Bennett 4, E. F. Pike 5, C. T. Coles (conductor) 6, J. E. Davis 7, W. Pvo 8.

**NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday morning, December 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Leggett 1, W. Stiff 2, H. Evers 3, D. Elliott (conductor) 4, W. Chalk 5, J. King 6.

**WARWICK.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. L. Rye 1, W. Male 2, W. Collett 3, J. Rye 4, T. Stanley 5, H. Huxley 6, E. H. Adams (conductor) 7, E. H. Bosworth 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—For morning service on Sunday, December 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. A. Harding 1, J. E. Churchill 2, E. V. Beadle 3, W. H. Hollis 4, P. E. Hawthorne 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, H. Harding 7, A. Sheard 8.

**WILLENHALL, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, December 5th, at St. Giles' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) by the following: A. Evans 1, B. H. Pouniney 2, C. Wallafer 3, E. Trushaw 4, E. Hortin 5, J. T. Davies 6, S. H. Coley (conductor) 7, C. Law 8. First quarter-peal as conductor and first quarter for E. Trushaw and C. Law. All are members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

**CHURCHKIRK, LANCS.**—For evening service, on Sunday, December 5th, 720 Bob Minor with tenor covering: A. Chadwick 1, W. Aaron 2, C. Bowen (Bucknall Staff) 3, A. Ingham 4, J. Parr 5, L. Williams 6, W. Hindle 8.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church on Sunday, December 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: A. Symonds (first in the method) 1, E. W. Day 2, J. Hare 3, T. Scott 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. T. Croft (first of Stedman as conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, H. W. Else 8.

**LAMBERHURST, KENT.**—On Sunday, December 5th, for evening service, 720 Berwick Surprise: B. Luck 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relfe 5, H. Hammond (conductor) 6. First in the method by all.—On Thursday, December 9th, 720 Durham Surprise: B. Luck 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relfe 5, H. Hammond (conductor) 6. First in the method by all.—On Sunday, December 12th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Marshall 1, B. Luck (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relfe 5, H. Hammond (conductor) 6.

**WEDNESBURY.**—At the Parish Church on Sunday, November 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: C. Mounsey 1, G. Hughes 2, T. Burkitt 3, F. Smith 4, T. Palfreyman 5, A. Mitchen 6, J. Barber (conductor) 7, J. Gaydon (first quarter-peal) 8.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Sunday, November 28th, at St. Mark's Church for evensong, a 720 of Plain Bob: N. Allnatt (first 720) 1, J. Roberts 2, H. Hatton 3, J. Penny 4, A. Heath (conductor) 5, G. Laurence 6.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday afternoon, November 28th, for Confirmation service, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Hull's Original in 44 mins.: E. D. Kemp (first quarter-peal at the first attempt) 1, Miss P. M. Moss (conductor) 2, F. Corke 3, G. Gutteridge 4, J. H. Lucas 5, W. L. Gutteridge (first in the method) 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8.

**BANSTEAD.**—At the Church of All Saints, on Advent Sunday, November 28th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. G. Woodiss 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss E. Hardcastle 3, J. Lee 4, J. W. Chapman 5, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 6, R. I. George 7, C. W. Roberts 8.

**ALDENHAM, HERTS.**—On Sunday, November 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: W. Inwood 1, C. Evans 2, H. Long 3, R. Bell 4, S. H. Hoare 5, E. Elliott 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. Jilks 8. First quarter on the bells since refitting by Gillett and Johnston.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, November 21st, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, E. Bright 3, A. Evers 4, W. Butler (conductor) 5, W. S. Butler 6.—Also 240 Oxford Treble by the same band.—For evensong, 720 Double Court Minor: E. Bright (conductor) 1, A. Chalk 2, V. Glass 3, A. Evers 4, W. Butler 5, P. Ashcroft 6.

**BATH.**—On Sunday, November 14th, for morning Armistice service, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,440 changes) in 59 mins.: J. Bell 1, W. Star (first quarter of Major and first attempt) 2, J. Taylor 3, A. Prince 4, G. Jones 5, H. Taylor 6, J. Hallett 7, C. W. Bell (conductor) 8.

**WESTERHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, November 14th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: D. Wright 1, C. Taylor 2, H. J. Selby 3, C. H. Kippin 4, F. E. Collins 5, C. Dean 6, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 7, R. Curtis 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for ringers of 2nd and 8th.

**STAVELEY.**—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Sunday evening, November 14th, for Armistice Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 51 mins.: A. Markwell, sen., 1, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 2, S. Smedley, jun., 3, F. S. Parsons 4, H. Stow 5, J. Knott 6, S. Smedley, sen., 7, F. E. Parsons 8.

**GRAVESEND.**—At St. George's Church, on November 14th, being Mayor's Sunday (morning service), a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 49 mins.: C. Mitchell 1, R. Copelin 2, H. Argent 3, S. Sandford 4, R. Constant 5, F. A. Mitchell 6, G. Morad 7, E. J. Beer (conductor) 8. E. J. Beer, C. Mitchell and S. Sandford are all under 19 years of age. The whole band are members of the College Youths.

**CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.**—At St. John's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, November 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: Miss E. Chapman 1, R. Sanders 2, Miss P. Upsher 3, J. G. Nash 4, R. Roffey 5, H. J. Eldred 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, W. Soer 8.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,360 changes) in 44 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, T. Booth 2, G. King 3, F. Morgan 4, G. Mill-White (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, day compliment to G. Mills.

**FELSTED, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, November 7th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, in commemoration of Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Haslen 1, H. Reason 2, W. T. Farrow 3, F. Jacob 4, A. Sufflebottom (conductor) 5, H. Ebert 6, J. Wood 7, H. Fuller 8.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Haslen 1, H. Reason 2, W. T. Farrow 3, H. Ebert 4, A. Sufflebottom (conductor) 5, J. Wood 6.

**COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.**—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor: R. Potts 1, J. Norman 2, J. Casson 3, J. Smithson 4, W. Bowe 5, Wm. T. Holmes (conductor) 6, F. Tickle 7. First 720 by all in the method, and rung with the bells deeply muffled for all who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918.

## A 'FAMILY' DATE TOUCH.

At the Church of St. Werburgh, Kingsley, Staffs, on Dec. 11th, a date touch of 1,926 changes was rung in 1 hour 7 minutes, being 126 Kent, 120 Southwark, 240 London Surprise, 240 Violet, 120 Woodbine, 360 Duke of York, and 720 Oxford: A. Edwards 1, J. Bercsford 2, W. Carnwell 3, H. Carnwell (conductor) 4, H. Bercsford 5, E. Edwards 6. This was rung by three fathers and three sons.

## BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

At Barlborough, Notts, on Wednesday, December 8th, 720 Bob Minor (42 Singles): J. Wilson (first 720 in any method) 1, H. Hibbard 2, P. Morris 3, R. Reece 4, W. Sturman 5, P. Hibbard (conductor) 6.

At Rishton Parish Church, on December 9th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Chadwick 1, A. Yates 2, A. Lord 3, R. Bolderstone 4, A. Hutchinson 5, F. Read (conductor) 6. It was the first 720 for the ringer of the 5th and his first attempt. Rung for the 21st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

At Otley, Yorks, on November 30th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: I. Whitaker 1, E. Hobb 2, W. Horner 3, N. Smith 4, J. Horner 5, F. W. Dixon (conductor) 6. This young band started ringing eighteen months ago, and have done change ringing on Tuesday nights with the help of E. W. Dixon.

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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 financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 23rd, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; both at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports now ready. Ringers' service at the same Church on Sunday, December 19th, 3 p.m. Xmas Carols and Haydn's 'Surprise' on handbells by the Holy Trinity Ringers.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (10) available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brislington on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) at 4.30, followed by meeting. Service at 6.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Slough (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 18th, from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions should be sent in without further delay.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**KING'S NORTON PARISH CHURCH.**—The two new treble bells given by the Ringing Master, F.B. Yates, Esq., will be dedicated during the morning service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 19th, by the very Rev. Dr. Moore-Ede, Dean of Worcester. Ringing on the peal of ten is arranged for Saturday, January 1st, from 3 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m. The Ringing Master is kindly providing a meat tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited. Those intending to be present at the tea must please notify me not later than December 27th.—W. E. Moore, 175, Northfield Road, King's Norton, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will be held at Millom on Monday, the 27th instant. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Visitors will be welcome.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Llandall on Boxing Day, Monday, Dec. 27th. Service at 3.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (10) available before and after the meeting. The bells of St. John's, Cardiff (10), also available from 12 o'clock until 2.15, and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

**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. 4th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, when both Parish Church (10) and Bell Foundry (10) bells will be available. Further details later. Will all local hon. secs. please note date and arrange their district annual meetings accordingly?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, on Thursday, December 9th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. Heath 1, F. Harrington 2, J. W. Jones 3, T. Word 4, G. Large 5, W. Heath 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Jones, hon. sec. of the association, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Tuesday, December 7th, at the Parish Church, in 44 mins., a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Geo. Bennett (first quarter-peat) 1, G. Davies 2, T. J. Salter 3, E. J. Brooks 4, J. Woodberry 5, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, J. Bennett 8. Composed by A. P. Wakley.

**GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.**—At the Church of St. Andrew, for practice, on December 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. Bosworth 1, Neville Smith 2, Donald Smith 3, E. Benton (longest touch) 4, F. W. Lack (longest touch as conductor) 5, T. H. Townsend 6.

**HASTINGS.**—On Tuesday evening, November 30th, at St. Clement's Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Bradfield 1, Mrs. A. Revett 2, A. Easton 3, S. Driver 4, T. Baker 5, J. Downing 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, G. Piper 8. Ringers of 4th and 6th were from Blacklands, Hastings, the remainder being All Saints' (Hastings) ringers.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**—On Friday, November 12th, 720 London Surprise: C. Jennings 1, Miss K. Willers 2, A. E. Austin 3, W. A. Tack 4, E. H. Finch 5, R. Howard 6. Rung non-conducted.

**MANCHESTER.**—On Thursday, December 9th, at 26, Kirkinanshulme Lane, on handbells, 1,440 Boh Royals: A. Barnes 1-2, H. Jackson 3-4, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 5-6, P. Page 7-8, H. Chapman 9-10.—Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. F. Bailey (conductor) 1-2, H. Jackson 3-4, A. Barnes 5-6, T. Jones 7-8.

**SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.**—On Thursday, November 4th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Parker's 12-part: C. Pye 1, J. Coles 2, Mrs. J. Bray (conductor) 6, J. Almond 7, B. Gillatt 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. Long, for many years chorister and churchworker at the above church. First quarter-peat of Triples for ringers of 1, 2 and 8.

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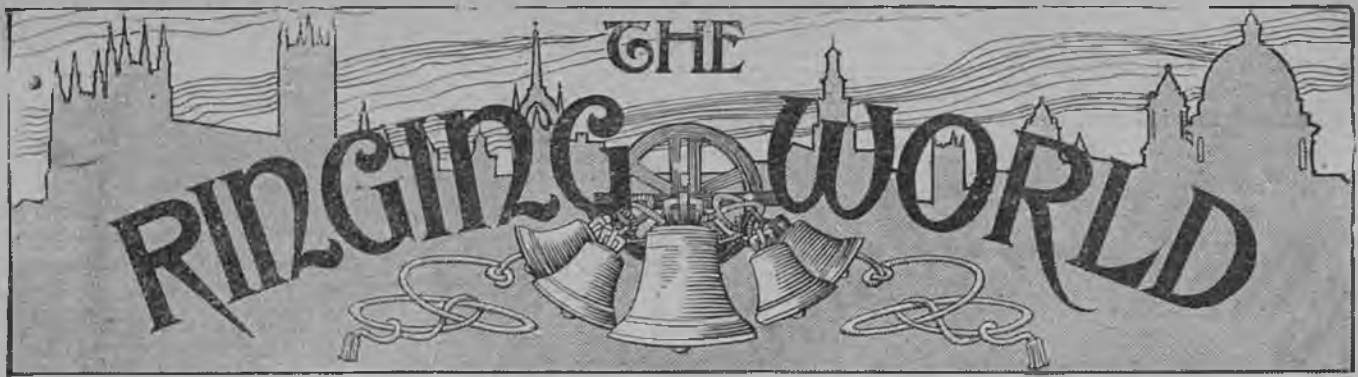
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*HARRY MORGAN... .. 5	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Caters and first attempt. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, was composed for the conductor's 19th birthday, and it was his first peal on ten tower bells as conductor.

REDBOURN.—At St. Mary's Church, on December 10th, 720 Grand-size Doubles, in 29 mins., by: W. Lee 1, J. Hobbs 2, A. Brinklow (conductor) 3, A. V. Good 4, G. Daniels 5, A. Archer 6. First 720 as conductor, and first by ringers of tenor.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

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J. HALLETT ... .. Treble	* F. ROWSELL ... .. 5
IVOR MITCHELL ... .. 2	J. DARCH ... .. 5
A. E. GRAY ... .. 3	J. COLES ... .. 7
W. FISHER ... .. 4	S. REDGWAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HALLETT.

\* First peal. Ringers of 4th and 7th hail from Merthyr.

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Conducted by W. A. WONNACOTT.

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JOHN PERRY ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... .. 6
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Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
HARRY HAMMOND ... .. 2	† FRED ELEV... .. 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 4	WALTER HAMMOND ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. First peal in the method by tenor and treble ringers. Rung to celebrate the 61st birthday of H. Hammond.

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**GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

* ARTHUR GRANVILLE ... .. Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
† WILLIAM PITCHALL ... .. 2	* JAMES BORROWS... .. 6
MISS ELIZABETH M. SPART 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 7
* JAMES WILLIAMS ... .. 4	* ARTHUR MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor from Barrow, 3rd and 6th from Dalton, 5th Kendal, 7th Ambleside.

**BECCLES.**—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday, November 9th, to celebrate Mayor's Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): T. Holmes 1, C. Rush 2, F. C. Lambert 3, R. Spalding 4, C. Parnell 5, G. Baxter 6, R. J. Goate 7, C. F. Sayer 8, E. R. Goate (conductor) 9, R. Rush 10.

**SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**  
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**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY A. FARLOW ... .. Treble	CYRIL WINWOOD ... .. 5
ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 2	* THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

\* Proposed a member previous to starting. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Dr. T. G. Swindell, Vicar of Sedgley, in honour of his 81st birthday. After the peal, the whole of the band extended their congratulations to the reverend gentleman. Thanks were also given to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fullwood for their kind hospitality on this occasion.

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JAMES EVINSON ... .. 4	HENRY HURST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

\* First peal.

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CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 4	GEORGE JOHNSON... .. Tenor

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*On Thursday, December 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,**

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BLACKHURST ... Treble	† ALFRED FROST ... .. 5
* HAROLD JONES ... .. 2	TOM WILDE ... .. 6
HAROLD G. FRAMPION ... 3	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 7
† JOHN BRIERLEY ... .. 4	W. H. WOLSTENCROFT ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by B. THORP.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Treble Bob. Quarterly peal for the branch.

**BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**  
 (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,**

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

* JAMES BRADLEY... .. Treble	* JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. 5
JOHN HALL... .. 2	JOSEPH V. JOHNSON ... .. 6
* FREDERICK NORDEN ... .. 3	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 7
HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 4	GEORFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by J. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor, and first peal of Treble Bob in the branch by resident branch members. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Harry Middleton on his 60th birthday.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

MRS. HARRY BAKER ... .. Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... .. 5
ROBERT EDWARDS ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 4	ALFRED BATTEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

First peal of Stedman upon the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector, Rev. W. H. Collis, for so readily granting permission to ring both upon this and previous occasions.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

J. RANDE ... .. Treble	HBT. FOWLER ... .. 5
C. URCH ... .. 2	P. GLEDSTONE ... .. 6
W. A. GLEDSTONE ... .. 3	F. G. LEWIS... .. 7
S. HARRISON... .. 4	R. SARSBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by C. URCH. First peal as conductor and first in the method by the local band.

GORTON, MANCHESTER. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HAROLD JONES ... .. Treble	CHARLES OLLIER ... .. 5
ALBERT GORRINGE ... .. 2	HARRY GASKELL ... .. 6
ALFRED FROST ... .. 3	TOM WILDE ... .. 7
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by B. THORP. \* First peal of Treble Bob.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble	JOHN BRADSHAW ... .. 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 2	RICHARD SHERRATT ... .. 6
JOHN MATTHEWS ... .. 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE ADDISON... .. 4	ALBERT ASIBURY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band, and all are service ringers at the above church. J. Bradshaw was elected a member before starting the peal.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST V. BEADLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2	HORACE BELCHER ... .. 6
FRANK CORKE ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 7
ROBERT THOMPSON ... .. 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Rung, after meeting short for Double Norwich Major, as a birthday compliment to Horace Belcher.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Wednesday evening, November 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Grove 1, F. Rowe 2, S. Smith 3, D. Hurst 4, A. B. Corden 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6. All the above hail from St. Martin's, Penny Stratford. First 720 of Cambridge on the bells.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. Treble	FRED HARWOOD ... .. 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 2	JOHN GORNALL ... .. 6
JOHN R. TAYLOR... .. 3	JOHN T. MILLER ... .. 7
JAMES MILLER, JUN. ... .. 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal on the augmented bells. First peal of Major by the ringers of 6th and 7th. First peal of Major as conductor.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, 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. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2	CHARLES CLARKE... .. 6
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 3	WALTER BARRETT ... .. 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE... .. 4	CHARLES CUTTING ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. GOODALL.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Frederick Smith, a ringer for nearly 60 years, whose funeral took place that day.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN LEE ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 5
H. BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 6
MISS FREDA E. ORR, ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	DANIEL COOPER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the daughter of Mr. R. H. Spink, steepkeeper of this church. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK ... .. Treble	*GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 2	TOM FORD, JUN.... .. 5
CLERMONT J. MORE ... .. 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of the-treble and 4th.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and four of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK ... .. Treble	DAVID WHITING ... .. 4
ALPHEBUS J. BERRY ... .. 2	DEREK LOCKWOOD ... .. 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Tuesday, December 7th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 53 mins.: Joseph Mellor 1, \*James Carter 2, \*Mary Elizabeth Thorp 3, \*William Dyson 4, \*Sydney Marshall 5, \*Fred Althorp 6, William Brummer 7, \*Albert Gorrings 8, Benjamin Thorpe (conductor) 9, Samuel Wood 10. \* Longest length of Stedman.

SIDDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

H. CHARLES BOND ... .. Treble	JOHN HOPE ... .. 4
WILLIAM COSS ... .. 2	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 5
GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 3	P. S. GEORGE HASTINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

JOHN A. PAYNE ... .. Treble	GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... 3
ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ... 2	THOMAS H. PAYNE ... .. 4
ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Rostock, of Cossington, on the 21st anniversary of their wedding.

THE CHART, LIMPFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

H. F. HYLTON TIDY ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 4
H. BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2	GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLINCH ... .. 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

\* First peal in seven methods. Rung for the quarterly peal of the above association.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, HACKFORD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* MATT TIMBERS ... .. Treble	* WILLIAM J. WASEY ... .. 4
* FRANK N. GOLDEN ... .. 2	WALTER C. MRDLER ... .. 5
JOHN MOY ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Tenor

Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

\* First peal in three methods.

LITTLEDEAN, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELBERT.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 1½ cwt.

HERBERT ENBLIN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK EVANS ... .. 4
PHILIP CARTER ... .. 2	THOMAS HART ... .. 5
* WILLIAM SHOTT ... .. 3	* FRANK EVANS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM HART.

\* First peal. † First peal on hunting bell.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

G. LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	A. HEATH ... .. 4
C. J. GARDINER ... .. 2	W. LANCASTER ... .. 5
S. H. HOPPER ... .. 3	H. HATTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LANCASTER.

C. J. Gardiner and W. Lancaster hail from Christ Church, Swindon. The remainder belong to St. Mark's, and had not rung a 720 of Oxford before.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

CHARLES ROBINSON ... .. Treble	FRED GINN ... .. 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
ARTHUR WM. T. GINN ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung fully muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Weston (wife of the Rev. F. G. Weston, Vicar), to Mrs. Galloway (widow of late Vicar), both interred on the above date, and also to Elizabeth, sister of 4th ringer.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

* ARTHUR WOOLMER ... .. Treble	* FREDERICK PAYNE ... .. 4
WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. TITE ... .. 5
CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the opening of the bells after rehanging. The treble ringer is the first Rushton ringer to ring a peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. REDGWELL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3-4	GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

At Martham, Norfolk, on Thursday, December 16th, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles (1,260 changes) with tenor covering in 45 mins.: Wm. Sales 1, Arthur Hodds 2, H. Mason (conductor) 3, Walter Watson 4, Albert Jetten 5, Sid Durrant 6. This was the first quarter-peal by all except the ringer of the 3rd, and first on the bells for over 30 years, during which time 'Stoney' has been the dominating 'method.' This quarter-peal was only made possible by the ringers themselves doing a bit of amateur repairing, as the bells are sadly in need of a boll-hanger.

A PROMISING YOUNG RINGER.

On Tuesday evening, December 14th, for practice, Frederic Richard Wellard, who is a pupil of Mr. Fred Brett at St. Alpheage, Canterbury, rang a plain course of Grandsire Cinques, a plain course of Stedman Cinques, a touch of Stedman Cinques, and a touch of Stedman Caters, on the 2nd, at the Cathedral. This was his first attempt at Stedman on any number of bells.

At St. Matthew's Church, Oversea, Derbyshire, on Tuesday, November 30th, a 720 Bob Minor was rung for the first time by the local band: P. Grice 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Brooker 3, C. Jewsbury 4, J. W. Cotton (first 720 as conductor) 5, W. E. Clayfield 6.

MILNBROW, LANCs.—On December 7th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. James' Church: J. Fitton 1, H. Hamer 2, W. Staff 3, J. B. Shaw 4, S. W. Dunn 5, G. Staff (conductor) 6, A. Buckley 7, Jno. H. C. Bessey 8. This was a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Fitton, who has been a regular service ringer at the above church for 52 years, also the longest length in the method by a local band.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Wulfram's Church, on Saturday evening, December 4th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: J. Royce 1, A. Muckack 2, S. Proctor (conductor) 3, H. Haynes 4, H. Squires 5, P. Turner 6, A. Ward 7, T. Hall 8, F. Turner 9, R. Peck 10.—For evening on Sunday, December 5th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: S. Hall 1, W. Thorpe 2, E. Nidd 3, E. Roys 4, H. Thorpe 5, P. Turner 6, A. Ward 7, T. Proctor 8, S. Proctor (conductor) 9, R. Peck 10. First quarter-peal by J. Royce and E. Roys.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.  
MORE ABOUT THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.  
BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.**

A method on a given number of bells is a series of cyclical movements. The extension of that method will be a progression of the series of cyclical movements arranged on a progression of numbers of bells.

To understand any progression it is necessary to state one term and also the factor of the progression. In methods the term must be the cyclical movements and nothing else, for these alone are the essential things of ringing. The factor will vary in different circumstances, but will be subject to one general law.

Since a progression of cyclical movements is a progression of the one essential thing in a method, we shall find that it implies and involves a progression of all other features of any importance. It implies a progression of the rows, of the places, and of all the work.

123	1234	12345
213	2143	21435
231	2413	24153
321	4231	42513
312	4321	45231
132	3412	54321
123	3142	53412
	1324	35142
	1234	31524
		13254
		12345

Let 12, 123, 1234, 12345, etc., be a progression of rows to infinity. On each construct a forward hunting course.

Then since :—

- (a) The starting rows are in progression,
- (b) There is one cyclical movement on each row.
- (c) The movements are in all cases in the same direction (i.e., forward).

Therefore, the result is a true extension.

This simple and obvious extension is the pattern and model of all extensions. Just as all method construction is implied in the hunting course and is a development of it, so all extension is implied in the above example.

Notice how everything of importance is equally in progression :—

Coursing order :—

21—231—2431—24531—246531, etc.

Number of rows :—

4—6—8—10—12—14—16, etc.

Or the rows themselves :—

21—213—2143—21435—214365, etc.

Or again :—

No. of bells =	2	3	4	5
Position of row =	2	3	4	5
Row =	21	231	4321	45231

Similarly, each individual row of any block on any number is one of a progression, which runs right through the whole extension from the lowest number of bells to infinity.

And this is a general rule of all extensions. Each individual row on any number will be one of a progression which runs right through all numbers; though in many cases the progression will not be obvious or easy to see.

The one factor in the above extension is the difference in the number of bells, and extension takes place equally in all features. Thus the relationship between a hunting course of Minor and one of Major is that of 6 to 8. The number of rows, the size of the cyclical movements, the

coursing order, the rows themselves are all strictly in that proportion.

But directly you introduce any dodging or secondary movement the factor can no longer be the simple one of the difference in the number of bells.

Take a block produced by Treble Bob hunting :—

1234	123456	12345678
2143	214365	21436587
1234	123456	12345678
2143	214365	21436587
2413	241635	24163857

The main forward cyclical movement extends in a progression to infinity, the factor being the difference in the number of bells. The number of inserted dodging movements also expands as the difference in the number of bells. But the extent of backward and forward movement in each dodging movement does not extend in the same proportion. On all numbers it is definitely one step backward, followed by one step forward. The result is that, while a series of Treble Bob courses in 4-5-6-7 ad. inf. are in strict progression, the divisions into which they are divided expand horizontally; but vertically are constant.

Thus the progression is not a simple one, as in the case of the hunting course, but a compound one; and this fact has a profound influence on the extension of methods.

In the book several other examples of compound progressions are given, and it then goes on :—

' This establishes the fact that equal expansion can take place only within a single hunting course, and that when dodging movements are introduced expansion is unequal, some features expanding in a different proportion or remaining constant.

' Similarly, expansion in a block which is constructed by a primary cyclical movement, and one or more secondary cycles is necessarily unequal. Each cycle will expand as the difference in the number of bells involved; but as the proportion between the numbers of bells in the primary and secondary cycles is not constant, but in a progression, the factor of the whole series will be a compound one.

' Take the simple case of Plain Bob :—

No. of bells	...	4	5	6	7	8	etc.
No. of hunts	...	1	1	1	1	1	
No. of extreme bells	...	3	4	5	6	7	
No. of rows in lead	...	8	10	12	14	16	
No. of rows in secondary cycle	...	6	8	10	12	14	
No. of rows in course	...	24	40	60	84	112	

' This is a true progression, but it is obvious that the factor is not a simple one, and that therefore expansion is unequal.

' The introduction of other secondary cycles will each bring in a factor of its own, and thus make the progression still more complex.

' The fact that expansion is unequal and subject to the laws of a true mathematical progression has been totally overlooked, and this is largely the cause of so much misunderstanding of what extension really is.

' One general law arises from the fact that an extension is a true progression, which is that an extension is not confined to a limited number of bells. It goes on to infinity. Thus, if you have a true extension of London Major to ten bells, you have automatically a true extension to twelve bells, and every number that is in the progression 8, 10, 12, 14, etc.

'Conversely, if you have what you call a true extension from 8 to 10 and it will not further extend to 12, 14, 16, etc., then that fact is sufficient proof that the extension is not really a true one, whatever reasons and arguments you may have to think it so.

'Further, no one in considering a mathematical progression, and especially a complex, would think of confining himself to the first two or three terms; and, similarly, though for practical purposes we are restricted to twelve bells and the labour of writing out methods on large numbers is very great, still we must take these higher numbers into consideration. In many cases it is only by so doing that we can appreciate what the extension really is.'

The book then goes on to deal in detail with the problem of the extension of the more complex methods. This I spare my readers, but at the end I believe that a general and sound law of extension is shown to exist. And in this connection let me repeat what I said at the beginning. The really vital test of an extension is experience in the tower. In other words, if an extension is really a true one, then you must be able to give a set of rules by which you can ring both the original and the extension. I do not mean that every rule by which you ring the original must apply to the extension, but that there must be a set of rules which will apply comprehensively to both.

I ought to mention that the Rev. E. S. Powell, who did me the service of reading and criticising my book before the sheets were bound, objected that I use the word 'factor' not in exactly the same sense that a mathematician does. I had to let it stand for want of a better, and I hope that what I mean by it is sufficiently clear.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. A HALF CENTURY REVIEWED.

The annual report of the Lancashire Association shows that the strength of the association at the close of the year was 78 hon. life members, 15 hon. members, 13 non-resident life members, 211 non-resident members, and 1,125 ringing members. The financial position is also reported as satisfactory, the year's working showing a gain of £10. One hundred and nine peals were rung, a slight falling off from the last few years, due, says the report, in some measure, no doubt, to the unsettled state of trade and unsatisfactory travelling facilities. The quality of the methods rung, however, is quite up to the average.

After reviewing the principal events of the year and thanking the branch secretaries for their constant and unselfish labours, the report goes on:

'This is the fiftieth annual report issued by the committee. Looking back over the last half century we see a wonderful advance in some of the things, to promote which the association was formed. The belfries are, as a rule, in far better order, and the bells in many cases are better hung for ringing. The number of rings, especially of octaves, in the county has been greatly increased. There has been a general uplift in the status of ringers, and in the standard of behaviour in the belfry. Much has been done to promote friendly fellowship between ringers from different towers, and knowledge of change ringing, especially in a variety of methods, has been much more general.

'Speaking of the standard of ringing, we notice that, while the advance has been general, it has not been constant in any one place; now one band and now another has had pre-eminence. On the other hand, there are still bands who seem to have no ambition to progress beyond a very small knowledge of one method, and still ringers who, apart from Sunday ringing, seem to let every other interest than ringing have the first claim upon their time. There are enthusiasts in all our branches, but there are many more whom they might stir to more enthusiasm for their art. In the earliest reports, great stress was laid upon the ringer's position as a Church worker, and upon the duty of himself joining in worship. We would put it that the Sunday ringing in quality and attendance ought to be the very best that ringers can give, because it is there definitely offered for the service of God, and all who ring on Sunday with this motive will feel that the offering of their art in the belfry is not complete without the offering of their prayer and praise in their service which follows the ringing.'

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We heartily reciprocate the kindly wishes for Christmas and the New Year which have been sent us by many friends, and to all our readers we extend our cordial greetings.

In the early days of change ringing, what we now know as Oxford Treble Bob was called Union Bob, and the first peal was rung by the Union Scholars at St. Dunstan's, in the City of London, on December 27th, 1718.

The first peal of College Exercise Major was rung at Hackney on December 26th, 1760.

A peal of 5,040 'London Union Trebbles' was rung on Dec. 26th, 1782, 'being the first peal of that method composed and called by J. Pleglis, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.' Was this the method which Shipway afterwards published as London Treble Bob?

The Christmas holidays have been a favourite occasion for long peals, among the most noteworthy being the following, rung on Boxing Day: 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major at Epsand, Yorks, in 1851; 8,064 Double Norwich at Leiston, Suffolk, in 1885; 9,312 Superlative Surprise at Crawley, Sussex, 1894; 10,080 Bob Major at Helmington, 1895; 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at Beeston, Notts, 1901; 9,728 Superlative Surprise, Cleat, Worcestershire, 1910; 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow, 1923.

The Winchester Guild, which may now soon be divided, on account of the division of the diocese, scored its first peal on December 27th, 1881. It was a peal of Union Triples at Guildford.

On December 27th, 1904, 17,104 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at South Wigston, Leicestershire. On the same day in 1909, 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major was rung at Brierley Hill.

The Friendly Society of Ringers' rang a peal of 6,160 Bob Major at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on December 27th, 1738.

The peal of eight at Bunbury have just been rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## LONG MELFORD BELLS.

INFORMATION WANTED ABOUT A FAMOUS SUFFOLK RING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am gathering all the information I can concerning the bells of Long Melford.

I should be grateful if any reader would let me know anything about these, especially the peals that have been rung on them. In 1884, the Melford company were members of the Cumberland Youths. Has that society any record of peals rung by their members on these bells? I presume there are many ringers alive who rang peals before 1898, and perhaps they would give me particulars concerning those peals.

There have been bells here many centuries, as I find that in 1401 there was left in a will '3s. 4d. for the repair of the bell broken in ringing.' In 1468, there was left 2s. for the ringing of the bells. In 1555, the ringers received 10s. for ringing when the Bishop came. Could it be possible that they rang changes by methods as is done now? Perhaps someone would answer me that question.

The first mention of peals is 1768, and there is a record of a peal of Bob Major (10,080 changes) by the Melford company, also a 5,120 of Treble Bob. In 1782, we have the following peal recorded:

Attend, ye gods; oh, hark ye Saints Divine;

Give merit due to a ringer's rhyme.

No trifling peal, I mean no paltry change—

London Court Bob, that peal of mighty range.

And here, as in the following time, are named

These were the men for ringing highly famed:

Samuel Scott, as first with the treble he did lead,

The second was rung by Joshua Steed;

Joseph Cutts, the third, stood well in his place;

John Pearson the fourth bell swayed in the chase;

James Green, the fifth, of whom stood much in need;

And the sixth was rung by William Smith indeed;

John Corder the seventh, and the peal did call;

George Cadge, the tenor, which completed them all.

The changes were five thousand and twice one score.

And it is supposed 'twas never done before

Within three hours and ten minutes space.

And the changes took no ringer from his pace.

Was this the first peal of London Court? John Corder called all the three peals mentioned.

There are many things I should like to ask, but I feel I am encroaching upon your space already.—Yours faithfully,

GRANVILLE C. BIXBY.

Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk.

## VETERAN SUFFOLK RINGER DEAD.

We regret to record the death of an old Alburgh ringer in the person of Mr. Frederick Smith, who had attained the age of 75 years. He is the first of the band of septuagenarians, who rang a peal four years ago, to join the great majority. No ringer was ever better liked by those who knew him. He had been a ringer at Alburgh and Redenhall since 1867, and rang his first peal at Redenhall in 1872 and his last this year at Alburgh. Altogether he had rung 122 association peals.



### THE SHADE FUND. RESULT OF THE HANDBELL COMPETITION.

An extremely gratifying result attended the effort to raise a fund for the benefit of Miss Shade, the sister of the late Mr. I. G. Shade, who devoted so many years of her life to keeping house for her brother.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' were invited to subscribe to the fund, and in return for each shilling so contributed were entitled to participate in a competition for the set of sixteen handbells which were Mr. Shade's property, and which had been offered to the Editor by Mr. Shade's sister. In view of Miss Shade's circumstances, however, the Editor desired to put the handbells to practical use, and consequently organised the competition for the benefit of the veteran ringer's sister.

Many willing helpers throughout the country gave their assistance by collecting subscriptions and distributing the tickets, and to all these the Editor extends his grateful thanks.

No fewer than 1,078 tickets were disposed of, representing subscriptions amounting to £53 18s., and a further sum of £1 was kindly contributed as a donation by Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, making the total amount received £54 18s. The printing, postages and carriage on the bells to the winner amounted to £2 8s., and the very satisfactory sum of £52 10s. has therefore been forwarded to Miss Shade.

The competition was decided by a draw, which took place on Saturday evening. Purely by coincidence it happened that the date advertised for this was the same as that subsequently settled upon for a conference, at the office of 'The Ringing World,' of members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, in connection with the proposed setting up of a separate Guild for the new diocese of Guildford. At the conclusion of the business, the draw for the handbells was made by Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith in the presence of the members of the committee, and the winning ticket was No. 800. This ticket was held by

MR. FRANK JACKSON,  
13, New Row,

Bramley, Near Leeds,

to whom the bells are being sent. The subscription was collected by Mr. H. Lofthouse, secretary of the Leeds and District Society.

### LIVERPOOL BELLS FOR ST. HELENS.

The old peal of ten bells which used to hang in the tower of St. Peter's Church, Liverpool, but which were removed and stored for some time, will shortly be installed at St. Helens, Lancs.

The bells have been to the Whitechapel Foundry, where they have been tuned and sand-blasted. They are to be hung in a new frame. The tenor is a bell of exceptionally deep note for its weight. Although only about 24 cwt., it is, we believe, nearly down to C.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are also shortly to commence the re-hanging of the ring of twelve at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, where many celebrated peals have been rung, including the records of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus and 14,000 Treble Ten. The bells are to be tuned and rehung in new framework, with entirely new fittings.

### VETERAN RINGER'S DEATH.

On Monday, November 29th, the death took place of Mr. Richard Blundell, of Halsall, near Ormskirk, Lancashire, in his 87th year. Mr. Blundell had a record of 52 years as a chorister, and 37 years as a ringer at St. Cuthbert's, Halsall, where his remains were laid to rest on December 2nd, the local ringers acting as bearers.

Many years ago it was customary at Halsall to ring on May 24th, and as the majority of the ringers were engaged in agriculture they started at 5 a.m. and rang till six, and often Mr. Blundell's horse and cart laden with produce could be seen near the church waiting for its owner to drive it to Liverpool, a distance of 14 miles, after ringing was over, generally reaching home about 8 p.m. There was no eight-hour day at that period.

As a last tribute to his memory, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on Monday, December 6th, in 26 minutes, by: Arthur Mawdesley 1, Thomas Prescott 2, Harry Fyles 3, John Gardner 4, Harry Sergeant 5, William Huyton (conductor) 6.

### WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, November 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss V. E. Bainton, of Farnham, and Mr. W. Johnson, of Aldershot, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 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.—Also 518 in the same method with F. Kemp ringing the treble, the rest as above.

At Edenbridge, Kent, on Sunday, November 21st, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for the wedding of Mr. H. Malyau, son of one of the local ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (containing the 24-4-6's): E. Leigh, jun., 1, E. Collison 2, W. Leigh, sen., 3, R. Jenner 4, H. Leigh 5, J. Hearman (conductor) 6, E. Leigh 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.—Also a short touch with E. Leigh, sen., H. Mainbridge and R. Nye standing in. Of the above ringers, three are uncles, three are cousins and one the grandfather of the bridegroom.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING AT BRISLINGTON.

The Bristol branch brought its successful run of meetings to a close for the year at Brislington on Saturday last. Members attended from Bristol (St. George's, St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, St. Werburgh's), Henbury, Stoke Bishop, and a full muster of the local band. Messrs. A. Evans (Burnham-on-Sea), C. Ford (Keynsham), and C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes) were welcome visitors.

Brislington possesses a fine old church, and one of the fifteenth-century towers which are among the glories of Somerset. In the churchyard is a tomb, the inscription on which records the death of Thomas Newman, who died at the age of 153 years. The writer, the first time he visited the tomb, heard a well-known ringer remark: 'I'll bet he was a bell ringer!'

The bells were available from 3 p.m., and touches in Cambridge Minor, Kent, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Double were rung. The ringers then adjourned to the Church Hall, where they found a sumptuous tea awaiting them, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar. A willing band of ladies waited at the tables, where 40 sat down, including the Vicar (the Rev. S. R. Worters) and Mrs. Worters. The Christmas spirit was evident, for after tea the crackers were banged off all along the line, and all was merry and bright.

Followed a short business meeting, presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), at which Mr. F. W. Cannings (Bath) was elected a life member.

Mr. Heginbotham proposed, and the Chairman seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing such a bountiful tea, for the service he was about to conduct, and for the use of the bells, to the organist for his services, to Messrs. Stowell and the local band for having everything in readiness, and, last but not least, to the ladies who had done so much to look after their comfort, yes! and ever-handed round the cigarettes. The Vicar was greeted with applause on rising to respond. He said they had looked forward to this meeting with great pleasure, and nothing better would please him and his willing band of helpers if they would make this an annual affair. A remark which the hon. secretary made note of. He (the Vicar) reminded Mr. Heginbotham of what he had missed by not coming to Brislington before.

The association form of service was afterwards held in the church (conducted by the Vicar), in which all heartily joined, and proved that the ringers could sing as well as ring. The new tune to the hymn, 'Hark, on high the joyful music,' was much appreciated. The Vicar also gave a fine address.

The tower was again visited, and one of the Surprise methods was made a feature of a good practice.

### A FOUNDER OF NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

#### DEATH OF MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS, SEN., AT GRESFORD.

Through the death of Mr. George Williams, sen., the North Wales Association have lost one of their oldest members and one of the founders of the association, while the Gresford Church has sustained a loss which is irreplaceable. Deceased was 77 years of age on October 11th, and was at his place in the belfry and at the services on Sunday, December 12th. He worked in his business during part of the Monday, 13th, when after partaking of dinner, he was suddenly discovered to be very ill, and in spite of expert attention and every care unfortunately passed quietly away late in the evening. He leaves to mourn his death two sons and three daughters and many ringers.

Mr. Williams was a native of Gresford, and had spent the whole of his life in the environs of his beloved church and village. He was a member of the choir from the early age of six years, and ringer, steepkeeper and sexton for very many years. He possessed a unique knowledge of the history of his church, and delighted to escort any party of ringing friends around and point out the numerous items of special interest. He was a strict disciplinarian, especially in the tower, and had taught the rudiments of ringing to a great many young men. Not a great ringer of methods, he had rung a few peals of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major, and he was always delighted to welcome visiting ringers.

The funeral took place at Gresford Church on Thursday. The service was fully choral, and conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. E. Williams, M.A.), assisted by his curate, the Rev. W. H. Bolton, the Rev. Bransly A. H. Jones, M.A., curate of Hay, and the Rev. R. J. Barker Owen, M.A., Rector of Is-y-Coed. The bearers were his brother ringers, who had also lined the grave with evergreens. The church was full to the door with sorrowing mourners and others who came to pay a last tribute of respect. The North Wales Association was represented by the Master (Mr. A. J. Hughes), Mr. L. J. Evans, Rhyl; Mr. E. Rowland and Mr. W. Jones, Wrexham; Mr. H. W. Wilde and Mr. Jas. Morgan (Pulford), and Mr. Jas. Swindley (Handbridge, Cheshire). A well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by: J. Swindley 1, L. J. Evans 2, H. W. Wilde 3-4, A. J. Hughes 5-6, J. Morgan 7-8.

The tower bells were fully muffled with the tenor open on one side. The whole pull and stand was rung by the local band assisted by E. Rowlands and A. J. Hughes, and afterwards three courses of Stedman Triples; H. W. Wilde 1, W. Jones 2, E. Rowlands 3, L. J. Evans 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6, A. J. Hughes (conductor) 7, Mr. Randles 8. This was followed by touches of Grandsire by the local band assisted by the visitors.

**SUPERLATIVE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS**  
**REV. H. LAW JAMES' ANALYSIS OF CONSTRUCTION.**

If we want to know what Superlative is on ten and twelve bells, it is absolutely necessary to find out what it is on eight bells.

The first point to notice is that the method is double, and so we need only study the first eight rows of the plain course.

12345678  
 21436587  
 12463578  
 21645387

A.—1. The whole eight bells change to produce the second row, fourth row, sixth row, and eighth row, and all the places are made at hand and back stroke.

2. When the treble dodges in 1-2, third's and sixth's places are made. What are these places?

26143578  
 62415387  
 26145837  
 62418573

Third's is 3rd from the front and 6th from the back. 6th's is 6th from the front and 3rd from the back.

3. When the treble passes from 2nd's place into 3rd's, 4th's place is made. This is 4th from the front and 5th from the back.

4. When the treble dodges in 3-4, 5th's place is made; this is 5th from the front and 4th from the back.

5. The eighth row is 2618573, therefore the ninth must be 26481537, for if you do anything else the bells will not strike 86745231 when the treble gets to the back; third's is 3rd from the front and 6th from the back, and 6th's is 6th from the front and third from the back.

We now know all that is to be known about the places, and it will be noticed that I have noted the relationship of these places both to the front and the back, because the method is double.

B.—The next thing to notice is the coursing order, and we can drop 7th's place and 2nd's because we know the result of these from Double Bob Major; then the bells come to lead and behind in the order 26373, and the 4th and 5th never get to lead or behind.

C.—The sixteenth row is 86745231. Eight and treble have changed places, 6 and 2, and 3 and 7, but 4 and 5 are still in the same place.

These are all the facts that we can gather from the Major; we want the Royal, and this problem is to produce twenty rows, the first of which is 1234567890, and the last

0896745231, and we notice 8-9 must change with 2-3 and 6-7 with 4-5 when 0 and treble have changed.

I.	II.	III.
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
2143658709	2143658709	2143658709
1246357890	1234685790	1246358790
2164538709	2143867509	2164837509

This is the same as Major with places related to the front but not to the back.

Places related to the back but not to the front.

3rd's place from the front and 3rd's from the back.

These three groups of four rows are the only three that we can produce on ten bells. Each one of them has places made between the 2nd and 3rd rows which can be justified from the Major, and as far as the place making is concerned there is no more to be said for any one of them in preference to either of the others; but the place making does not constitute the method. The next thing to consider is coursing order. In I. and III., 6 is prepared to go in to the 2nd; in II., 4 instead of 6. Therefore we prefer I. and III. to II.

Comparing I. and III., in I. 3 is in course order behind 7, but in III. the course order is 9, 5, 3, therefore we prefer I. to III.

We therefore elect to proceed from I., remembering that we still have II. and III. to fall back upon in case of need.

IV.	V.
2164538709	2164538709
2614357890	2615437890

In this we have 4th's place as in Major, but it is not 5th's from the back.

In this we have 6th's, which is 5th's from the back, as 4th's is in Major.

We can say as much for the one as the other. We will take IV.:

IVa.	IVb.
2614357890	2614357890
6241538709	6241538709
2614583079	2614358079
6241850397	6241530897

This has 5th's place from the front, as in Major, but it is not 4th's from the back.

This has 4th's place from the back, as in Major, but it is not 5th's from the front.

As far as the place making is concerned, there is no choice, but IVa. shows 8 going in to 6 in front, and IVb. shows 5 going in. Moreover, this puts 4 and 5 below the treble, which cannot be in a double method when the tenor and treble are to change in the middle.

We are therefore compelled to drop IVb. Return to IVa.:

6241850397  
 2648105379  
 6284013597  
 6824103957

The Major tells us that we must make 3rd's and another place, the 0 must come to the treble in 5-6, therefore the other place must be 8th's. The Major tells us to make 4th's place when the treble dodges in 5-6, and as the method is double we must also make 7th's.

Now, comparing these last two rows, it is evident that the twentieth row will be 0896723451. We can

not make 9th's place, but we can continue the lead, and, by making 2nd's place when the treble leads, bring up 1352749608.

This is a true extension to ten bells, but it is not Superlative for it is not double.

We are driven back to V.:

Va.	Vb.
2615437890	2615437890
6251348709	6251348709
2615384079	2615438079
6251830497	6251340897

5th's place, but it is not 4th's from behind.

4th's place from behind, but it is not 5th's from the front.

Now, Vb. is impossible, because 2 and 3 will both come below the treble, and this leaves us Va.

Va.
6251830497
2658103479
6285014397
6825104937

The Major tells us to make two places; we are compelled by the treble to make 3rd's as in Major, and the other place must be 8th's, because the method is double, and also because 0 and 1 must come together in 5-6. The Major tells us to make 4th's when the treble dodges in 5-6, and, as the method is double, we find that as 6285014397 is to 1234567890, so is 6825104937 to 0896745231, which will therefore come up when the treble gets to the back.

We can complete the round block of 40 rows, the last one being 1325476980, and the bells come to lead in the order 2680973, and 4 and 5 never get to the lead or behind.

We now add 9th's place with the treble behind and 2nd's with the treble at lead, and we have produced a double method on ten bells, which satisfies all the conditions resulting from our analysis of the Major.

But we have still II. and III. to consider. I have worked them both out in the same way, and they both produce impossible conditions.

Now, what is the method which we have produced? It is the very same method which Shipway produced over a century ago, a peal of which was rung at Wakefield in 1826.

Now, what about Maximus?

To find Royal, we started from the Major assuming nothing, but carefully noting all the facts. When we approach Maximus we are in a much better position; we have both Major and Royal to guide us. We have only to analyse the Royal in the same way that we have analysed the Major and then extend to Maximus, considering every point in relation to both Major and Royal.

I have done the work years ago, and I do not intend to set it down here, because I think that I have made the matter so plain that anyone can do it for himself, but I will call your attention to one point. In Major, the course order to lead and behind is 26873, in Royal it is 2680973, and so in Maximus it must be 2680te973.

When we rang the peal of Royal, I published the facts connected with the extension of Superlative. I have now demonstrated the way in which the method grows. Write it out on any number of bells you like, and ask, What is this method?

The answer is the same in every case. It is a method in which a bell does

- (A) Work with the treble;
- (B) Place making with odd place last;
- (C) Long dodging;
- (D) Place making with odd place first.

D is the same as B in reverse order.

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Now look at the matter from the practical point of view. A man who can ring Superlative Major has to learn the extended long dodging and the extended place making to ring Royal, and I know from experience that this is easily done. A man who can ring Major and Royal has simply to learn the extended long dodging and extended place making of Maximus, and this is quite an easy matter.

1234567890ct  
2143658709ct  
1246357890ct  
2164538709ct

2614357890ct  
6241538709ct  
26145830719c  
624185037e9

264810537t9c  
6284013517e9  
682410357e9  
86420113e597

684021e3579  
860412e15397  
806421e5937  
081621e19573

80642e491537  
0816e2945173  
0t8e69241537  
t0e896425173

0t8e69245713  
t0e896427531  
0t8e69472513  
t0e896745231

018e69472531  
t0e896745231  
0t8e69754251  
t0e896572413

018e69752143  
t0e896571234  
te0985672143  
et9058761234

te0957816243  
ct9075182634  
e91705812364  
9c7150183246

e975t1038264  
9c571t302846  
95e71t320486  
597e1t234068

9571e2t30486  
59172e3t4068  
957123e4t608  
591732e4e6t80

519723e4t608  
157932e4e6t80  
517392e4t608  
153729e4e6t80

157392e4t608

Finally, compare the music of this with the music of the method published a few weeks ago.

H. LAW JAMES.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
EASTERN DISTRICT.**

A meeting was held on Saturday, December 11th, at Hertford, and was fairly well attended, members being present from Benington, Barnet, Baldock, Cheshunt, Hatfield, Kington, Great and Little Munden, Ware, besides ringers of Hertford. The noble ring of ten at All Saints' were made good use of, and all seemed satisfied to stay, so that St. Andrew's eight were not required. Various methods were rung, and plenty of practice was got through for various grades and ringers in various stages of efficiency.

A service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. Llandulph Smith) welcomed those assembled and gave the address.

The tea was prepared at Farrow's, Fore Street, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. E. Mills, Rector of Benington, a place which has made history in bell ringing in former years.

A fact worth recording is that one of that once famous band was present in the person of Mr. Samuel Page, who is now 78, and who at the age of 21 rang a peal upon the old bells which were destroyed by the fire which occurred 35 years ago, and destroyed the fine old church. The late John Cox was the conductor.

**DURHAM CATHEDRAL RINGERS.**

On Sunday, November 21st, for the afternoon service, 360 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, tenor 50 cwt.: A. Hodgson 1, C. Vasey 2, W. H. Johnson 3, \*R. A. Johnson 4, \*E. L. Allison 5, E. Ferry (conductor) 6, T. Brownless 7, G. Metcalf, J. Henderson and Rowlandson 8. \* Longest length. Rung after ringing three plain courses of Minor at the previous practice.—On Sunday, November 28th, 600 Bob Minor, band standing as before. The last two courses of the 720 had to be cut out owing to shortness of time.—On Sunday, December 5th, 720 Bob Minor, band standing as before.—On Sunday, December 12th, 720 Bob Minor, band standing as before. All the ringers are local except the conductor, and the touches were rung after six months' conversion from call changes. The 5th was the observation throughout.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, for mission services, on Sunday, November 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Rivett 1, T. A. Easterby 2, A. Bradley 3, F. Bacon 4, H. Norgate 5, S. B. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.—On Monday, November 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Frazer 1, T. A. Easterby 2, E. E. Richards 3, J. Dafters 4, R. Woods 5, W. Martin 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. Norgate 8.—On November 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Frazer 1, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 2, H. James 3, J. Dafters 4, T. A. Easterby 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. Martin 7, A. Bennington 8.—On Monday, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Rivett 1, F. Frazer 2, W. Martin 3, H. James 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, J. Hurrell 6, T. A. Easterby (conductor) 7, J. Dafters 8.

**BELLS FOR A WELSH CATHEDRAL.**

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been entrusted with the order for a new peal of eight bells at St. David's Cathedral, Wales.

**'DEXTER'S VARIATION.'**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is far from being a pleasure to reply to the letter over the signature of 'A. Flat.' When writing to the public Press, and when conducting in the tower, he should use decent language, because everyone is not like the lady ringer, who, after a particularly bad flow of foul language, said: 'Oh, I have got used to that.' Everyone of your readers is not used to it. I particularly object to being called a 'liar' in whatever guise that term is dressed. I deny that I am one; what I have written is the truth. I also deny that 'any fool who can ring Stedman can call this variation in one lesson.' Mr. Walter P. Whitehead is the one who, I believe, has called this variation most often for the M.C.A., and he, perhaps, had a lesson at Stuart Street, but this need not cause him any uneasiness. No fool can call a peal of Stedman Triples; if he did, he would not be a fool.

Going back to Mr. Dexter's letter in your issue of December 10th, he asks, quite reasonably, 'Why did not Mr. Washbrook claim it when he saw it?' I suggest he never saw the figures. He probably, like myself, wondered what 'Dexter's' variation was, and expected to come across it some day. When I did, at last, see the figures, our friend Washbrook was dead. I claimed the peal next day for him through the secretary of the M.C.A.

I wish to draw Mr. Dexter's attention to an inaccuracy in the same letter. He says: 'When I have called the one we will call "Dexter," it has always been published as a variation of Thurstans.' If he will refer to peals Nos. 2557 and 3227 M.C.A. he will find this is not so.

While writing, Mr. Editor, I should be glad if you would point out to the secretary of the M.C.A. that the odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples, No. 3264, was composed by John Carter. It was also produced independently by the Rev. E. Banks James, and sent to me, but after it was rung and published in the Gloucester and Bristol report (from which it has evidently been taken), it was claimed by Mr. Carter, and the claim acknowledged by Mr. James. A note to this effect was inserted in the following year's report.

W. A. CAVE.

P.S.—For those conductors who do not like 12-13's, let them substitute Brooks' calling for Thurstans', and for others substitute Haley's, ringing either the two or four-course blocks three times to start with. I do not believe either has been rung or even published. They, like the other two, are Washbrook's, I have only done what any novice could do, after having seen the original variation.—W. A. C.

**WASHBROOK'S PEAL.**

Dear Sir,—I did not think it was necessary to write again on this subject, but Mr. Dexter's letter deals unfairly with the qualities of the above variation. Mr. Washbrook, by introducing the six singled-in blocks (three with S at 2, and the corresponding three with S at 14), cuts out the extras and omits of the original. This, to my mind, puts it above the mongrel class. By exchanging the singled-in blocks, you get what is often rung as Dexter's Variation. Further comment is unnecessary.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. BARBER.

Newcastle.

**SIMPLIFICATION, BUT RETROGRADE.**

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hunt's reasoning would be perfect, but, unfortunately for the theory, I arrived at my result before seeing Mr. Washbrook's, even before calling my first peal of Stedman, by the same road that anyone who knew anything about Thurstans' peal and Hudson's 60 courses also knew that Thurstans' quarter-peal could be linked up with singles. Surely, Mr. Hunt did not imagine that Thurstans would be unaware of so obvious a fact. But the ideals of the great had been to eliminate singles to a minimum. The result in Thurstans' case was a perfect composition with only two singles. To add four singles to rid it of omits and extras was a retrograde step over ground that had been covered 60 or 70 years ago. His only excuse in my case was simplification of calling. The fact of Mr. Washbrook producing a similar variation earlier than mine does not give anyone a claim to a monopoly on his behalf. If there were such, it belonged to those who first produced a 5,040 with two singles only, for they undoubtedly turned down such compositions when their ideal was in sight. But again, let me say that anyone wishing to call either variation under Mr. Washbrook's name robs me of no royalties.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

**MR. DEXTER'S RIGHT.**

Sir,—I am sorry to differ from my old friend, Mr. J. Hunt, re Dexter's Variation. Mr. Dexter does not claim it as his own composition, but as a 'Variation,' which he has a perfect right to do, in my opinion.—Yours truly,

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

KYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' Church, on the occasion of the patronal festival, 1,152 Kent Troble Bob Major: A. Brading (longest in the method) 1, W. Johnson 2, W. Scott, sen., 3, H. Barton (conductor) 4, A. Calloway 5, W. Scott, jun., 6, W. Upton 7, A. R. Ward 8.

## THE BELLS OF SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.

### SIX INSTEAD OF THREE.

Sunday, December 12th, was a red-letter day in the annals of this old-world vale village, situate four miles east of Swindon, and immediately north of the G.W.R. main line. It has an ancient church, dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene, and a peal of three bells of exceptional interest. The treble, a pre-Reformation bell by Robert Hendley, of Gloucester, has an inscription, 'Sancta Barbara Ora Pro Nobis,' the original second of the same founder was recast in 1885, and now again, the inscription 'Sancta Maria Magdalena' being reproduced. The tenor, which weighs about 12 cwt., was cast in 1616 by John Wallis, of Salisbury.

The frame in which these bells were hung was of rough and massive construction, and for many years were practically unringable. When the late Vicar resigned and retired some 11 years ago, he expressed his intention to restore and augment the bells and thus complete the work of restoration to the whole fabric, which, under his loving care, had been carried out in various stages. Last summer he enlisted the services of a well-known local ringer, who inspected the bells and reported, with the result that estimates were obtained from two well-known firms of bell founders, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were selected to carry out the work.

The fine old Black Letter bell has been hung rigid with a spring clapper, and will be used for chiming only. The tenor has been retained, the second recast, and four other bells added, making a very musical peal of six in F, hung in a new iron frame carried on steel girders with entirely new fittings, and as the bells are rung on the ground floor suitable guides have been provided. The frame is constructed to carry two more bells, which it is hoped may at some future date be added. A new floor has also been placed below the bells.

There is an inscription on the new fifth 'To the Glory of God. These bells were augmented from three to six by subscriptions from the parishioners and friends, assisted by the Rev. A. Macdonald, the former Vicar of this parish, Francis George Vernon Iles, Vicar, Minnie Iles, John James Sansum, churchwardens.' The work has been most successfully carried out by the contractors, who are to be highly congratulated on the result.

The dedication service took place at evensong on Sunday, December 12th, before a crowded congregation, the Archdeacon of Swindon, Canon Talbot, officiating and afterwards preaching a most appropriate sermon. The Vicar took the service, and the Rev. Angus Macdonald, the venerable former Vicar, read the lesson, and handed the ropes to the Archdeacon for the dedication.

Six members of the Swindon Parish Church Guild motored over after ringing for evening service at their own church and rang the opening touch immediately after the dedication. A goodly number of ringers from neighbouring towers assembled, and ringers of note were there too, in Messrs. C. F. Winney and A. A. Hughes of the College Youths, London, and J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who, it is interesting to learn, has attended services of this kind before. It is encouraging to hear that a number of young parishioners have expressed a desire to become ringers, and Miss Iles, the Vicar's daughter, has anticipated matters, and under the able tuition of Mr. G. W. Lancaster of Stratton St. Margaret, has made such progress that she rang the treble to 360 of Bob Minor after the service.

The Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association propose holding their annual meeting at South Marston on Saturday, January 15th, when the new ring will be available.

### SPICED MINOR.

At Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on Monday, December 13th, at the Parish Church of St. Thomas, a spiced Minor extent in the following methods: Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford Modernised, Bocking, and Willenden: Harold Jackson 1, W. Fernley 2, H. Langley 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Fernley (conductor) 5, J. W. Hartley 6.

A full explanation of spiced method ringing will be found in 'Method Spicing,' to be obtained 1s. 3d. post free, from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

### DEVON BELLS.

Two Devonshire churches have taken in hand extensive work in connection with their bells. Uffculme Church Council intends not only to remodel its present peal of six, which has done 80 years' good service, but to complete the octave by the addition of two more bells. A large amount of the money required is already in hand.

St. Andrew's, Plymouth, has also had its fine peal of bells quartered and rehung. Ten in number, some of them date back to 1719, and the fine tenor, cast in 1840, weighs 35 cwt.

Sir Thomas and Lady Baker have made themselves responsible for all the expense entailed, and have also met the cost of renovating and restoring the clock. The renovation has necessitated scrapping the remaining parts of the original clock made in 1706 by Thomas Mudge, with the exception of the setting dial, which is still preserved.

**BAGLAN, GLAMORGAN.**—At the Parish Church of St. Catherine, for divine service on St. Catherine's Eve, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: B. John 1, Miss Lucy Thomas 2, Mrs. Bellringer 3, A. Thomas 4, E. G. Bellringer (conductor) 5, A. E. Pitman 6. All are local ringers.

## YULE 'TIDE.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Scrooge lived in three ghostly periods. Scrooge still lives in 1926—he does, beyond doubt! Yet one is sure he's not amongst those who—Say it by telephone, and buy 'The Ringing World'! Rest assured of that, Mr. Editor, and be certain of this, Sir, we are growing older, some of us softer, some of us a little harder, some of us wiser, and some of us a lot more cynical. Therefore, one is inclined to think (sometimes) if we all in this 'ringing world' would only allow those three spirits—which brought about a change in Scrooge—to visit us at Yule Tide, it would do us all good.

S-h-h-h-h-h! (The spirit of Christmas Past enters.) The home, the family circle of old days, the old school (the *Prodagogue*), the lessons, the months—weeks, days and hours—which only made it seem longer to Christmas Day, the holidays and those friends, young manhood, our work, our ambitions (peals), our hopes, successes and failures, the meeting of 'Someone,' the greeting of Someone, and the 'kicking' of that 'Someone,' under the table, who not only made us think of—but thank God for—that greatest thing of all—Home Happiness! Through sunshine, through shadow we have passed along life's checkered path, till we arrive at 1926. (Exit first ghost.)

(Enter the spirit and form of Christmas Present.) Upon its form depends what we have allowed the past to make us—yes, Sir, to make us—as near as we can—get down to the child spirit of the season of Yule.

'Tisn't difficult, if we don't lack enthusiasm, in playing our part in blindman's buff, or wearing a paper hat, or dancing round the Christmas tree, or pulling crackers to see if we can find a real 'C.C.' with a laugh! Ha! ha-a-a-a! Let's see if we can find a real 'C.C.' to ward off the witches, whose especial amusement it is

To untie the winds and make them fight,  
like children, for a symbol of contemptible superstition, which Whittier says:

'Still o'er many a neighbor's door  
She saw the horseshoe's "curved charm."'

Ha! ha-a-a-a! What care we where we find this 'C.C.'? Whether we find it in a cracker, or embedded in the Christmas pudding, or whether we find it in a 'hash' at Whitsun, or whether we find it on the 'chest' of the Editor of this journal—what care we? A 'C.C.' is a 'C.C.'; it is universal. One might find it anywhere. It may be of pagan origin, stuck on some Runic monument, or it may be traced, as the Hottentot traced it on his cabin door, or again, it may be found on the doors and the thresholds of houses as much in Europe as in Asia and America.

Admitted, the 'C.C.' is universal, but massive, barbarous, extravagance—reciprocating extravagance, barbarous, massive. 22 ct. 'curved charms' are not to be found anywhere, so one has commissioned oneself to make and to manufacture one (on behalf of the Exercise without their permission), such as no company of goldsmiths could ever dream of fabricating, therefore—still without the mandate of the Exercise—whereas, on behalf of the Exercise, one does not beg our worthy brothers' acceptances of this 'C.C.' but we command the acceptance thereof—of this 'C.C.' which we have despatched under separate wrapper as a token of esteem and best wishes and as a sign and symbol of 'Christmas Present'! (Exit the ghost of same.)

(Enter the spirit of Christmas Future.) With this one wish (and command) to the fraternity of campanulogists:

Then peal the bells more loud and deep.  
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.  
The Wrong shall fall,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, goodwill to men!

IRENEUS.

[The Editor has duly received the massive charm that is said to bring good luck. A gigantic golden horseshoe will adorn the baronial hall this Christmas tide. Almost immediately this charm arrived a cup of hot tea was spilled over the recipient (of the charm and tea); he went out and lost a ten-shilling note and came home to find that the black cat had died. But he lives in hopes, and his grateful thanks are hereby returned to 'Ireneus' for his thoughtful 'Christmas present'.]

### DATE TOUCHES.

At St. Mary's Church, Broughton Astley, Leicestershire, on Tuesday evening, December 14th, in 1 hour 15 minutes, a date touch (1,926 changes), comprising 68 Stedman Dobbles, 240 Plain Bob Doubles, 360 Canterbury Doubles, and 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bodycote 1, J. Brunt 2, C. Carr 3, P. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. This is the longest length for all except ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, and the longest length rung on the bells by all local men.

At St. Peter's Church, Bexhill, on Saturday evening, December 11th, in 1 hour and 16 minutes, 1,926 Grandsire Triples: H. Parkin 1, Mrs. A. Lovett 2, J. Downing 3, S. Driver 4, T. Baker 5, G. Piper 6, A. Lovett 7, A. Reid 8. Composed and conducted by A. Lovett. All are ringers from Hastings with the exception of the tenor man.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**ACTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service on December 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Wincote 1, Miss Hawkesworth 2, Robert Farden (conductor) 3, H. Belcher 4, R. Holloway 5, J. W. Kelley 6, E. W. Coulson 7, W. Boucher 8. For the benefit of visitors coming to London, it may be mentioned that this tower is a twopenny tram fare to church door from Shepherd's Bush Tube Station. Quarter-peals most gladly arranged and welcomed for either those struggling with Grandsire or Stedman and 'highbrow.'

**LINCOLN.**—At St. Peter-at-Gaw's Church, on Sunday, December 12th for matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Chester 1, R. Lowman 2, H. Hurst 3, W. Walker 4, W. Bettles 5, J. E. Sykes (conductor) 6.

**LONDON.**—At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Sunday, December 5th, for evening, a quarter-peal (1,263 changes) of Stedman Caters: Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 3, Henry Ellis 4, J. E. Davis 5, W. A. Alps 6, C. W. Grimwood 7, F. I. Hairs 8, R. F. Deal 9, R. Sanders 10.

**ZEALS, WILTS.**—On December 5th, at St. Martin's Church for evening service, 720 Stedman Doubles: F. Ball 1, J. J. Parsons 2, A. Bayerstock 3, E. J. Rowe 4, L. Perrett (conductor) 5, W. Gray 6.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—At All Saints' Parish Church, on Sunday, December 5th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. White 1, E. G. Ellenger 2, W. Chalk 3, J. Ames 4, J. H. Walcock 5, F. Chalk 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, S. Linnet 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

**GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, December 5th, for evening service, 720 College Exercise: S. J. White 1, B. C. Mann 2, J. D. Buckingham 3, G. H. Neville 4, C. J. Mann 5, H. B. Gardner (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by B. C. Mann (aged 14 years).

**OXHEFY.**—On Sunday, November 28th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Hodgetts 1, E. Bowley (first 720 in the method) 2, C. Leman 3, A. W. Dix 4, W. Hodgetts 5, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 6.

**LLANDUDNO.**—On Sunday, November 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) from Holt's Original: T. Barrow 1, R. Fairlie 2, A. W. Brighton, London (conductor) 3, E. Lodge 4, S. Brown 5, A. Fairlie 6, S. Cullington 7, T. Low 8.—On Sunday, December 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., the band in the same order as above, conducted by A. W. Brighton.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, November 28th, at St. Mark's Church, Dalston, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 54 mins.: J. Bennett 1, W. Nudds 2, W. Hewett 3, R. Deal 4, E. F. Pike 5, T. G. Bannister 6, F. E. Collins 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8. This is believed to be the longest touch on the bells, which were installed in 1877, and have quite recently been put in 'going order' after being silent for approximately 30 years.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, November 28th, for morning service at St. Andrew's, Church, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: L. Gray 1, C. Choct 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, R. Green 4, F. H. Crook 5, A. E. Darnell 6, J. Bullock 7, E. Breit (conductor) 8.—On October 24th, for evening service at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: L. Gray 1, Harry Dyas 2, C. Choct 3, H. Franks 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, A. Darnell 6, F. H. Crook 7, J. Bullock 8, taken from Holt's Original.

**WRENTHAM.**—On Sunday, November 28th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rev. F. R. Bousey 1, W. C. Bunn 2, E. Bailey 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton 6. Conducted by W. C. Bunn, age 16. It was the conductor's first 720 in the method on an inside bell and as conductor.

**DORE, SHEFFIELD.**—On Advent Sunday, November 28th, for evening, at Christ Church, in 92 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Rev. W. P. Wright 1, Miss Molly Daveport 2, R. E. Johnson 3, W. Bingham 4, N. Short 5, N. Fisher 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 7, M. Fisher 8. First quarter in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. B. Chalmers, of Leamington, the preacher at evening.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, November 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Rawlings 1, H. Hawkes 2, W. Hollamby 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. Terry 5, F. King 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8. First in the method by ringers of 2 and 4.

**COMPTON, BERKS.**—On Sunday, November 28th, at the Parish Church for evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. Parfitt 1, A. Gregory 2, E. Pontin 3, A. Jeffery 4, A. Hall 5, C. Parfitt (conductor) 6.

**KNIGHTON, RADG.**—On Sunday, November 28th, at St. Edward's Church, after evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: W. Watkins 1, J. Price 2, A. Jones 3, J. F. Evans 4, G. Abley 5, F. Evans (conductor) 6, R. Wellings 7. Rung as a farewell touch to Mr. R. Wellings, who is leaving.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, November 28th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for evening, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Toulle 1, W. H. Joiner 2, J. D. Drewett, J.P., 3, J. W. Parslow 4, W. S. Smith 5, A. Calver 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, S. King 8.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, November 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Skinner 1, T. Groombridge, sen., 2, W. Spice (Funstall) 3, G. F. James 4, G. Durling 5, G. Huxley 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, P. J. Spice 8.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—At the Parish Church on November 21st, for evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Robinson 1, C. Robinson 2, B. Wayman 3, E. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—At Christ Church on Sunday, November 21st, for evening service, 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. Tugwood 1, J. Gray 2, E. Gosden 3, J. E. Scott 4, E. Hern (conductor) 5, C. Waugh 6, J. Robertson 7, G. Dix 8, A. Tully 9, J. George 10. First touch in the method by ringers of 1 and 2. Longest length by 7 and 10.

**HORNSEY.**—On Sunday, November 21st, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, C. H. Ross (conductor) 2, A. F. Putland 3, E. G. Hibble 4, R. Lister 5, J. G. Nash 6.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Sunday, November 21st, a touch of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and three touches of Stedman Triples were rung by the local ringers.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, November 21st, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal (1,259 changes) of Grandsire Caters: F. Tolworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Saltmarsh 3, W. Lincoln 4, R. Clark 5, J. Clark 6, A. Head 7, J. Wood 8, P. Timson (conductor) 9, G. Cooper 10.

**DERBY.**—On Sunday, November 21st, at St. Alkmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins. for evening service: E. E. Clarke 1, C. Draper 2, H. K. Waterfield 3, G. Freebrey (conductor) 4, J. E. Clarke (South Wigston) 5, W. Slater 6, H. Cavigan 7, P. H. Tate 8.

**HANLEY.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, November 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Alcock 1, E. Corner 2, P. A. Dais 3, F. E. Eardley 4, S. Sargeant 5, H. Sargeant 6, G. Jones (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. H. Degg 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all Hanley members.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, November 14th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. G. Lane 1, A. Arnold 2, F. Jennings 3, L. Bance 4, J. F. Gayler 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, F. E. Darby (conductor) 7, J. Avery 8.

## NOTICES.

**KING'S NORTON PARISH CHURCH.**—Ringing on the new peal of 10 is arranged for Saturday, Jan. 1st, from 3 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m. The Ringing Master is kindly providing a meat tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited. Those intending to be present at the tea must please notify me not later than December 27th.—W. E. Moore, 175, Northfield Road, King's Norton, Birmingham.

**THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS,** Established 1672.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Tower open 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Balance Sheet, Election of Officers, etc. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD.**—The 6th Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 8th, at 6 p.m., at the Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol. Chairman, Mr. Henry Way; Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Jeffries. Tickets 5/6. University Buildings and Bell (9½ tons) open from 2.30 p.m. (Tea and Buns.) An informal conference will be held. Service, St. Stephen's Church, 5 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Guild Secretaries, Stewards, Officials, or direct from Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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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 financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will be held at Millom on Monday, the 27th instant. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Visitors will be welcome.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Boxing Day, Monday, Dec. 27th. Service at 3.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (10) available before and after the meeting. The bells of St. John's, Cardiff (10), also available from 12 o'clock until 2.15, and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 1st. The following bells will be available at 2 p.m.: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), St. James' (6). Guild service, St. John's Church at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for January: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., Monday, the 3rd, at 6.30, followed by quarterly business meeting at 8.15, and Mondays, the 17th and the 31st, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 25th, at 8. The annual meeting will be on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at St. Clement Danes'. Please reserve date now, as large attendance is desired.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

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. 4th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Wokingham. Service at St. Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Address by Rev. W. T. Stubbs, Rector of Easthampstead, followed by meat tea and meeting at St. Paul's Parish Room. Those desirous of being present at tea please notify me not later than Jan. 3rd.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The first meeting of the year 1927 will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells available from 3.15, with the usual service, tea and meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

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LLANDUDNO.—On Thursday, December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: O. W. Peglar (first quarter-peal, age 15) 1, R. Fairlie 2, A. W. Brighton 3, E. Lodge 4, S. Brown 5, A. Fairlie 6, W. T. Peglar (conductor) 6, S. Cullington (composer) 7, T. Low 8.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.**—On December 9th, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor: W. Robinson, jun., 1, A. W. Brighton 2, F. Woodend (conductor) 3, T. B. Newton 4, F. Hewetson 5, W. Robinson 6.—Also 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent: W. Robinson, jun., 1, A. W. Brighton 2, F. Woodend 3, H. Hewetson 4, W. Robinson 5, T. B. Newton (conductor) 6.—On December 13th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Robinson, sen. (conductor) 1, W. Nevinson 2, F. Woodend 3, W. Middleton 4, G. Chadwick 5, A. W. Brighton 6.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Saturday, November 6th, with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of unveiling and dedication of the war memorial for Braintree and Bocking, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Wiffen 1, H. E. Hammond 2, A. Saunders 3, E. Wiffen 4, F. Claydon 5, F. Ely 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. Rung after an attempt for peal which was lost after an hour's good ringing owing to the sixth rope slipping the wheel.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Tuesday, October 26th, at St. Leonard's Church, 720 Chichester Surprise: R. S. Cherryman 1, G. A. Steele 2, R. Stredwick 3, A. G. Cherryman 4, W. White 5, A. H. White (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. W. Cherryman 1, M. Broomfield 2, F. Trustler 3, A. G. Cherryman 4, R. Stredwick 5, J. W. White (conductor) 6.—On Thursday, November 11th, Armistice Day, 720 Wells Surprise: R. S. Cherryman 1, R. Stredwick 2, G. A. Steel 3, A. G. Cherryman 4, J. W. White 5, A. W. White (conductor) 6.

**CHESTER.**—On Wednesday, October 20th, at St. Mary's-within-the-Wall, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Halows 1, R. Jones 2, G. F. Sperring 3, G. Lea 4, R. Sperring (conductor) 5, John W. Davies 6, Geo. R. Jones 7, A. Harrison 8. Rung on the Prince of Wales' visit to Chester. The ringer of the 2nd is 12 years of age, and this is his longest length.

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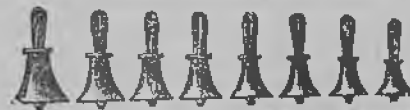
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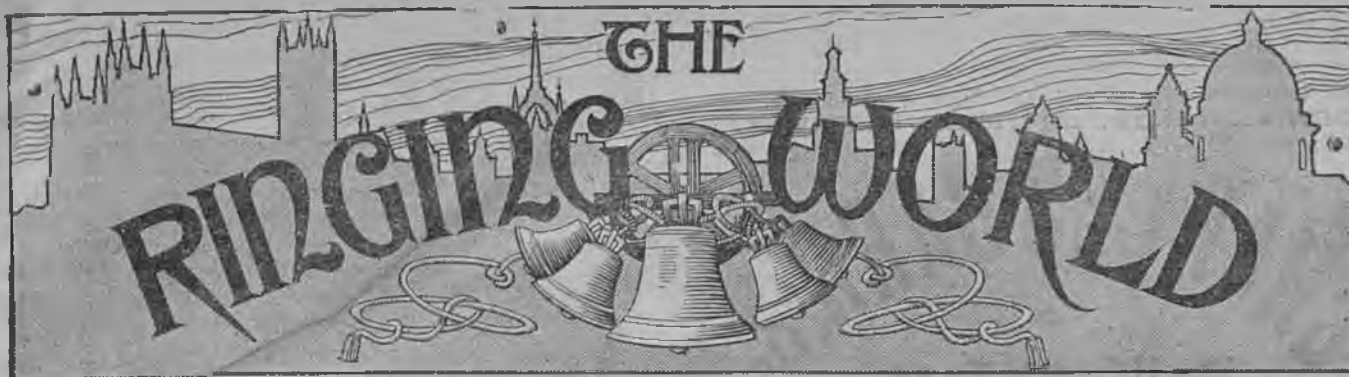
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## RING IN THE NEW.

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring happy bells across the snow;  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

Once more we are at a milestone in the years, and we are reminded again of Tennyson's famous lines. Few people, we imagine, will be sorry to see the departure of this year of 1926, with its upheavals and difficulties, its troubles and its anxieties, both national and individual. Many will be devoutly glad to see the back of it, in the hope that the new year will bring with it a better spirit, and that there will be brighter and happier prospects in store. 'The year is going, let him go.'

As we approach 1927 with new hopes and aspirations in our industrial and national life, may we not also, as ringers, approach our duties and our art with keener desire and greater energy. The unhappy industrial trouble affected many members of the Exercise, and directly or indirectly large numbers suffered. The brighter outlook in the labour world will, we hope, enable them to return to greater activity in the ringing world, for, despite what is already being done, there is a great deal of work which awaits the willing hand, and the new year surely is the time when the task may well be begun.

There are still many silent towers in the country and towers where bands are not up to strength. Here, at any rate, is one direction where associations and individual ringers can get to work. The question, 'What are we doing to introduce fresh blood?' is being often asked, and seldom satisfactorily answered, but it has got to be faced if the art of ringing is to progress and not to be allowed to lapse into the condition of a century ago. Associations might well start the new year by seriously tackling this problem. The difficulties are great, but they should be only a spur to effort. It is a task, too, in which individual ringers can act even more effectively in many cases than associations can do. Let 1927 be a year of new endeavour, in a new spirit.

One step might well be a determined onslaught on those clergy and people in high places in the Church who still fail to realise the importance of the ringer's office. It is more often than not due to this that bells are silent, and it is not until those responsible are aroused from this indifference that any substantial change will be brought about. Their co-operation is needed, and recruits for the belfry should be got from the church. There should be in every congregation sufficient men ready to give their time and energies to the service of the Church by ringing the bells, and if bands were, by the aid of the clergy, re-

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cruited from this source, it would finally do away with the old complaint, the ground for which is steadily disappearing, that the ringers are never seen in church.

Here, then, is one direction to which ringers may turn their energies anew in the coming year. Success can only be achieved by long and sustained effort, but let us approach it with a new spirit in the new year; let us not think so much of what we can get out of ringing, but more of what we can put into it.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 7
CHARLES J. CHOET ... .. 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 9
FRANK BOREHAM ... .. 5	ERNEST BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, SOUTHOVER,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN... .. Treble	KEITH HART ... .. 6
*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 2	JOHN W. STEDDY ... .. 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 3	*STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 8
DANIEL COOPER... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 9
ROBERT J. DAVE ... .. 5	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. T. ELSON. Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. rung as a compliment to Mr. R. J. Dawe on the 29th anniversary of his wedding.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WALSDEN, TODMORDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN DUGDALE ... .. Treble	GEORGE STAFF ... .. 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 2	JAMES LEES ... .. 6
JOHN FITTON... .. 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... .. 7
WALTER STAFF ... .. 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES LEES.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. O. A. Peach, M.A.), whose induction took place on December 4th. Mr. John Dugdale was elected a member of the association previous to starting for peal.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED BLOCKLIDGE ... .. Treble	J. WRIGHT ... .. 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 6
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 7
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

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DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble	LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 3	JOHN WOOD ... .. 7
*HARRY HEAD ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal in the method.

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THE DEVON GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLERS, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER ... Treble	JOHN M. SKINNER ... .. 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN... .. 6
WILLIAM J. MANLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE BRITTS ... .. 7
FRED DIMOND ... .. 4	GEORGE RENDELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

Mr. E. Shepherd's 100th peal. The bells have just been overhauled by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, and the 'go' is excellent.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in D.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 2	GEORGE W. STEEVE ... .. 6
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. J. C. NORTHAN ... Treble	MRS. R. RICHARDSON... .. 5
MISS KATHLEEN A. JOTSON 2	MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 6
*MISS ANNIE M. DALE ... 3	MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... 7
MISS KITTIE MOORE ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

\* First peal of Major. This was the conductor's 400th peal.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM Treble	FRANK ROLFE ... .. 5
*CHARLES F. MEE ... .. 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLBY... .. 6
CHARLES MEE ... .. 3	EDGARD RIVERS ... .. 7
HARRY J. MEE ... .. 4	JOHN C. G. HAGGER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by EDGARD RIVERS.

\* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 21, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUNR. ... Treble	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 5
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal by treble ringer, who is 15 years of age, and the one hundredth peal in which Messrs. Rumsey and Wightman have rung together.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS... .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 6
*PERCY HARRISON ... .. 3	WILLIAM WILSON ... .. 7
HARRY MORGAN... .. 4	†SHERLEY BURTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SHIRLEY BURTON.

\* First in the method inside. † 100th peal and first as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, an honorary and active member of the association.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... Treble	THOMAS H. NAISBY ... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... .. 7
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON

Rung to welcome Mr. Frank Naisby, a former Sunderland ringer, who is on a visit from the U.S.A.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

*BARRY ELLIOTT... .. Treble	*FRED BOWDEN ... .. 5
*RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3	*FRED M. WHITE ... .. 7
RICHARD HAYS ... .. 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method. With the exception of the 3rd and 6th ringers, all the ringers are members of the local band.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. EVERARD S. POWELL Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE ... .. 5
*WILLIAM WONNACOLT ... 2	WARREN S. HORNHOOK ... 6
*HARRY TIPPETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT... .. 7
†WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 4	ERNEST W. MARSH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † 50th peal. Quarterly peal of the branch.

WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.—On Sunday, November 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,268 changes) of Stedman Caters in 54 mins.: F. Evans 1, W. Jones 2, P. Cross 3, J. Capper 4, J. Clutton 5, W. Cathrall 6, A. Lea, jun. (conductor) 7, T. Cathrall 8, A. Lea, sen., 9, S. Meadows 10.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 2½ cwt. in D.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. Treble	JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 5
JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 2	KEITH HART ... .. 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 3	* DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DRNCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* 100th peal. Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to J. F. Galyer.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 13 cwt.

* FRANK DEWEY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 4
ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. 2	* WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 5
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAMBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

BIGBY, LINGS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE BLANCHARD ... .. Treble	MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 4
ANYAN PEART ... .. 2	* BRIAN BRAY ... .. 5
CHARLES H. BIRD ... .. 3	† JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor in three methods as conductor.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 21 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

* W. L. JONES ... .. Treble	† W. H. JAINE ... .. 4
C. JAINE ... .. 2	F. A. JAINE ... .. 5
* J. GREEN ... .. 3	* W. H. BROOKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. All are Sunday service ringers of the above church. Believed to be the first peal of A. J. Pitman's arrangement rung in the county.

REDGRAVE SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

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

Viz., two 720's Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

* FRANK SHEMMING ... .. Treble	JAMES BAILEY ... .. 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 2	† ARTHUR COOK ... .. 5
ALPHEAUS J. BERRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

\* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
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.

JAMES WOODYATT ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM RANFORD.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

* THOMAS PRATT ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... .. 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	DAVID HORNE ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Jordan.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford-Delight, Kent and Oxford. 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.

CHATLETON, OXON.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD

On Wednesday, December 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

With ten different callings.  
Tenor 8 cwt.

* P. S. E. ASTON ... .. Treble	N. BRION ... .. 4
F. JONES ... .. 2	W. LARGE ... .. 5
J. GARDNER ... .. 3	W. COLEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

\* First peal of doubles.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford, 720 of Kent, two 720's of Woodbine Treble Bob and two 720's of Double Court.  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

* RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. Treble	GEORGE LEE ... .. 4
† WILLIAM C. BUNN ... .. 2	JOHN SPENCER ... .. 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

\* First peal in four methods.

† First peal in four methods on a working bell. Arranged for the ringer of the treble, and rung for evening service.

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**'SPLICED' BOB TRIPLETS AND SUPERLATIVE.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—While reading a book by B. Thackrah and W. Sottonstall I came across an account of a peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Triples and 5,152 of Superlative Surprise, a total of 10,192 changes, rung at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821, in 5 hours 56 minutes. Is this the longest, if not the first, peal so spliced?

I have reason to believe this may have been the Superlative:

	M	W	H
23456			
65432	1	1	1
46532			1
54632			1
26435	1		1
42635			1
64235			1
24536	1		

Yours etc.,

F. WARRINGTON.

**5061 STEDMAN CATERS.**

By F. H. DEXTER.

	3/4	5	8/9	11
231456789				
253194876				A
463152879				s
15432876	x		x	
264351879				s
352491876	x		x	
361452879				s
453192876	x		x	
263154879				s
152394876	x		x	
153294				C
193251876				B
254361879	x		x	
194352876				s
351462879	x		x	
392451876				s
453261879	x		x	
193254876				s
251364879	x		x	
491352876				s
384162879	x		x	
154362				C

Rounds by 3, 5, 8, 10.

A—4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13.

B—2s, 11s.

C—Call the last 8 courses 5 times, with single for bob at 5 in the third part.

Course ends are alternately quick and slow sixes.

**Mr. WILLIAM RANFORD'S 200 PEALS.**

Doubles	4	
Minor, 1 to 6 methods	11	conducted 1
Minor, 7 methods	102	conducted 3
*Minor, 10 methods	3	
Minor, 14 methods	1	
Grandsire Triples	17	
Grandsire Caters	6	
Stedman Triples	5	
Stedman Caters	1	
Bob Major	9	
Bob Royal	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	
Kent Treble Bob Major	9	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	
Double Norwich Major	5	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	6	
Cambridge Surprise Major	13	
London Surprise Major	1	
Worcester Treble Bob Major	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	

200 conducted 4

\* Including 7,200. Rung in 66 towers.

**A DATE TOUCH.**

At St. John's, Shildon, on Monday, October 25th, in commemoration of All Saints' Church Schools' Jubilee, a date touch of 1,926 changes, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 486 of Bob Minor with 7-8 covering, in 80 mins.: G. Hutchinson 1, T. Robinson 2, S. Bryant 3, E. Hind 4, J. Back 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Henderson 7, E. Elliott 8.

**STRIKING.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—If there is anything one loves to see in 'The Ringing World' it's a bit of real good striking! You know, similar to that one saw in 'Belry Gossip' on November 26th. One must congratulate 'X' on the excellency of his 'Striking, brief!' Yes, 'brief' in more senses than one. It was a brief, and vigorous, exercise in invective, which aptly fits some others who forgot that the village bells of remembrance wanted striking at 'home' 'before' going abroad to meet three short of being one too many! Verb sap.

One read the leader of the same date and felt it was just summed up in that one word 'striking.' So were Mr. Wiffen's comments. Both should strike to a wondrous depth, but will they? One is afraid not, urge as the Editor or Mr. Wiffen may, and they have urged!

I maintain that if the 'touch' is not there it cannot be put there. Paderewski is a glaring example of touch, so is the master violinist. Why? Because it is there!

Mr. Wiffen says he has discussed the subject of striking with one or two who are of the opinion that it is a difficult matter to deal with on paper. That is so; it is impossible to put touch on paper. Touch is genius, and genius, be he pianist, artist, sculptor or campanologist (if you will), cannot impart that touch to others! It is there in him, he knows not how or from whence it comes. He could not put that touch on paper; he could not breathe it into the ear.

The Psalmist said: 'Ears have they, and hear not; hands have they, and handle not!' The Editor's advice is good, it is sound; it is sound—measured. That is what he advocates. That's all right as far as it goes, but we must not forget what David said about ears and hands, and it is my firm opinion that it is a physical impossibility for a fellow to ring with his ears if he can't handle a rope with his hands! It is nothing fresh to see good strikers and good ringers at any meeting; and it is nothing new to see fellows anywhere who think they are ringers. Some go so far as to hold high opinion of their own ability, and some are so wrapped up in themselves, and a bellrope, or two, that when all comes to all they make up a very, very small campanistic parcel.

Not so long ago a fellow I know was advocating striking before methods. Every word he said one endorsed, but, Sir, one must come back to these bad strikers, and it is only quite recently one had the horror (was going to say pleasure!) of seeing a man trying to ring, and that sally, which should have come gracefully down before his nose, went flying, twirling, curling like some hissing cobra, livening things up in that ringing room. The man on the right was a good ringer, a good striker, but he 'dodged' with him abominably, and the fellow on the left dodged from him, time after time, to prevent an accident. No, he was not a beginner, Sir, but he is in what may be termed the probationary stages. He has been there for a decade to my knowledge, and his name is elegantly inscribed on peal tablets as conductor. We all know musical conductors are permitted to give us the best gymnastic displays they can, but we don't want anything of that sort in the belfry, that is, if we are to get good striking. We don't want physical 'jerks,' we want 'touch' for striking. One does not profess to be much of a ringer, but one does love to ring with 'ringers,' and I like to converse with ringers. When the aforementioned performance took place, I stood chatting with a ringer (14 years old), a girl, who turned to me, Sir, and said: 'What's he trying to do, Mister—?' My answer was: 'The Charleston, my dear, the Charleston!' Subsequently, this child (not me, the girl!) rang this bell, yes, the selfsame one and struck it, not like a man, but like a ringer! Why? Simply because the human agency at the one end of the rope had got the touch, and it was the 'boss' of that metallic element at the other end. The bell went where she wanted it to go. Whether her ears were shell-like or elongated, I don't know. I never noticed that. But I did notice that she had the essential touch, and that she was endowed with a something, known commonly as 'gumption.' That's an asset that is not found in text-book, technology or dictionary. That gumption enabled her to measure mentally, all the time she was ringing, the size of the 'hole' the founder put (or left?), not only in the bell she was ringing, but in the whole series which constituted the peal. She 'considered' these 'holes' of varying degrees were of vital import. She knew that if a 6 cwt. treble was pulled off synchronal with a tenor 2 tons, synchronism would end in the pull-off, and that there would be an interval in the 'S.T.'-ringing.

In concluding, one cannot refrain from commenting on, and drawing the reader's attention to, the universality of the pervading presence of the consonants 'S.T.' They are abbreviations for harmony, these two letters, S.T.-art, S.T.-ringing, S.T.-art now to make ringing a pleasure and quite interesting for the public at large.—Yours truly,

IRENEÆUS.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Thursday, December 16th, for Confirmation service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter: H. Cook 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. C. Eden 3, F. Edwards 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, W. G. Cook 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Roberts 8.—On Sunday, December 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): H. Cook (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, A. Parsons (first quarter-peal inside) 2, F. W. Bond 3, W. G. Cook 4, J. E. Eden 5, W. H. Hayward 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, J. Hope (first quarter-peal of Caters) 8, H. C. Bond 9, F. Edwards 10.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.  
THE EARLY DAYS OF RINGING.**

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A few weeks ago, describing the state of ringing in the middle of the nineteenth century, I said that that period was the most unsatisfactory in the whole history of the Exercise. A book has just been lent me which contains a most striking confirmation of that statement. It is called 'The Wiltshire Magazine,' and is one of those publications written and read by men learned in local history and archæology. The date is 1855, and it contains an article on 'Church Bells, with some notices of Wiltshire bells,' written by the Rev. C. W. Lukis. Mr. Lukis, it will be remembered, was the man who owned, and probably preserved from loss the copy of Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia,' which is now in the possession of the Rev. W. C. Pearson, and which was for long supposed to be the only copy of this book in existence. He was a great lover of bells, deeply versed in antiquarian bell lore, and shares with the Rev. A. Gatty and the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe the honour of being one of the three men who began the revival of interest in bells which was one of the causes of the present improvement in the condition of ringing and ringers. He was not, it appears, a ringer, but he took an interest in ringing and collected records of early peals.

The book is rare, and as necessarily few if any present ringers can have read this article, I should like to reproduce it in full, but that is forbidden by consideration of space. Part of it deals with the inscriptions on Wiltshire bells, which is of local rather than of general interest; part of it deals with the founding and hanging of bells, and is largely out of date; and part deals with ancient bell foundries. This is very interesting, but most, perhaps all, the information is available elsewhere.

The part which will now interest us most is the descriptions of the state of belfries and bells and of ringers and ringing at the time; and these parts I will reproduce in full. Here is what Mr. Lukis says about ringers and ringing: 'Peal ringing is peculiar to England; it is not known abroad. It was formerly considered not only a healthy, but a gentlemanly recreation. Sir Matthew Hale, and Anthony Wood, who says that "he often plucked at them (Merton bells) with his fellow colleagues for recreation," may be numbered among the amateurs of this art. Anthony Wood learned to ring on a peal of six bells which had then been newly put up at Cassington.

'In our day bell ringers have been ranked among the disreputable characters of almost every parish; but if we are to give credit to Paul Neutzner, a traveller in this country between 1550 and 1560, they had become notorious even at that period. "The people of England," he says, "are vastly fond of great noises that fill the ear, such as firing of cannon, beating of drums and the ringing of bells, so that it is common for a number of them that have got a glass in their heads to get up into the belfry and ring the bells for hours together for the sake of exercise."

'A very curious Latin book published about the year 1600 contains a lawyer's decision whether the number of bells might be increased in a church and whether their ringing could be stopped. It speaks of idle boys being very fond of running to the towers to do the work. When bell ringing was more appreciated than, unfortunately, it is now, there were societies of ringers in Cambridge, Oxford, London—such as the College Youths

(from their practising at St. Michael's on College Hill, London) founded in 1637—Birmingham, and other places. There are some societies of ringers now in various parts of England, and there is among others in London a society of College Youths, but it is said not to be descended from the ancient society above mentioned, which became extinct in 1788. There is, I believe, an excellent society of Norwich Scholars. I do not know where to find a society of ringers in Wiltshire. There are sets of men who ring for what they can get, which they consume in drink; but there is very little love for the science or its music. There is no "plucking at the bells" for recreation and exercise.

'Church ringers with us have degenerated into mercenary performers. In more than one parish where there are beautiful bells, I was told that the village youths took no interest whatever in bell ringing, and had no desire to enter upon change ringing. The whole number of changes that can be rung on any given number of bells is called a "peal," and various series of changes or permutations have been invented which are known by the names of their composers. One such series, called Grandsire Triples, was invented by Mr. Benjamin Anable, who died in 1755; and was subsequently improved by Mr. Holt. Another composer was Mr. Patrick, a maker of barometers in the beginning of the last century. But one of the earliest composers was Mr. Fabian Stedman, who, about the year 1657, invented a complex method of ringing, which has ever since been called "Stedman's Principle."

Mr. Lukis then explains the action of a bell clapper during ringing, and illustrates it with some diagrams. He then proceeds: 'I need hardly state that bell ringing requires extreme care to prevent accidents. Anyone who has handled the ropes knows this; and accidents have frequently happened. In June, 1778, a man of the name of Lilly was drawn up by the rope at Doncaster and killed by the fall. In 1812 a boy sitting near a ringer was caught by the rope and so seriously injured that he died; and was buried in the same grave with a brother who was drowned. On the grave stone is this quaint couplet:—

"These 2 youths, were by, misfortune  
scrounded. One died of his wounds, the other was  
drowned."

'Oxford possesses three fine peals of ten bells, viz., at Christchurch, New College, and Magdalen; and in the last century and up to 1827 had a corps of gallant youths who took intense delight in the science of ringing. I have the record of a series of musical exploits ranging over the space of one hundred and twenty years, with the name of every man who took part in each performance and the time in which it was accomplished. There are few arduous tasks in the present day to be compared with that of ten stout hearted men undertaking to ring six or seven, or even ten thousand changes without a mistake. On May 20th, 1734, six thousand eight hundred and seventy-six changes were rung at New College in four-and-a-quarter hours. On April 19th, 1742, at Magdalen, ten thousand changes were started for, but after ringing seven thousand in fine style, the bob caller by mistake brought the bells round in a little more than four hours. On Easter Monday, March 27th, 1815, at New College, ten thousand and eight Grandsire Caters were rung in six hours and forty-two minutes.

'Highworth in Wiltshire, produced some good ringers at that time, and in 1787, December 29th, they rang the whole peal of five thousand and forty changes, Grandsire Triples (Holt's method) in three hours and fourteen minutes, which was the very first time they ever attempted to ring this peal. It is recorded that forty thousand three hundred and twenty changes were performed at Leeds by thirteen men in twenty-seven hours, one man ringing eleven and another nine hours; and eight Birmingham youths rang fourteen thousand two hundred and twenty-four changes in eight hours and forty-five minutes. Records of remarkable performances are no doubt preserved in many Wiltshire belfries; but why should there be no memorials there of recent exploits?'

**CHORLEY BELLS REHUNG.**

The bells of Chorley, Lancs, which were hung by Warners in 1894, have been to the Loughborough Foundry, where they have been cleaned by the sandblast process, and tuned on the Taylor tone harmonic principle. Thus each bell, besides being in tune with the other bells of the ring, is in tune with itself.

The new frame in which the bells are rehung is a massive cast-iron structure built up from a foundation of heavy rolled girders. Built into the tower walls, the whole of the structure of frame and girders is scientifically designed and built on sound engineering lines. All the fittings are entirely new, and incorporate all the latest improvements in bell-hanging, including patent self-aligning ball bearings, for the main gudgeons, and also in the pulley boxes; specially designed cast-iron headstocks and patent balanced clappers ensuring the correct clapping of the heavy bells. The whole have also been hung lower down in the tower.

The reopening took place on Sunday week, when Mr. J. P. Fidler was present, representing the foundry. He congratulated the ringers at the conclusion of the peal which was rung, and afterwards took a rope in a course of Stedman Triples.

The ringers assured Mr. Fidler that the tone and go of the bells were all that could be desired, and the excellent work is a credit to Messrs. Taylor and Co.

**CENTENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.**

Touches of Grandsire were rung by the local ringers at All Saints' Parish Church, Lydd, in honour of Mrs. Thomas Finn, who celebrated her 100th birthday on December 23rd.

It will be remembered these bells were reopened and broadcast by the B.B.C. on March 6th last, and it is probably the first time in their history that they have been rung for anyone who has seen a century of years.

Mrs. Finn, who is living in London, has had good health till her last month. She is a native of Lydd, and is to be congratulated on this anniversary.

**Mr. R. RICHARDSON'S 400 PEALS.**

Mr. Rupert Richardson rang his 400th peal on Saturday, December 18th, when, with a band of seven ladies, he rang a peal of Bob Major. His list is as follows:

	Tower bells.	Hand-bells.	Conducted.
Doubles in five methods ... ..	1		
Minor in one to 16 methods ... ..	84	8	40
Grandsire Triples ... ..	10	21	
Stedman Triples ... ..	32	11	
Bob Major ... ..	37	38	37
Little Bob Major ... ..	2	2	
Double Norwich Major ... ..	24	2	8
Double Oxford Major ... ..	2		
Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	7		1
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	8		
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	20	2	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	3		
Grandsire Caters ... ..	11	6	
Stedman Caters ... ..	12	4	
Surfleet Treble Bob Caters ... ..	2		
Bob Royal ... ..	11	21	6
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	4	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal Granta Variation ... ..		1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ... ..	1		
Double Court Royal ... ..	1		
Double Norwich Royal ... ..	1		
Double Oxford Royal ... ..	1		
Double Bob Royal ... ..	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal ... ..	7		
Total ... ..	282	118	94

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among the associations who kindly bring 'The Ringing World' to the notice of their members and urge them to support the paper, is the Kent County Association, which inserts a notice every year in the annual report.

Children of the employes at the Loughborough Bell Foundry had a happy meeting with Father Christmas the other day, and enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Pryce Taylor.

The peal of Treble Bob at Foxcath was rung on December 11th, and not the 4th, as sent in. The peal of Bob Major at Twickenham on December 18th was 5,168 changes, and not 5,056, as reported.

To-day is the anniversary of two long peals, both rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. On December 31st, 1892, 12,086 Double Norwich Major was rung at Maidenhead; and, on the last day of 1888, 15,011 Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton.

The first time the bells of St. Peter's, Nottingham, were raised after their hanging was completed, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on them. That was on December 31st, 1771.

James Barham rang his one hundredth peal on January 1st, 1793. The aggregate age of the band was 582 years.

One hundred and fifty years ago to-morrow a peal of 8,046 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in 5 hrs. 48 mins. It was conducted by W. D. Crofts.

On New Year's Day, 1786, the first recorded peal (Grandsire Triples) on the bells of St. George's, Gravesend, was rung. The church had been burnt down in 1727. After rebuilding, a ring of eight was installed by Phelps and Applebee, of the Whitechapel Foundry, in 1736. There is no record of any peal rung on them in the first years of their existence.

Next Monday is the anniversary of a 14,480 Bob Major rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, on January 4th, 1748, in 8 hrs. 24 mins.

The first peal of Halifax Treble Bob was rung at Huddersfield on January 1st, 1866.

On January 6th, 1851, a peal of 7,524 Stedman Cinques was rung in 5 hrs. 24 mins., at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, by the Collegio Youtbs. It was composed and conducted by John Cox. There were some famous men of those days in the band.

The peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Badsey on Saturday, December 18th, was the 60th birthday anniversary of Mr. Harry Middleton, of Norton, near Evesham, well known among ringers of thirty years ago. 'Young Harry,' despite an operation four years ago, is still 'going strong.' The band wished him happy returns, and heartily drank his health after the peal, but, owing to a cold, failed to get from him his only and favourite song, 'The Leather Breeches.' Evidently a treat in store.

The report of the peal at Washfield, Devon, has been sent without the name of the conductor. A report of a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Lincoln Guild and conducted by F. S. Fred Holden, has been sent without stating where the peal was rung.

**To all Ringers everywhere,  
A happy and Prosperous New Year.**

**1927.**

The following lines have been sent to the Editor for the perusal of all brother change ringers throughout the 'ringing world' with best wishes for a happy new year:

The week is over, and to-day  
Once more we meet to praise and pray.  
Once more a peace, a holy calm,  
Falls on our troubled hearts like balm.  
For in the week, sure, few could say  
No shadow fell across their way,  
And to some lives how doubly blest  
The quiet of this day of rest.  
In this day's calm my soul shall seek  
A staff to lean on through the week;  
And may each Sunday prove the best  
Till the eternal day of rest.

The author is unknown. The lines were written on the fly leaf of a ragged and torn prayer book found on the rubbish heap near the stokehole of a church in Westmorland in 1925.

December 31st, 1926.

The sender enclosed the MS. of the original lines.--Ed. 'R.W.'

W. H. F.

## THE LONDON SURPRISE RECORD.

Another attempt for the London Surprise Major record is to be made on Saturday, January 8th, at Warnham, Sussex. The composition is 14,144, and the starting time will be 10.30 a.m.



## THE SHADE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Receipts: 1,078 tickets distributed to subscribers of ...	53	18	0
Donation, Mr. E. E. Young ...	1	0	0
Total ...	54	18	0
	£	s.	d.
Expenditure: Printing ...	1	9	3
Postage and carriage on bells to winner of competition ...	18	9	
Balance remitted to Miss Shade ...	52	10	0
Total ...	54	18	0

I certify that the counterfoils of the tickets disposed of and the tickets unused have been checked by me, together with the accounts of the above fund, which show a balance of £52 10s.

(Signed) A. FRASER.

Woking, December 21st, 1926.

## MISS SHADE'S THANKS.

On receipt of the £52 10s., the proceeds of the competition for the late Mr. I. G. Shade's handbells, Miss Shade, for whose benefit the fund was organised, sent a grateful letter of thanks to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' She asks us to publish the following expression of her gratitude to those who subscribed to the fund:

Dear Sir,—Words fail me to express to all my brother's ringing friends my thankfulness to them for their very great kindness in so kindly helping to dispose of his handbells, which realised such an unexpected amount, for which I am most thankful. It is a great comfort to me in my trouble to know he was so highly esteemed and respected by so many gentlemen from far and near.

M. SHADE.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on the above in the issue of December 24th, I venture to state that most composers are agreed that there is no such method as Superlative Royal, and that the ten-bell method is superior to all have a different title.

It appears to me that the Rev. H. Law James has taken this hybrid Royal from Shipway and extended it to Maximus instead of extending Superlative Major to Maximus, notwithstanding his elaborate explanations.

Mr. James admits that the Superlative Maximus, as extended by the late Mr. W. L. Catchpole, Messrs. Baker, Craven, Lindoff, and, perhaps, scores of others, is interesting. I should like to learn the opinion of some of these regarding Mr. James' version.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

## VARIATIONS OF THURSTAN'S PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cave seems to be a very funny man. He objects to 'A Flat's' remarks. Rightly so, the scamp. In the same letter he suggests the same of me. Now, it would be impossible for me to prove to his satisfaction that Mr. Washbrook ever saw my variation. Further, it is not necessary; but I do know that it was forwarded to him by one of his own pupils, the late Mr. C. H. Fowler.

If Mr. Cave's argument is that any variation with singles for omits and extras solely belong to Mr. Washbrook, then I realise the futility of further argument with him, but still beg to differ.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

## WASHBROOK'S PEAL.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps I did not put clearly what I intended on the above question. I do not care a scrap what Mr. Dexter claims. It does not alter the fact that it is the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook's peal. Mr. Dexter puts forward the theory that Mr. Thurstan's first knew of the peal. Great as Mr. Thurstan's was, I have my doubts if ever he built this one. It is hardly likely that he would have hidden it under a bushel, seeing he published a five part with ten singles and ignored this really fine peal with six singles. Ring it who will, starting with what singled blocks you like, and, if you must call it a variation, give the credit to whom it is due—the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and call it a variation of his.—Yours faithfully,

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

## NO STEDMAN'S TRIPLES.

Sir,—I am sorry Mr. Cave objects to what I said, but I merely chose a word to designate an erratic statement, which other writers have proved, one by showing figures and the other by statement. Further, Mr. Cave should remember an old maxim, 'No names, no pack drill.' I now make another statement: 'There ain't no such thing as Stedman's Triples.' Wishing all a happy new year, especially the soothsayers and the Chaldeans of the Exercise.—Yours,

A FLAT.

## ANOTHER PEAL OF SIX FOR CORNWALL.

ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTY.

Cornwall has yet another peal of six bells to add to its already long list of this number. The dedication took place on Saturday, December 11th, at the beautiful 15th century church of St. Senara, Zennor, which lies midway between St. Ives and Penzance. Originally there were three pre-Reformation bells at this church, one of which was cracked. The Vicar, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewbella, himself a ringer, quickly realised the bad state the bells and tower were in when first coming to the parish about eighteen months ago, and at once took in hand the restoration. With generous gifts and the money subscribed by his 300 parishioners, he was able to invite tenders for the complete restoration and augmentation of the three bells. This has now been completed, and a beautiful ring of six, tenor 12 cwt., hangs in the tower. The bells are hung in a cast-iron frame, and are fitted with all the most modern fittings.

The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Truro (Dr. Frere) at 11.30 a.m., the service being sung Eucharist. The following clergy were also present: Canon Jennings (Madron), Marsh (St. Ives), and Humphrey (Penzance), the Revs. Sutton (Penzance), Stoner (Sancreed), Whitley (Towednack), Jones (Newlyn), White (Gulval), Pocock (Penzance), Barlitt (Halselton), and the Vicar (the Rev. Trewbella).

Immediately after the dedication, rounds were rung by six members of the Truro Cathedral company under the able captaincy of Mr. W. H. Southard. The Bishop then gave a very interesting address on the uses of bells.

After the service, a touch of Grandise Doubles was rung by the Cathedral band. The bells, up to a late hour, were rung by representative bands from Towednack, Gulval, Ludgvan, Lelant, Madron, Crowan, Truro and the local band. The latter have been practising for some months at the near-by village of Towednack, to be ready for this day. Remembering they are entirely new to ringing, the way in which they ring the bells made one think they had been ringers for years. The arrangements for the enjoyment and comfort of the ringers, in fact, everyone, were admirable. A bounteous cold lunch and tea were provided free, and, after tea, the Vicar thanked the ringers and all those who attended for making the day one of the happiest in his life. He also thanked the founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, for giving the parish such a melodious peal of bells, and for the excellence of the whole work. He was very glad that with the dedication of the bells he had a band to ring them.

Dr. Symons, of Penzance (Diocesan Ringing Master) said that there were, he believed, eighty-five peals of six bells in Cornwall, and congratulated the people of Zennor on possessing what, in his opinion, was one of the best of these eighty-five rings. He said that both the 'tone' and 'go' of the bells were excellent, and he was sure they would like to thank Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and, no doubt, Mr. Roper of that firm, who was with them, would convey those thanks. He, Dr. Symons, said that before the gathering dispersed he was sure they would like him to voice their appreciation of all the kindness the Vicar had shown them, not only for providing a peal of bells which were a delight to ring, but for the splendid hospitality shown them in entertaining such a large number both to lunch and tea. He had the greatest pleasure in proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and his helpers. This was seconded by the Vicar of Crowan, and carried with musical honours.

To conclude what had been a wonderful day, a dance was held in the schoolroom, which was well attended.

## TEN BELLS AT KING'S NORTON.

TWO TREBLES DEDICATED.

For some time King's Norton ringers have been looking forward to a ring of ten in their tower, and now their highest hopes have been realised.

Mr. F. B. Yates, their popular ringing Master, a gentleman well known and highly respected in the locality and the city of Birmingham, a former churchwarden and a generous benefactor of the church, has crowned his generosity by the magnificent gift of two treble bells.

On Sunday, December 19th, at the morning service, the new bells were dedicated by the Very Rev. Dr. Moore-Ede, Dean of Worcester, who at the same time unveiled two tablets, the one commemorating the recasting of the peal of eight in 1924, and the other the gift of the two new trebles.

Immediately after the dedication, the King's Norton band ascended the tower and pulled the bells in rounds for a short time.

The Dean delivered an interesting sermon on the use of church bells, and directed the thoughts of the congregation to the worship of God, who is Love, and whom they worship in church at the call of the bells.

After the service, there were touches of Stedman Caters as the people left the church, the local ringers being assisted by Messrs. A. Walker and Paddon Smith (St. Martin's, Birmingham), A. E. Parsons (Old Hill, Worcestershire), and Price Taylor (Loughborough).

Many distinguished people, friends of the donor, were present at the service, including Messrs. P. Hannon, M.P., W. Evans, J.P., A. W. Heath, J.P., W. Malins, B.A., and E. Yates.

The bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who have given the utmost satisfaction and produced a peal which is in keeping with the glorious, ancient church—the pride of the King's Norton residents.

## ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

### THE SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Mr. R. G. Black, the hon. secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, writing with reference to Mr. W. H. Shuker's suggestion and our leading article in 'The Ringing World' of October 29th, said:

'The list of non-resident members is, as you say, difficult to keep corrected and up to date. Your suggestion of sending reports to all the other secretaries would be a good idea, if sufficient reports were available.

'Our own Guild has not enough spare copies this year to do this, but would it not meet the case if you could publish a list of the names and addresses of the general secretaries of the different Guilds and associations, so that any one of them could write to any or all of the others for information respecting any ringer or ringers who are in the 1925 report as residing in their respective area, with a view to correcting the list or deleting the names if they have passed away?'

We readily comply with this suggestion and append the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations. If there are any errors we shall be glad to be informed, so that the necessary corrections can be made:

- Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.  
 Barnsley and District Society.—Mr. C. D. Potter, Luda House, 16, Gunber Road, Barnsley.  
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. E. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.  
 Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, N., Dunstable.  
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. E. W. Elwell, Capenhurst, Chester.  
 Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.  
 Cumberland Association: Mr. W. T. Holmes, 31, Wordsworth Terrace, Cockermouth, Cumberland.  
 Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.  
 Doncaster and District Society.—Mr. H. Walker, 5, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.  
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.  
 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. E. E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
 Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. R. Copeman, End House, Owlestone Road, Cambridge.  
 Essex Association: Mr. F. J. Pitsoy, 45, High Street, Safron Walden.  
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. E. Guise, 33, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.  
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley, Hereford.  
 Hereford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.  
 Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.  
 Kent County Association: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, The Precincts, Canterbury.  
 Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker, 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.  
 Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.  
 Leeds and District Society: Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Woolley Road, Armley, Leeds.  
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.  
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones, Cntref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.  
 London County Association: Mr. A. H. Keighley, 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.  
 Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, and Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Street, W.4.  
 Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.  
 Norfolk Guild: Mr. A. L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.  
 North Notts Association: Mr. H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.  
 North Stafford and District Association: Mr. T. Hurd, 13, Freshold Terrace, Burslem.  
 North Wales Association: Mr. C. H. Jones, 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, North Wales.  
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.  
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.  
 Romney Marsh and District Guild: C. W. Franklin, 18, Kingsworth Road, Ashford, Kent.  
 St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.  
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.  
 Sheffield District Society.—Mr. C. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.  
 Shropshire Association: Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodneth, Salop.  
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Sparrow, 48, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.  
 Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford: Mr. H. Knight, 15, Rugby Road, Wolverhampton.  
 Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 Surrey Association: Mr. C. Dean, 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.  
 Sussex County Association: Mr. A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. W. R. Howells, The Elms, Struet, Brecon.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon Jennings, Madron Vicarage, Heamoor, Cornwall.

Warwickshire Guild: Mr. J. A. Fenton, 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

Winchester Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

Worcestershire Association: Mr. J. R. Newnan, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Wores.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. P. J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

## LEEK OLD PARISH CHURCH.

### DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLE BELLS.

In memory of their father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Watson, of Southfields, Leek, two new treble bells have been given to the Old Parish Church of St. Edward the Confessor, Leek, by Mr. Edward Watson, Mrs. E. Somerville, and Miss M. Watson, and these bells were dedicated by the Rev. R. M. Thompson (Vicar of Leek) at evensong on Thursday, December 23rd.

A beautiful tablet of ebonised wood, with white letters, is placed in the chancel, bearing the inscription: This is to Record a Gift of Two Treble Bells (which augment the present peal of Eight Bells) hung in this Church and Dedicated December, 1926, to the Glory of God and in ever loving memory of William Saddington Watson and Margaret Eliza Watson, by their Son, and Daughters.'

The work of installing the new bells was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, who have carried out the work to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, the splice being perfect. The bells contain an elongation at the crown, which enables them to be hung lower, thereby giving them a greater sweep and the clapper more power. This effectively prevents them being drowned by the heavier metal of the other bells. They also contain the new buffer device recently developed by the firm, which is also a splendid improvement on the old style of allowing the clapper to rest on the bell after the blow has been struck, the bell thereby losing no resonance whatever.

The original peal of bells was a peal of six, cast by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the year 1721. These were augmented to eight in the year 1863, by the addition of two new trebles which were cast by John Warner, London. The weights and the inscriptions of the entire peal are as follows:

Treble (4½ cwt.).—'To the Glory of God and in memory of Margaret Eliza Watson.'

Second (5½ cwt.).—'To the glory of God and in memory of William Saddington Watson.'

Third (6½ cwt.).—'The Lord to praise, my voice I will raise.'

Fourth (8½ cwt.).—'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hill and valley echo round.'

Fifth (7 cwt.).—'God be our speed.'

Sixth (8 cwt.).—'Reverence my sanctuary.'

Seventh (9 cwt.).—'Glory be to God on high.'

Eighth (10 cwt.).—'Prosperity to all our benefactors.'

Ninth (13 cwt.).—'Prosperity to this town.'

Tenor in E (18½ cwt.).—'On earth, peace, goodwill towards men.'

By this augmentation has been realised a dream over thirty years old, born in the imagination of the present leader at Leek heltry and his young band of ringers, of those far-off days, who to-day still stick loyally together, giving the whole of their energy to their art and encouragement to the younger brood to follow them when their labours are no more. Through the columns of 'The Ringing World' the ringers would like to thank Mr. Edward Watson and his two sisters for their magnificent gift. What nobler gift, indeed, could have been made: what greater tribute to the Almighty in gratitude for the two lives so well and nobly spent, than to follow the command of the Psalmist David, who, in the fifth verse of the one hundred and fiftieth Psalm, exhorts us to 'praise Him on the loud cymbals, praise Him on the high-sounding cymbals.' The dulcet notes of the bells will float over the tomb of those to whose memory they have been given long after those who live to-day have ceased to be. Thus will their names be perpetuated through the ages.

The thanks of the ringers were also due to the Vicar and Churchwarden, whose sympathetic attitude and untiring energy have done so much to bring the happy event to so successful an issue; may their confidence in the ringers be amply rewarded. Truly they are a ringer's Vicar and churchwarden.

The bells will be thrown open to the Stoke and District Association on Saturday, January 1st. Should any ringer be in the district on this date, he will be made very welcome wherever he may hail from. Through the munificence of the donors, tea will be provided free in the Britannia Street schoolroom.

Mr. Cyril Johnston hopes to be present to meet the donors at this meeting. Thanks are also due to the employes of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for their unstinted efforts and long hours to have everything ready for the dedication in the limited space of time allowed them.

E. A. R.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—On Sunday, November 7th, for Remembrance Day service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal (1,230 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 48 mins.: H. Crabb 1, G. Wines 2, H. Davies 3, J. Cross 4, T. Hamlin 5, H. Page 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

Upwards of thirty members and friends attended a meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association, at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, December 18th. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire Triples, which was followed by Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, etc. A service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Nunns, and greatly appreciated. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, after which came the business meeting, the district Master, Mr. L. Gray, being in the chair.

One new member was elected, Mr. John Thorpe, a member of the Loughton band.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. C. Nunns for his interesting address, to the organist, and the ladies who so kindly waited at table, also to Mr. Hayden for having the bells ready.

The company then adjourned to the tower for further ringing until 8.15 p.m., when an excellent touch of Stedman Caters brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

It was very gratifying to those who arranged the meeting to find such a large number present, and it is hoped all members will not fail to support the annual district meeting, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

**ILLNESS OF MR. C. EDWARDS, EALING.**

The many friends of Mr. Chas. Edwards, Oakhurst Cottage, Ealing, will be very sorry to know that he is at present an in-patient of the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Ealing, having undergone a very serious operation. Although his condition is serious, his progress is satisfactory, and every hope is entertained for his complete restoration to health.

He would gladly welcome a line from any of his ringing friends. Those of us who have been placed in a similar condition know the comfort a letter or card gives. It is quite impossible for him to write to anyone at present. The address is: King Edward Memorial Hospital, Mattock Lane, Ealing, W.S.

**CHRISTMAS BELLS.**

**TIVERTON.**—On Christmas Day, for seven o'clock celebration, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Bray 1, Mrs. C. Knowles 2, Miss Hanson 3, Mr. C. Knowles 4, F. Viney 5, W. Cockram 6, F. Newcombe (conductor) 7, J. Bray 8. Mr. R. Bray comes from Newton St. Cyres.

**BRITH, KENT.**—On Christmas Day, for morning service at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. J. Cullum, sen., 1, E. J. Hott 2, S. A. Stagg 3, G. Cullum 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor), 7, W. Darke 8.

The ancient custom of ringing for 7 a. m. celebration of Holy Communion on the Feast of the Nativity was observed at Braintree. Touches of Treble Bob Major were rung and again for matins. For evensong, on St. Stephen's Day, 720 Double Court Bob; G. Welbourne 1, Geo. Wiffen 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, H. Reason (first in the method) 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, W. H. Hammond 6.

**DEVIZES.**—At St. Mary's Church, on December 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Twift 1, W. A. Twift (conductor) 2, G. Twift 3, L. Twift 4, J. Ottaway 5, H. Tutton 6. Rung to celebrate the home-coming of the Twift brothers.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, for 11 a.m. service on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: J. Phillips (first quarter) 1, W. Richards 2, W. Heath 3, F. Smith 4, P. Heath (first quarter inside) 5, E. Coombes (conductor), E. Stitch 7, S. R. Barker 8.

**GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Perhaps the following arrangement will prove interesting to Grandsire Double ringers. It consists of three equal parts, and contains the possible 24 changes of Bob Singles at the lead-end, producing 240 changes, with only three plain leads.—Yours, etc.,

LESLIE W. C. MORRIS.

Upton, Snodsbury.

**240 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.**

2345	4352	5324
S 5423	S 2543	S 4253
S 3254	S 3425	S 3542
S 4532	S 5234	S 2435
— 3245	— 3452	— 3524
S 5432	S 2534	S 4235
S 2354	S 4325	S 5342
S 4523	S 5243	S 2453
4352	5324	2345

**SURPRISE RINGING IN DEVON.**

At Stoker Damerel Parish Church, Plymouth, on Thursday, December 16th, 720 London Surprise Minor was rung by the following members of the Devon Guild: John O. Pook 1, Reginald J. Beer 2, William A. Wonnacott 3, William Rundle 4, William G. Hiscott 5, Charles R. Lilley (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 London Surprise Minor to be rung in Devon, and all the ringers are resident in and around Plymouth. First 720 in the method by all the band except the conductor.—Also 360 London Surprise Minor by the following: J. O. Pook 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, James H. Tippett 3, W. Rundle 4, R. J. Beer 5, Thomas G. Myers 6. Longest length by ringers of 3rd and tenor.

**FORTHCOMING MASONIC CEREMONY.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago you published an account of the augmentation of Penwortham bells. In the speech of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lancashire (Western Division), reference is made to the ceremony of unveiling a tablet recording the Masonic peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Garston on March 29th, 1924.

I can now inform you that the date fixed for this ceremony is 3 p.m., January 30th, 1927, and that the Bishop of Liverpool and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will (D.V.) take part.—Yours faithfully,

CLAUDE I. DAVIES.

**BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.**

At Rishton Parish Church on Sunday, December 19th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (42 singles) for evening service: A. Yates 1, R. Hall 2, A. Lord 3, R. Bolderstone 4, J. Hirst 5, F. Read (conductor) 6. Rung in 22 minutes. All the above ringers are regular service ringers, and none of them being above 18 years of age. They only commenced ringing 19 months ago, under the tuition of Mr. L. J. Williams, now at Churchkirk.

On Thursday, December 16th, at St. Mary's Church, Maisey Hampton, Glos, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Peachey 1, G. Peare 2, U. Barnfield 3, H. Proplett 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5, W. C. Peachey 6. This was the first quarter-peal by all except the ringers of 1 and 5. All are local Sunday ringers, except the conductor, who hails from Fairford.

At St. James' Church, Taunton, for practice, on December 18th, 672 of Cambridge Surprise Major: D. G. Taylor 1, S. Wyatt 2, A. J. Wyatt 3, W. H. Coles 4, J. Hunt (conductor) 5, P. Merson 6, et. Coles 7, W. H. Lloyd 8. First touch of Surprise Major by all except Messrs. Hunt and Lloyd.

At Henbury, Gloucestershire, on Friday, December 17th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: Mrs. J. Gould 1, E. Collier 2, R. Devenish 3, C. J. Gould 4, J. Martin 5, E. Davis 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, F. Lewis 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar on being made honorary canon of Bristol Cathedral. First quarter of Triples by the ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and 6th.

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**GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.**—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Minor, viz., 720 Woodbine, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 Kent Treble Bob, and 60 of Double Court; J. Jennings 1, A. Piper 2, F. Harrington (Stebbing) 3, F. Suckling (first quarter-peal) 4, E. Townsend 5, W. Piper (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—On Sunday evening, November 6th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Morris 1, F. H. Ballard 2, Cyril Collison (first in the method) 3, H. Markwell 4, S. H. Green 5, B. Collison 6, W. Latter 7, A. Mays 8. Rung with the bells muffled for Armistice Sunday.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**NORTH STONEHAM.**—On Sunday, December 26th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Nicolas, 1,232 Bob Major E. Munday 1, E. Dumper 2, C. J. May 3, W. G. Edwards 4, G. Williams (conductor) 5, E. Edwards (Stoney Stratford) 6, W. T. Tucker 7, O. H. Giles 8. Arranged for ringer of the 6th.

**RISHTON, LANCS.**—On Sunday, December 26th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. Yates 1, R. Hall 2, A. Lord 3, R. Bolderstone 4, J. Hirst 5, F. Read (conductor) 6.

**WINDSOR.**—On Sunday evening, December 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: T. Farr 1, T. Smith 2, W. H. Fussell 3, L. Stilwell 4, S. W. Corden 5, C. W. Pipe 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, G. Adcock 8. Arranged for S. W. Corden, of Prittlewell, Essex.

**RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday evening, December 19th, 1926, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles failed after ringing 960 changes: Percy Thrift 1, William Bunce 2, Harry Ives 3, George M. Kilby (conductor) 4, Thomas Collins 5, Albert Hunter 6. This is believed to be the first change ringing on a Sunday for a good many years on these bells, upon which 'stoney' has been the order.

**RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—At the Parish Church on Sunday, December 19th, for evening service, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. Bishop 1, B. Chew 2, J. Harper, jun., 3, G. Wilks 4, H. Reid 5, J. Bishop 6, Wm. Bishop (conductor) 7, H. Meek 8. Rung as a token of respect to the late A. Hawker and Rd. Bennett.

**NORTH STONEHAM.**—For evening service on Sunday, December 19th, 1,024 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Dumper 1, H. Badger (first touch of Surprise) 2, G. Pullinger 3, C. F. Gray 4, G. Williams (conductor) 5, O. Giles 6, W. Tucker 7, F. Blondell 8.

**YORKTOWN, SURREY.**—On Sunday, December 19th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: F. Ewens 1, F. Marchant 2, Pte. E. R. Turner (R.T.C.) 3, B. Hawkins (conductor) 4, F. Nye 5, H. Gould 6, H. Hunt 7, H. J. Hunsden 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, December 19th, at the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. C. Taylor, sen., 1, J. H. Parrott 2, H. Hills 3, W. W. Stevens 4, J. Martin 5, F. Smith 6, S. Penfold (conductor) 7, H. G. Taylor, jun., 8.

**BOLTON, LANCS.**—On Sunday, December 19th, at All Souls' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins. for 'pound' service: C. Pike 1, A. Holden 2, R. Holden 3, H. Wallbank 4, W. Pennington 5, H. Johnson 6, J. E. Markland (conductor) 7, J. Wm. Kay 8.

**PLYMOUTH.**—At Charles' Church, on Sunday, December 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: H. Ryder 1, E. Bunker 2, H. Bennett 3, W. H. Marsh 4, L. Moses 5, H. Ashton 6, T. Kitchen 7, W. S. Hornbrook 8, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 9, A. T. Westcott 10.—On Sunday, December 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes) in 58 mins.: L. Moses 1, H. Ashton 2, W. S. Hornbrooks (conductor) 3, W. H. Marsh 4, E. W. Marsh 5, W. Rundle 6, A. T. Westcott 7, W. H. Hiscott 8, W. Richards 9, T. Kitchen 10.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—On Sunday, November 28th, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott, jun., 3, W. Upton, 4, A. Callaway 5, S. Moody (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, W. Scott 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.—On Sunday, December 5th, for evensong, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Moody (first in the method) 1, W. Scott 2, W. Chambers 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Johnson 6, W. Upton 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, November 18th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, J. Lee 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, November 21st, for evening service at St. Andrew's, Well Street, Marylebone, W., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Dyas 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, B. H. Swinson (first quarter of Surprise) 3, C. F. Winney 4, T. Newman 5, G. A. Card 6, W. Rogers (first quarter of Surprise) 7, J. R. Gammon 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, November 21st, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, Kennington, for a special service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, J. W. Chapman 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, G. W. Wild 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, J. Lee 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, November 21st, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. C. Sadler 1, A. V. Selby 2, P. L. Miles 3, H. G. Miles 4, A. Outmore 5, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 6, G. C. Rice 7, A. Harris 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, H. Wakelam 10.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, November 7th, for the memorial service for Anstie, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Cashmore 1, A. J. Green 2, R. Foddy 3, F. Case 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, G. Green 8.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: C. Lovell 1, T. Stringer 2, H. Gravett 3, A. J. Feist 4, J. Parsons 5, G. Lucas 6, J. Feist (conductor) 7, G. Gasson 8. Rung in honour of the 93rd birthday of Mrs. Stringer, mother of the ringer of the 2nd, who is captain of Burgess Hill.

**BRAMLEY, LEEDS.**—On Sunday, October 11th, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major in 49 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, J. W. T. Holgate 2, S. Helliwell 3, F. Blackieith 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, E. Redshaw 7, J. S. Eastwood (conductor) 8. Rung as a welcome to Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, the conductor of the Bramley company on his return from a holiday in Canada. Longest length as conductor.

**BRAMLEY, LEEDS.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 49 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, J. W. T. Holgate 2, S. Helliwell 3, F. Blackieith 4, E. Redshaw 5, F. Jackson 6, J. Guy 7, J. S. Eastwood (conductor) 8. Rung as a welcome to Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, the conductor of the Bramley company, on his return from a holiday in Canada. Longest length as conductor.

**PAIGNTON, DEVON.**—On Sunday evening, October 10th, for harvest festival, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: F. Allwood 1, A. D. Green 2, S. H. Ward 3, T. S. Collings 4, J. S. Collings (conductor) 5, F. E. Parnall 6, H. J. Hole 7, A. L. Pope 8.

**BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.**—On October 3rd, for evening service, 240 each of Sandacre, Westminster, Allendale, and a plain course of Ipswich: W. Allman (Newcastle) 1, Miss A. Preston (conductor) 2, H. Billings 3, Chas. Bowen 4, R. Preston 5, W. Fradley 6.

**WOODFORD, ESSEX.**—After evensong, on October 3rd, for harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob: G. W. T. Briggs (South Hackney) (first 720 and first attempt) 1, E. Plummer 2, A. Reeve 3, J. Waugh 4, C. Petty 5, C. R. Morss (conductor) 6.

**NORTON, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for the harvest festival, before Holy Eucharist, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: H. Wibberley 1, W. T. Neild 2, C. S. Ryles 3, G. E. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, F. Triner 6.—For matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. T. Neild 1, C. S. Ryles 2, W. Corfield 3, J. F. Ryles 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, J. Wally 6.—For evensong, 720 Vale Royal: J. F. Ryles 1, O. S. Ryles 2, R. Preston (Bucknall) 3, J. W. Walker 4, F. Triner 5, J. Wally 6. C. S. Ryles was the conductor for the day.

**HORNSEY.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: R. Lister 1, E. G. Kibble 2, E. A. Hull 3, T. G. Deal 4, J. G. Nash (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 5, C. H. Ross 6.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Hughes 1, R. Martin 2, E. Jones (conductor) 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, H. T. Hughes 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. J. Lawrence, who is leaving the parish to take up the living at Cotes Heath, Staffordshire.

**NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.**—At the Church of St. Mary, for morning service, on Sunday, September 19th, 720 Bob Minor in 18 mins.: W. Emmatt 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. F. Clark 3, H. Belcher 4, R. Thompson (conductor) 5, H. A. Folkard 6. Also a touch of Grandsire Minor, conducted by W. Emmatt.

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**HANDBELLS AT A CAROL SERVICE.**

A Christmas carol service took place at St. Paul's Church, Hounslow, on Sunday evening, December 19th, and at the invitation of the Vicar the ringers were asked to assist on their handbells. The carols selected for accompaniment were 'Ring, happy bells,' by Simper, and 'Ring out, ye bells,' by Wallis. The splendid toned bells were heard to the best advantage by a large congregation.

A quarter-peal was attempted on tower bells for this service, but owing to a miss-call it was not a success. However, in the time available, a touch of 279 Grandsire Triples was rung.

**ILLNESS OF MR. BERNARD MITCHELL.**

Mr. Bernard W. Mitchell, of 58, New Street, Erdington, has been under a very serious operation in the General Hospital, Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham. His many friends and brother ringers will be pleased to know that at present he is very comfortable, but it may be some time yet before he will be thoroughly convalescent.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

At Skipton, Yorks, on Saturday, November 6th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: W. Bailey (Skipton) 1, W. H. Birtwhistle (Gargrave) 2, J. Langstroth (Gargrave) 3, R. Bottomley (conductor) (Keighley) 4, W. Billows (Skipton) 5, C. Langstroth (Gargrave) 6, C. Wallace (Skipton) 7, W. D. Hillary (Skipton) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. Lawson, one of the ringers of the Skipton company, who was married earlier in the day.

**FIRST ON THE BELLS.**

On the new bell at South Marston, Wilts, on Sunday afternoon, December 19th, 720 Ken Tyeble Bob Minor was rung by the following members of the Swindon Parish Church Guild: C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 1, G. W. Townsend 2, E. Bishop 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, H. W. Bishop 5, T. Townsend 6. This was the first 720 on the bells.

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**BIRTHDAY BELLS.**

On Tuesday evening, December 21st, at the Church of St. Alkmund, Derby, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung in 53 mins.: T. Sharman (first quarter in method) 1, W. Wallace 2, H. K. Waterfield 3, G. Freemore (conductor) 4, E. H. Clarke 5, W. Slater 6, H. Carigan 7, P. H. Tate 8. This was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and also to commemorate the festival of St. Andrew's Day.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, September 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. A. Hughes 1, E. Wilkinson 2, H. Moxom 3, F. Alleway 4, G. Cheshire 5, F. Edwards 6, C. Dyke (conductor) 7, W. Cheshire 8.—On Thursday, September 23rd, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for harvest festival: F. Hill 1, E. Leversuch 2, J. Milner 3, E. Heading 4, C. Dyke 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, G. A. Hughes 7, W. Cheshire 8.

**DARLINGTON.**—At St. Cuthbert's Church, for evening service, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Oyston (first quarter at first attempt) 1, A. Coates 2, W. Lister 3, W. Broadley 4, A. Hodgen 5, T. Clarke 6, H. Taylor (conductor) 7, J. A. Smith 8.

**NOTICES.**

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 1st. The following bells will be available at 2 p.m.: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), St. James' (6). Guild service, St. John's Church at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**KING'S NORTON PARISH CHURCH.**—Ringing on the new peal of 10 is arranged for Saturday, Jan. 1st, from 3 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m. The Ringing Master is kindly providing a meat tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. E. Moore, 175, Northfield Road, King's Norton, Birmingham.

**THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.** Established 1672.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Tower open 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Balance Sheet, Election of Officers, etc. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A practice meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, Wandsworth, on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Tower will only be open from 4 p.m. till 5 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells (10) available from 12 noon.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for January: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., Monday, the 3rd, at 6.30, followed by quarterly business meeting at 8.15, and Mondays, the 17th and the 31st, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 25th, at 8. The annual meeting will be on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at St. Clement Danes'. Please reserve date now, as large attendance is desired.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at South Shields on Monday, Jan. 3rd. St. Hilda's bells available after 2.30.—G. S. Taylor, Dis. 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 financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Jan. 4th, St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th (at 8 p.m.), and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; all 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).—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at 1slip on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea advise me by Jan. 5th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD**. — South-West District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shaugh Prior on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in School-room 5 p.m. Will those attending please notify secretary before Jan. 5th?—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—Burton-on-Trent District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Important business meeting for the election of local officers and nomination of general officers, etc. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Broughton (5) on Jan. 8th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 4th, if you intend to be present.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Headley, on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock and meeting at 6. Those intending being present at tea please notify Mr. William Blackledge, 94, Wigan Road, Headley, not later than Jan. 5th. A good meeting requested.—James W. Graunds, Sec.

**BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Barnsley. Further particulars later.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea after service, to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present please notify me before Wednesday, Jan. 5th. Subscriptions for 1927 can be paid at this meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Wokingham. Service at St. Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Address by Rev. W. T. Stubbs, Rector of Easthampstead, followed by meat tea and meeting at St. Paul's Parish Room. Those desirous of being present at tea please notify me not later than Jan. 3rd.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—South and West District.—The first meeting of the year 1927 will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells available from 3.15, with the usual service, tea and meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD**.—The 6th Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 8th, at 6 p.m., at the Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol. Chairman, Mr. Henry Way; Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Jeffries. Tickets 5/6. University Buildings and Bell (9½ tons) open from 2.30 p.m. (Tea and Buns.) An informal conference will be held. Service, St. Stephen's Church, 5 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Guild Secretaries, Stewards, Officials, or direct from Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**. — Grappenhall Branch. — Meeting at Frodsham Jan. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, service at 6 o'clock. Please advise me before the 5th inst., so that arrangement may be made for tea.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Grappenhall Village.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Chester Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Service 4.15. Those requiring tea (1s.) are particularly requested to notify me not later than Jan. 4th.—J. W. Clarke, Aldford, Chester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Harlingden, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oatlands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**. — Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 12th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD**.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Swan Hotel, to be followed by general meeting and social. All ringers and wives welcome.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports are now ready.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Southern District.—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tower open from 3.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 12th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—Derby District.—The annual meeting, for the election of officers, will be held on Monday, Jan. 17th, in St. Peter's, Derby. Bells available from 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—Chas. Draper, Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

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